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## Host of the Confederacy at Birmingham for Big Reunion

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Hold Meeting As Reunion  
Preliminary. Gen. Freeman  
Draws Picture of Confederate  
and World War Here.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Birmingham today capitulated to the Southern Confederacy. The men who fought to Chickamauga and Gettysburg and Spottsylvania were in complete control. And the taking of the city was without forced march, midnight raid and the mad rush of battle.

It was the Old South tonight meeting in the New South. In a blaze of color and in the midst of an assemblage marked by the brilliance and traditions of its lineage, that remnant of Lee's courageous band which journeyed for annual roll call was greeted with enthusiasm which knew no bounds.

A joint assembly of veterans, their ladies and sons at the municipal auditorium constituted the opening of the thirty-first annual convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which will continue its sessions until Friday.

Dr. W. C. Galloway, commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, assumed the chair after the formalities of welcome and introduction. General W. B. Freeman, commander in chief of the Veterans, was an honor guest. His appearance on the stage was followed by frequent demonstrations in honor of personages high in the ranks of the Confederacy.

Women in evening garb, street dress traveling frocks and all sorts of costumes composed the bulk of the 6,000 persons who jammed every inch of space in the hall. Most of the veterans were in full gray uniform.

Martial music added to the gaiety of the first night and that most favored of Southern melodies, "Dixie," brought a prolonged demonstration.

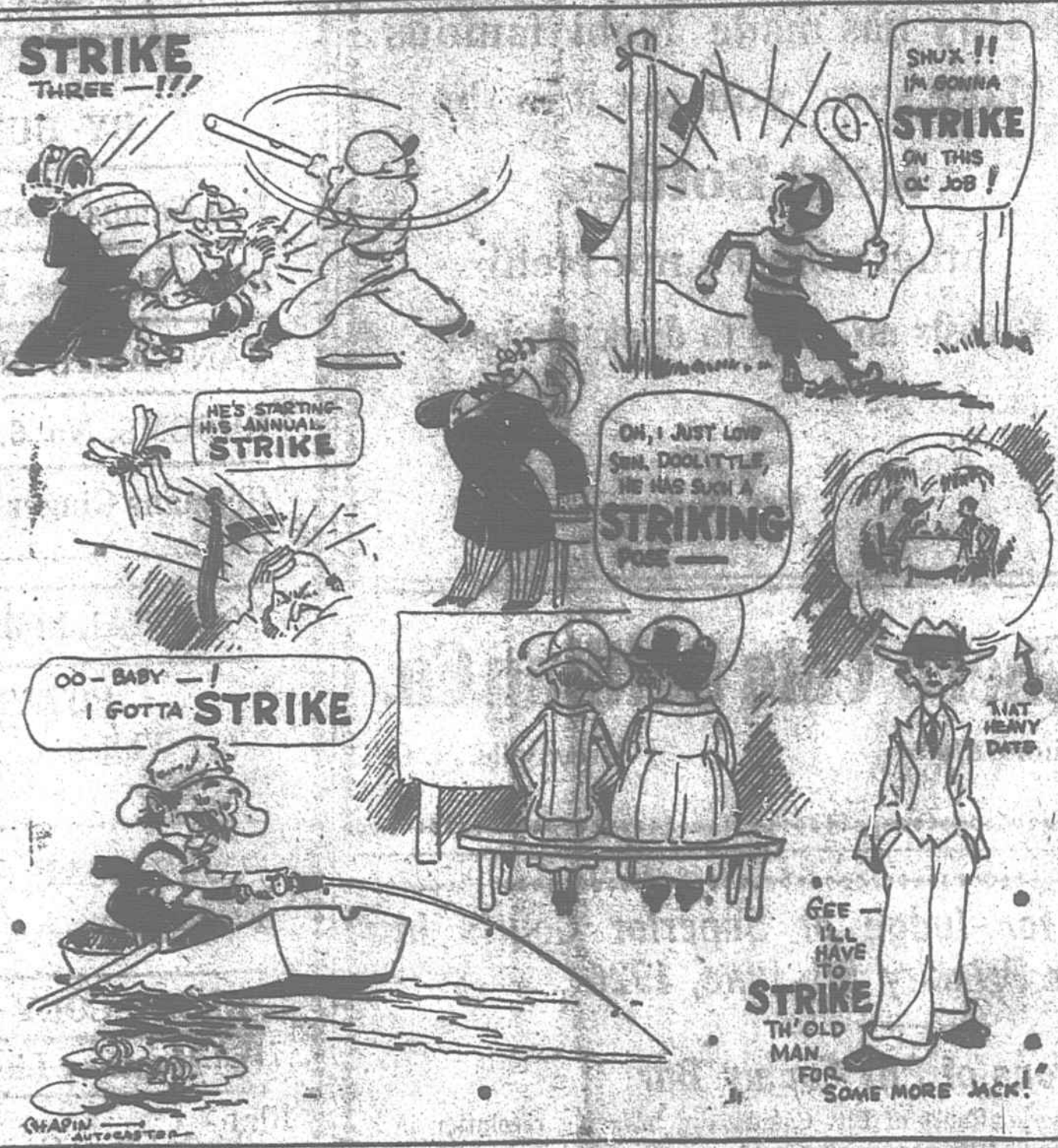
### Best Camp Fire Girl



Pretty little 17 year old Mary Murray of Tuxedo, New York, has been selected as the best all-around Camp Fire Girl. She excelled in all branches of work carried on by the Camp Fire Girls of America, sister organization of the Boy Scouts.

### SPEAKING OF STRIKES

By A. B. CHAPIN



## Slacy Wade to Probe New Insurance Rates at Once

Increase Appears Justified on  
Its Face; But Wade, Insur-  
ance Commissioner, Promises  
That Increased Fire Rates  
Will get His Attention

Raleigh, May 19.—Declaring that he regretted the increase in rates of fire insurance recently announced by the Southeastern Underwriters' association and that he expected to do all in his power for a readjustment, Slacy W. Wade, insurance commissioner, has issued a statement commenting on the new rates. At the same time he asserted that "in the light of the facts" which were before the underwriters and which they have promised to lay before the commissioner, "the raise in rates appears to be justified."

Mr. Wade pointed out that the rate increase did not apply on dwellings and private garages and added that in this respect Florida is the only state in the southeast ranking with North Carolina. He said in the other states in which the underwriters operate the increase, he was informed, applied on all classes of risks.

Mr. Wade cited facts which had come to his attention concerning operating costs of the insurance companies affiliated with the underwriters to the effect that the actual loss ratio, was 60 per cent and the overhead cost ratio 40 per cent, and that these figures did not allow the eight per cent profit which had been declared to be a "fair underwriting profit" by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. From these figures he drew the conclusion that the companies "have made no money in North Carolina during the past five years."

"If the new rates promulgated by the Southeastern Underwriters' association," he stated, "are necessary in order to do this, no good will be accomplished, but it must be made plain that the increase is just and that it is necessary, and it will be my place to see that it is so."

## SEARCH LAND IN THE ARCTIC

Program of Detroit Exposition  
Will Not Be Altered. Wil-  
kins Party's Object Dif-  
ferent from Byrd's

Detroit, May 17.—The board of control of the Detroit Arctic expedition today telegraphed Captain Geo. H. Wilkins, commander of the expedition, at Point Barrow, Alaska, to

The main reason of the expedition, according to the board, is to search for land and not to make any change in the plans of the Detroit Arctic expedition, or to lessen the importance of its central objective, to discover land and plant on it the American flag, the message sent by Edward S. Evans, general manager, stated.

Evans declared that while neither Amundsen nor Byrd had found land, both their accomplishments have been positive in demonstrating the suitability of airplanes and airships for sustained Arctic flight.

"Fortunately for the chances of the United States," the message continued, "we still have more than four fifths of the unexplored area—more than 800,000 square miles, in which to seek for land."

## ASKS STATE SETTLE BILL

Tells Governor McLean He Will  
Not Oppose Bill If  
This Is Done

Raleigh, May 18.—If the state of North Carolina will compensate the war department in the amount of \$750,000, which sum is said to be due the federal government for property lost by National Guard organizations in this state, the war department will place no obstacle in the passing of legislation designed to relieve the state from remaining charges of \$1,904,390.

This proposition has been made to Governor McLean by Secretary of War Davis. The two conferred recently in Washington relative to this state being relieved of paying this amount to the war department for materials either lost or worn out. Governor McLean also conferred with Senator Thomas about introducing a bill designed to relieve the state of this amount.

Secretary Davis stated in his letter to the governor that he thought North Carolina should not pay property, such as rifles, bayonets, machine guns, etc., which have been lost or worn out. He also stated that the war department would not object to the state's paying the cost of the materials lost or worn out.

## REYNOLDS WAS READY

War Department Records Show  
Call to Colors Ready  
at Armistice

Washington, May 18.—The signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918, preceded by three days the

call for the United States troops, would have entered the military service under war department orders, according to official records here.

The war department in no case gives the record of an individual and certainly would not in a matter over which there is a political controversy. The department will only go so far as to give the record of "Robert Rice Reynolds, of 76 W. Main street, Asheville, N. C."

According to these records, Reynolds on account of his age, was not required to register until September 12, 1918. On that date he registered in New York city. Apparently he waived all exemptions or deferred classification as a record of exemption claims are shown. He was notified in October that he would be inducted into service on November 14.

The signing of the armistice on November 11 resulted in the cancellation of all such orders.

The records show that Reynolds was born in 1884 and was 34 years old when he registered for the draft. He was above the age limit of the first draft order.

Interest in Reynolds was record was aroused recently by the publication of a political advertisement which described the Asheville man as a peace time soldier who failed to appear for service in war time.

Since the publication of this advertisement, it has been stated that its publication was made without the knowledge or consent of Senator Lee S. Overman, incumbent, or his campaign managers.

## Graven Forest Fires Are Under Control

New Bern, May 17.—Control of the forest fires, raging since Saturday near New Bern, was expected tonight with no adverse winds, according to an announcement by Charles H. Flory, district forester. The flames have burned over an area estimated at between 1,200 and 1,500 acres. A large number of citizens assisted yesterday and today in fighting the blaze.

Our loss of a sound sleeper is a guy who sleeps.

## CO-OPS IN ANNUAL MEET

Adjourn Without Taking Any  
Definite Action on Further  
Operation, or Volun-  
tary Dissolution

Raleigh, May 18.—The members

of the Tobacco Growers' association, without taking any definite action looking toward further operation, voluntary dissolution or otherwise.

Throughout the general discussion of the situation, however, it was made clear that the idea uppermost in the minds of the members and directors was that of the best way by which the association could pay its indebtedness and cease to function.

he 1925-26 tobacco season has not been a successful one, from the standpoint of the Tobacco Growers' association. This statement was made to the membership in annual meeting here today by the committee which has had charge of affairs since the resignation several weeks ago of R. R. Patterson, as general manager.

The committee, composed of Geo. A. Norwood, of North Carolina, Bright Williamson, of South Carolina and E. G. Sledge, of Virginia, submitted its report in the form of a statement which was read to the membership immediately after the meeting opened with a small attendance.

The statement declared the 1925-26 season had received about \$3,000,000 pounds of tobacco this season, which constituted a total of only 14.2 per cent of the crop over the area in which it operated. It further declared after their debts had been paid that in the 74,000,000 pounds on hand as of May 1, with a valuation of \$16,000,000, the growers had an equity of \$3,000,000.

The report emphasized with the declaration the committee had found no demand for its tobacco stock at this time and that no sales were being made. The great number of employees had been greatly reduced and that warehouse space had been leased. On the basis of these facts, no plans had been made to handle the 1926 crop and that this was a matter for today's meeting to decide.

Definite action with reference to the future of the organization is expected to be taken at the next meeting of the new board of directors which will be held at Raleigh on June 1. At that time the feeling of growers as expressed by wires throughout the three states will be reflected in the action of the board, an official said today.

## MRS. J. R. OWENS DIES

One of Fountain's Most Beloved  
Women Passes Away at  
the Tarboro Hospital

Fountain, May 18.—Mrs. J. R.

Owens, 38, one of Fountain's most beloved women, passed away at the Tarboro hospital.

at this afternoon with immediate taking place in the family burying lot.

Mrs. Owens before her marriage was Miss Annie Brown, of Edgecombe county. She was married in 1912.

Mrs. Owens was one of Fountain's most popular and beloved women. She possessed a lovely Christian character, and was a friend to everybody. She was well known in this section of the state.

The deceased, as survived by her husband, two step-daughters, Misses Veltin and Trilby Owens, and a large number of relatives.

## ROSEMARY WOMAN KILLED

Mrs. Beckwith Loses Her Life  
and Her Son Is Seriously  
Injured

Rosemary, May 18.—Mrs. Bessie W. Beckwith was instantly killed and her son, Dr. R. R. Beckwith, was seriously injured about noon yesterday on the Weldon-Jackson highway when the car in which Dr. Beckwith and his mother were riding struck head-on by the Norfolk-Rocky Mt. bus en route to Weldon.

The accident occurred in Northampton county near the bridge which crosses the Roanoke river near Weldon. The cars were rounding a curve when the collision occurred. Dr. Beckwith and the remains of his mother were carried to the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

Dr. Beckwith is a prominent physician and surgeon and has been practicing here twelve or fifteen years. Mrs. Beckwith was a sister of the late Dr. Robert Payne, of Norfolk.

## Warren Bill Dare Memorial Passes

Washington, May 18.—Representative Lindsay Warren bill for the erection of a memorial on Roanoke Island to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents to be born in America was passed by the House today.

## HARBOR IM- PROVEMENTS

Congressman Lindsay Warren  
Has Succeeded in Getting  
a Survey of Ocracoke  
After 30 Years

Kinston, May 18.—Now that Ocracoke may have harbor improvements

are being made, the harbor of Ocracoke is North Carolina's most unusual community. O'Neal is one of its best known residents. Warren resides on the mainland, but loves Ocracoke, which is in his district, like a native.

Warren, a prominent tidewater lawyer, and O'Neal, Ocracoke's handy man and fisherman, have long been close friends. When Warren went to the legislature at Raleigh a few years ago he took O'Neal with him. It was the Ocracoke man's first trip into the interior.

When Warren's proposal to improve the harbor at Ocracoke was pending before the board of engineers at Washington recently the congressman decided to go before the body and argue the matter. There he learned that "Cousin Simey" O'Neal had been active at the other end. O'Neal had written the board that he wanted to appear before it and state some things. "For God's sake, stop that man," a member of the board urged. "We'll grant anything you anything you want."

Therefore a survey will be made of Ocracoke harbor to determine just what its needs are.

O'Neal's reputation as a person apt to hang onto an issue, an extraordinary talker and a 33rd degree yarn spinner had reached the capital. He is the tidewater district's champion story teller.

When the surveyors go to Ocracoke the community leaders will point out the "ditch" and "lake" to them. They comprise the harbor. As a matter of fact, however, the ditch is an inlet from Pamlico Sound and the lake is a small salt water bay.

GENERAL STRIKE COSTLY

London, May 18.—Government expenses in connection with the general strike were about 750,000 pounds, about \$2,750,000, Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill today informed the house of commons.

## TRUTHFULNESS REWARDED

A Civil war veteran had spent a week at a New York hotel. When he went to pay his bill, the clerk asked: "What was your rank?" "Oh, just a private," the old soldier replied. "Well, I won't charge you anything. You are the first private I ever met."

## REFERENDUM FOR GERMANY

Berlin, May 17.—The Marx cabinet has decided that a national referendum on the question of confederation without formalization of the program of the German people will be held on June 20.

## NO IMPEACH- MENT FOUND

Complaint Against Judge Mc-  
Leans By D. F. Hickey  
Laid on Table

Washington, May 18.—"No allegation of any impeachable offense" was found in the petition for the impeachment of Federal Judge Isaac M. McKinnis filed by Daniel F. Hickey, former employee of the bureau of internal revenue, according to a report of a sub-committee of the house judiciary committee today.

The sub-committee did not go into the facts of the case, but rendered its decision on the basis of the decision in the Archbald case, in which the senate held that only acts committed in the office, held at the time of impeachment, are impeachable. It was said.

While the report of the sub-committee has not yet been adopted by the full judiciary committee, it is regarded as certain that the judiciary will approve it.

The sub-committee report did not go into the allegations of the petition but merely stated that in the opinion of the committee no impeachable offenses were alleged. The sub-committee moved that the complaint be laid upon the table.

The action of the sub-committee is regarded here as the end of the McKinnis case as far as the congress is concerned.

## E. Carolina Talent Be on Air May 31

Kinston, May 18.—Interest is growing every day in the program that is being arranged by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to be broadcast from the Richmond station on the night of May 31. Secretary Bartlett is pleased to say that the towns are responding nicely to the request that they send talent to this occasion. The full program will be announced within the next week, according to information given at the headquarters today. It will show that Eastern North Carolina has an abundance of radio talent.

This will be one of the strongest plans for advertising Eastern North Carolina that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has devised upon. Radio time in the territory broadcast on that night, May 31, time in Richmond and from the program set on by Eastern North Carolina's own talent.

## EYES TURNED ON E. CAROLINA

Other Countries Are Taking  
Notice to the Opportunities  
and Advantages Which  
It is Offering

New Bern, May 18.—Oscar W. Lane, prominent business man of this city, who resigned the presidency of the Eastern Bank and Trust company Friday to devote his entire time and attention to his duties as secretary and treasurer of Morehead Bluffs, Inc., and the Beaufort Realty Corporation, big real estate development companies of this city, started to work yesterday in new offices and expressed his utmost faith in the future of this section of the state.

"The eyes of the world are turning on Eastern North Carolina," he stated yesterday. "I found that out from banker friends as well as from my real estate experience. I know that we have the resources and advantages here that will attract visitors and investors. I am going to spend all my time now at work on the administration and finances of Morehead Bluffs and the Beaufort Realty Corporation."

Much activity is reported and planned for Morehead Bluffs, including the finishing of the new hotel by July 4, the building now being ready for occupancy, the completion of the club house and field office, the erection of white ways, a casino, the laying of piers and sidewalks and the completion of the boat harbor.

## Boy Killed When He Rans into Car

Shelby, May 17.—Charles G. Roan, about 15 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roan, of Shelby, is dead as the result of an automobile accident on the highway about 10 miles to the north of Shelby. The boy, according to the local papers, was riding on the back of a car with his father and mother when the car ran into a truck. The boy was killed instantly.

The cause of the accident is being investigated by the local authorities.