

STOLEN

Author in the House of Representatives

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Raleigh's burglar raided the hall of the house of representatives over the end and stole the Poole anti-evolution bill out of the unlocked desk of the gentleman from good old Hoke. A squad of detectives was summoned to Pullen park, where they found the mutilated remains of the bill in front of the monkey cage.

The monkey denies any knowledge of the crime. "Believe it or not, we were just waiting for the street car," they said. Anyhow, the measure designed to prevent the teaching of evolution in the state supported schools of North Carolina was not fired into the hopper of the house Monday night by Elder Poole. But there's another day and there are ways and means of duplicating lost bills.

"It will not be the same resolution as that introduced two years ago," he said. "It will be directed at the inclusion into school books of references to religion that tend to bring into disrepute, such, for instance, as the use of the phrase 'Methodist preacher' as a term of reproach."

SYRIANS SEEK PROTECTION

Syrians in Eastern N. C. Say Visiting Emir is Dangerous Gentleman

Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator F. M. Simmons and Representative Charles L. Abernethy have been asked to protect the Syrians of Eastern North Carolina from Emir Chekip Arslan, a Syrian revolutionary now visiting in the United States.

Seven Syrians of Eastern North Carolina wired Mr. Abernethy as follows: "A certain Emir Chekip Arslan, of Syrian revolutionary delegation from abroad, is now in the United States attending Syrian revolutionary congress in Detroit. Object to his presence and activities." was right hand man to Djemal Pasha, murderer of Syrians during war. Deliberately caused death hundred sixty-five thousand Christians in Lebanon pursuing Turkish policy of extermination. Still pursues nefarious activities and carries sinister purpose to us, causing strife and danger of bloodshed among Syrians. His presence strongly objectionable and disastrous. Please take action to curb harmful influence this enemy Christianity and allied principles."

Mr. Abernethy's office has taken the matter up with the commissioner of immigration and Senator Simmons has called the case to the attention of the state department.

CLEVER TRAMP

The tramp paused outside the gate. "Clear out!" shouted the lady of the house. "I ain't got no wood to chop. There ain't nothing you could do here."

A LITTLE LATE

Ferry—Oh, I have the most glorious news!
Father (his comin)—What is it?
Ferry—Ferry has promised to be my wife!

THESE MODERN DAYS

Mother—Now, don't go around and wash your face with soap and water.
Father—Oh, really, what's going to happen?
Mother—You'll get a cold in your nose.

Home Her Career



It is not necessary to go outside the home for a career, says Mrs. Charles G. Dawes, wife of Vice Pres. of U. S. "The Sacred Lady of the Land," cares little for outside interests or sports, she is an ardent lover of her home and centers her life upon it.

GUITY ON 2 COUNTS

Geo. N. Saunders Was Convicted on Two Charges of Theft of Mission Board Funds

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—George N. Saunders, former treasurer of the Southern Baptist mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, was sentenced to twenty years in the state penitentiary here by Judge W. Kirk Matthews in Hastings court today following a short but dramatic trial on two indictments charging him with theft of the board's funds.

The specific indictments, to which Gordon B. Ambler, of defense counsel, said: "We have absolutely no defense whatever to make," charged Saunders with the theft of \$3,884.59 of mission funds on October 20, 1925, and of \$1,999.07 on May 12, 1926. Saunders was sentenced to ten years imprisonment on each charge and will serve two more months in which with those under which he was sentenced today charge the theft of a total of \$106,000 over the seven year period during which he was treasurer of the foreign mission board.

Only two witnesses were presented by the state, A. M. Pullen, head of the firm of accountants who audited Saunders' books, and Dr. T. B. Ray of the foreign mission board. Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Satterfield submitted his case with a few terse statements as to the nature of the wrong and the fact that the good of society was at stake.

No evidence was introduced by the defense, Saunders' attorney confining his case to a short but earnest appeal for clemency.

Suit for \$15,000 is Against Physician

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Alleging that Dr. J. R. Rogers, of this city, made only a perfunctory examination of his wife when she went to him for a health certificate for marriage license, J. T. Garlick, of Oxford, has filed suit for \$15,000 in the Granville superior court. It was learned here Monday morning.

According to the allegations of the defendant, his wife developed tuberculosis shortly after marriage, and because of that fact has caused him considerable expense and mental anguish.

This is the first time that such an action has been taken as result of the law requiring a health certificate for marriage license, though a criminal action along the same line is pending in the Mecklenburg courts, and physicians over the state are watching it with indignation and interest.

According to Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, state health officer, the organization does not so interpret nor desire to have the law mean that physicians making a marriage examination would be liable for civil action.

A schoolmaster named Bird was always being reminded of this fact by the boys. Once on entering the class room he found the boys looking so grave that he looked around for signs of trouble. Sure enough on the blackboard appeared a familiar question: "What is thee, little spirit?"

Bird who never went sharp. "Birdie wrote that," he tapped out sharply.

Dead silence reigned for some moments when a small said: "Please don't mind it. She's here."

Theatre Where Death Played Trade



Scene shows fireman searching the balcony of the Theatre, Montreal, Canada, where 76 children lost their lives. Their griped tiny hearts at the cry of FIRE, and death took heavy toll.

PARIS CONVENTION FRIENDS

American Legion Convention Will Be Direct Contribution to World Peace

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—The American Legion's Paris convention, to be held in the French capital next September, world peace and will go far toward cementing the friendship of the national committee in charge of arrangements. Major Wade Phillips, one of nine members of this committee, has just returned from a meeting of the body at Indianapolis, and is enthusiastic over the prospects.

Major Phillips reports that General Albert Greenlaw of Meigs, also returned from Paris, where he arranged important features of the convention. General Greenlaw believes, said Major Phillips, that the French people and that the American people since the war has stirred the true spirit of the French.

General Greenlaw says that no event since the war has stirred the French like the Legion convention. The French government has given its every co-operation to the project. Already arrangements for caring for 25,000 have been made in Paris, Major Phillips reports. The Trocadero, the Palais d'Orsay and the Continental hotel have been secured for headquarters of the Legion, the Forty and Eight, and the Auxiliary, respectively.

A PERFECT EXCUSE

Nurse was bringing little Ella home from a party and took her hand to help her up a high curbstone. "Gracious me, Ella!" she cried, "how sticky your hands are!" "So would yours be," replied Ella serenely. "If you had two meringues and a chocolate schall in your luff."

A SURE SIGN

Maizie, the Cashier: You'd better give me a week off to regain my health; my beauty is beginning to fade. Mr. Jensen: Why do you think so? Maizie: The men are beginning to

GREAT NEED ADVERTISING

Eastern North Carolina Should Have Press Agent, Says Walter Denmark

Goldboro, Jan. 18.—Walter Denmark, secretary of the Goldboro chamber of commerce, has written the first of a series of articles to appear in the Goldboro News from the secretaries of the various chambers of commerce of this section setting forth what seems to be the greatest need of Eastern North Carolina as they see it.

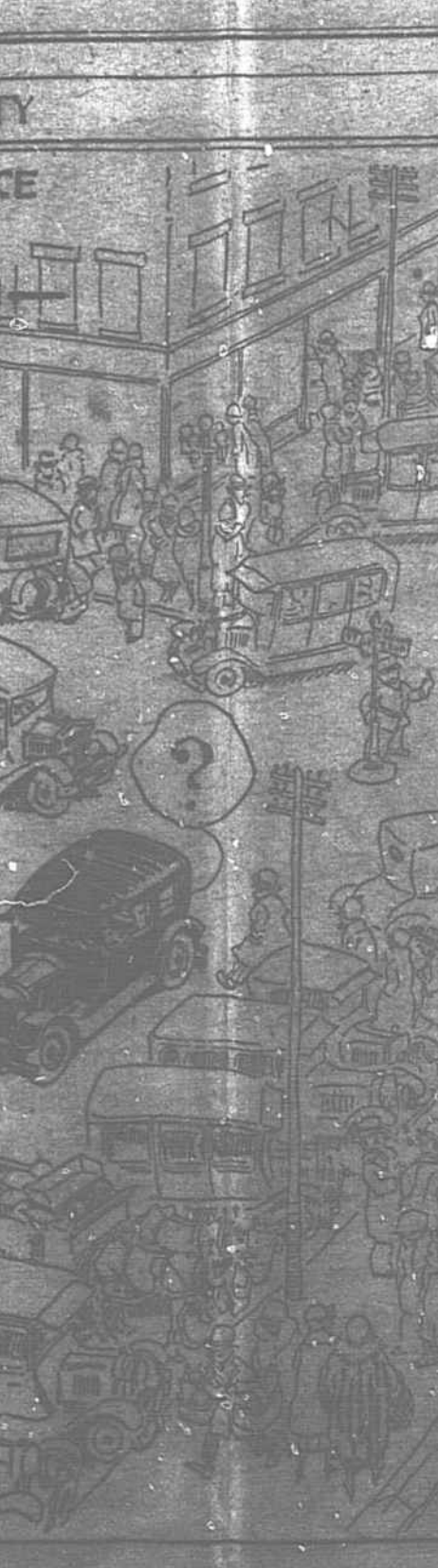
Mr. Denmark says "Eastern North Carolina needs a press agent, a salesman, a man devoted his entire time to the study of the great section's natural resources and possibilities, and then selling same first to our people and then to the outside world."

"I refer you to the great state of California and to the history of its progress. During the years ago this great state was a vast unpopulated wilderness. It was not until California is producing today a group of business men reached the decision that California needed a press agent, a sales force. The determination of these men has, as you know, placed the state of California, through advertising before every man, woman and child in the United States. Sixty-seven marketing bureaus have been effected in the state of California, placing California food products in every home in this great nation."

Mr. Denmark, in comparison, points out that North Carolina has many various factories and industries and the products are not disposed of to the best of advantage, because the state does not tell the world what it has and does not sell through organized selling channels.

ULTIMATE IN FUTILITY

TRY TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON



MECHANICAL COTTON PICKER

Commissioner Graham Believes Idea No Idle Dream

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Picking cotton by machinery is no idle dream, William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, believes.

Mr. Graham, who also is vice president of the National Association of Commissioners of agriculture, had called on the United States department of agriculture to make a survey of the machines already invented with a view of determining what practical merit they possessed.

He announced receipt of a letter to the effect that one of the machines had been examined by government engineers, who found that it worked satisfactorily.

No mention was made of the location of the machine, nor of its inventor, as the investigation is in a purely preliminary state at this time. He made public these extracts, however, from a letter signed by C. F. Marvin, of the United States department of agriculture.

"The machine worked quite satisfactorily under conditions that were not ideal. The cotton picked by the machine was as free of trash as that picked by hand. The machine was said to be picking from 85 to 90 per cent of the cotton the first time over, and from 95 to 98 per cent of the cotton by going over the row twice with the machine in opposite directions.

"The picker is not at present in commercial production. It, however, appears to have been developed to a point where it will pick cotton satisfactorily.

"At the time the operation of the machine was observed, the leaves on the cotton had been killed by frost and the stalks were quite brittle. Despite this fact, the picker did not injure the stalks very much, and where a few leaves had not been killed by frost, these were not torn by the machine, which has a speed when picking of about two and a half or three miles an hour."

As the mechanical picker had not been placed in commercial production, no information as to its probable selling price is available. The inventors, however, state that it will be placed on the market next year.

"The machine as now manufactured, would be well adapted for use on plantations where there is an acreage of from 150 acres of cotton upward, or it could be operated on a basis of so much per pound for picking cotton on a number of small farms."

For some months Mr. Graham has been interested in the idea of developing a cotton picking machine that would save the farmers money.

He has pointed out that neither he nor his department is in a position to finance such an undertaking, so he has asked the federal government to make a survey, which it has already begun, as shown by the letter above quoted.

Grandmother: I suppose you have to stay up very late at college. Grandson: Yes, but really, grandmother, it's worth it.

New Assistant Secretary



Photo shows Carl T. Schuneman, the new assistant secretary of U. S. Treasury. He succeeds John S. Winston who has retired.

CANADA PROUD OF YOUTH

George Young, 17, Braves the Chilly Waters of Channell to Win Big Prize

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 17.—Toronto's congratulations were sent today to George Young, youthful conqueror of the turbulent Catalina channel. Mayor Foster wired him:

"I congratulate you on your wonderful victory and the honor you have brought to the city by your achievement."

Plans are under way for civic recognition of the swimmer and his widowed mother, who stayed at home and prayed for his success.

"I told you so," was frequently heard in Toronto swimming circles and companions told all sorts of stories about his prowess in the water—how he swam five years ago and he was a champion swimmer.

As the weather could keep him out of Lake Ontario.

But the greatest pleasure came to his widowed mother, Mrs. Jane Young. Her elation was followed immediately by concern for the health of her son. "Oh, I hope George doesn't catch pneumonia," she exclaimed.

Mrs. Young became a widow when George was only a few months old. She lived in Scotland then. Through all sorts of hardships they struggled.

George started to swim when he was six years of age; at eight he came under the eye of Johnny Walker, swimming instructor at the Granite club here. Under the guidance of Walker, George made such progress that at sixteen he held four awards and fifteen swimming championships.

George had difficulty in getting to California. Unable to find anyone able to finance him, he determined to go nevertheless. He and a friend William Hastings, set out in an old motorcycle across the continent. Young never for a moment losing hope that the \$25,000 prize would be his. When his mother had given him all her savings—\$185—as he started on his long journey, she also gave him the motto: "Don't fail. Whatever you start, finish."

George's friends were particularly interested in the story of how two young honeymooners from Quincy, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Foster, gave the swimmer and his pal, Hastings, a lift in their flyover from Little Rock, Ark., to San Pedro. The boys were desperate for their motorcycle had simply refused to go further, their funds were low and things looked dark. Notwithstanding this, the honeymooners reported the boys laughed just the same.

Error Sends Printer to Hoosegow

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Alfred Jones, who told authorities that he served his apprenticeship as a printer, was presented as a bootlegger, and became a counterfeiter of late, attributed his downfall to a "typographical error."

Federal agents marveled at a sample of Jones' handwriting. They had never seen anything like it before, they admitted. Neither had anyone else. It was a counterfeit \$15 bill. A suspicious landlady to whom Jones rented it tipped off the mistake.

AUTOS KILLED 453 IN 1926

Disregard of the Grade Crossing Signs and on Highways Cause Death Increase

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Death, riding in automobiles over North Carolina's great highway system, struck 453 times during the past year, continuing its steady increase over the toll of 407 for 1925 and 344 for 1924. The figures are obtained from the combined December and annual report of the bureau of vital statistics of the state board of health.

Oblivious to the state's grade crossing stop law which has not halted the steady increase of deaths from the cause, 46 motorists died when trains crashed into their cars. This is a gain of 15 over the 1925 total of 1 and an increase of 80 over the 16 total for 1924.

Fifty-seven of the 407 violent deaths from automobiles came in December. Three of these were at grade crossings.

With 35 people having burned to death during the past month, the total lives lost by fire in this state was increased to 280. The 1925 figure was 259, while the total for 1924 was 305.

There were 213 homicides and 144 suicides in the state during the past year, 19 of the homicides and 20 of the suicides having been committed during the past month. The 1924 and 1925 totals for homicides were 284 and 260, respectively, while the 1924 suicide total was 111 and the 1925 total was 128. The figures show that while the number of murders in North Carolina are gradually decreasing, that the number of suicides steadily rises.

With the December total of 18, the number of North Carolinians who died from accidental gunshot wounds rose to 8 as compared to 115 in 1925 and 108 in 1924.

A doubtful commentary on the efficiency of the state's officers of the law was the fact that there were 90 deaths from gunshot wounds during the past year which are registered as of a doubtful nature, meaning that they may have been accidental and they may have been homicides.

Nine people were killed in railroad accidents during the past month, bringing the total for the year to 64. One hundred and ten people died from accidental drowning, five of the number in December. The 1925 total was 105, and the 1924 total 117.

Seventeen people were killed by lightning during the past year.

7 TO 5 AGAINST 8 MO. TERM

Majority Report Will Not Urge Immediate Adoption.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Dr. J. Y. Joyner, executive secretary of the education commission, announced Monday that the full report of the commission would be placed in the hands of the governor on Tuesday.

While the commission has not given out any official statement about the contents of the report or the recommendations, it is understood an authority that the commission will present a divided report, one set of recommendations being signed by seven members of the commission and the other set by the remaining five members.

The main point of difference is the method for financing the eight months term.

Both set of recommendations will carry the endorsement of the need of the eight months term. The majority report, however, will not favor immediate addition of two months to the minimum term. The minority report will express the belief that the additional term is the most immediate and pressing need of the schools and should be provided as early as the machinery for it can be set up.

All 12 members of the commission have expressed belief that the equalizing fund should be increased to four million dollars, and this is recommended to the legislature. This is an increase of a million and a half over the amount recommended by the governor and the budget commission.

It was learned that the majority report will be signed by J. O. Carr, chairman; J. K. Norfleet, J. Y. Joyner, Nathan O'Berry, Stanley Winborne, S. C. Lattimore and Edgar Pharr. The minority report will be signed by T. Wingate Andrews, C. E. Young, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. J. G. Peering and Mrs. J. A. Brown.

IN A HURRY
"How long will you be pruning that tree, Bill?"
"Oh, another couple of hours."
"Well, be as quick as you can, as I've been told to cut it down."

NON FOOLISH

Little White: Mamma, it nap going to heaven when I dies?
Mother: Why, son, who put such a guard been into your head?