

Two Women Missionaries From U. S. Slain In China

Members of Seventh Day Adventist Mission Beaten to Death by Chinese Servants.

Peiping, China, March 18.—Mrs. Vera Moser White of Battle Ground, Wash., and Mrs. Victoria Marian Miller, whose mother lives at Spokane, Wash., were slain in their sleep Sunday night at Yunnanfu. They were missionaries of the seventh day Adventist mission.

The crime was attributed to Chinese servants at the mission who were discharged. The husbands of the women had gone on business to Talifu, 150 miles away.

A message to the United States legation here from Consul Harry Stevens brought word of the killings.

The skulls of both women had been fractured by hatchets. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. White were molested.

Yunnanfu authorities were looking for the assailants but had made no arrests.

Shanghai, March 18.—Mrs. Vera Moser White and Mrs. Victoria Marian Miller, American missionaries slain at Yunnanfu, came to China with their husbands in 1926, and were at Nanking during the incident of 1927 in which undisciplined soldiers besieged a house occupied by Americans and were driven off only after two United States destroyers opened fire in defense of the foreigners.

Local headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission received a telegram today saying Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller were murdered during the night of March 15.

Mr. Miller and Mr. White and the latter's two children are at present at Yunnanfu.

Find No Trace Missing Woman

Warrant Issued for Two Young Men, Charging Abduction of Widow.

Four play as the seventeenth day passed without word of Mrs. Normal Shipman, Transylvania county authorities today launched an intensified effort to locate the two young men with whom the wealthy widow was last known to have been seen.

Formal charges of abduction were filed against the two, Joe Bradley, who helped Mrs. Shipman in her business affairs, and "Happy" Brown. The warrant was sworn out by Deputy Sheriff Tom Wood, and descriptions of the two were broadcast to police throughout the south.

Meantime, Sheriff Ed Patton awaited word from state chemists at Raleigh who had been asked to determine if stains found on a cloth sack in Mrs. Shipman's home were blood, as they seemed to be. At the time he found the sack, the sheriff said he found evidence that the home of the widow had been rifled of silverware and other valuables. Common report, the officer said, was that Mrs. Shipman kept about \$7,000 in cash in her home.

Mrs. Shipman, 40 and plump, but locally considered a handsome woman, went to visit her brother, J. R. Glazner, at St. Petersburg. The latter said later, however, that she did not arrive.

Bradley ran the restaurant for a week, and on March 9 he and Brown disappeared, taking the restaurant keys with them. Bert Mitchell, a farmer, reported he saw them leaving Brevard early in the day, each driving an automobile belonging to Mrs. Shipman. Nothing has been heard of them since.

Neighbors became alarmed, and at their instance, Sheriff Patton made a search of the widow's home, finding the stained sack.

The warrant sworn out today charges that Bradley and Brown "did, by the use of opiates or drugs, weaken Norma Shipman, and while in this condition, she was abducted by them with the intention of robbing her of her money and other valuables."

It was explained that a warrant was sworn out in order that the two young men might be brought back here for questioning if they are located.

Mrs. Shipman was widowed when Sheriff W. G. Shipman committed suicide here last August.

Mrs. Shipman was described as being rather large, with rosy cheeks, long brown hair and large brown eyes.

Bradley has brown eyes, dark hair and is somewhat freckled.

Besides her brothers in South Carolina and Florida, Mrs. Shipman had a brother in Hendersonville, Alfred, a merchant.

New Farm Board Head



James C. Stone of Kentucky, who succeeds Alexander Legge as Chairman of Federal Farm Board. Mr. Stone was formerly president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association.

Fails To Break Uncle's Will

J. F. J. McLahorn Loses Fight to Have Court Set Aside Will of Ira Frizzelle.

Greenville, March 18.—J. F. J. McLahorn, of the Ayden community, lost out completely in his effort to break the will of his uncle, the late Ira J. Frizzelle, in the civil term of Pitt county Superior Court yesterday. A jury after two hours of deliberation returned a decision late yesterday afternoon sustaining the will.

The case came up for hearing at the opening of court Monday morning and was received by the jury about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Considerable testimony was introduced on both sides, McLahorn contending that his uncle was not mentally capable of making the will and the propounders asserting that he was.

The will provided that McLahorn's children should receive the bulk of the estate in Ayden township, consisting of three farms and other property. Approximately \$5,000 was set aside for the Atlantic Christian College at Wilson and another institution in Tennessee.

The caveator introduced evidence tending to show that his uncle was neither mentally or physically able from an illness sometime prior to his death that impaired his mentality and physical being.

The propounders, on the other hand attempted to show that Mr. Frizzelle two or three years prior to his illness had signified his intention to bequeath his property in a way similar to that provided in the will.

Tobacco Crop Shows Increase

Season's Output of Tobacco Totalled Over Five Hundred Million Pounds.

Indications that producers' sales on North Carolina tobacco markets will total more than 561,000,000 pounds at an average price of \$12.19 for the 1930-1931 season were announced Monday by the federal-State crop reporting service.

Announcing that final figures, annually reported in March, were not yet available, the report stated that it appeared the sales would be 80,000,000 pounds in excess of last season, an increase of 17 per cent, with the average 4.5 cents below that of 1929-30, a decrease of 30 per cent.

During February 19,614,029 pounds were sold by producers' at an average of \$6.62 per hundred pounds, compared with February, 1930, sales of 8,167,158 pounds at an average of \$13.40.

EVE'S DAUGHTERS STILL CAUSES OF TROUBLE TO MEN

Old Tap, March 16.—Eve was the first woman to start getting men in trouble, and her daughters are still at it, John Leary says.

John was sitting peacefully on a cracker barrel when a strange deputy sheriff walked in.

"I'm looking for John Leary," said the visitor.

"Haven't seen him," said the store loungers.

"There he sits," said a little girl who was playing with a pile of sawdust on the floor.

BURNED TO DEATH

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Rosalee Williams, four, and James T. Glover, 18 months, were burned to death here today when fire swept the home. They were playing with matches, it is reported.

More Money Needed For War Vet Loans

Want Aid Given Friends of Bill

County Boards Asked to Pay Expenses of Eastern Representatives if Need Be.

Greenville, Mar. 16.—The board of directors of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce at a meeting tonight unanimously voted to ask the county commissioners of the 46 counties served by the Chamber of Commerce to pay the necessary expenses of their representatives if found necessary, until the MacLean school bill has been enacted into law.

The news has come to the directors of the eastern commerce body that a good many representatives of Eastern counties are having to go home now that their pay has stopped.

The action of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce is taken with the confident expectation that boards of commissioners will take prompt action to see to it that any effort to freeze out the friends of the MacLean bill shall be defeated.

House Beat First Short Ballot 53-46

Section Making Commissioner of Agriculture Appointive Stricken Out.

Raleigh, March 18.—The house defeated the first move toward a short ballot last night when by a vote of 53 to 46 it adopted an amendment striking out the section of the bill to reorganize the state department of agriculture which would make the office of commissioner of agriculture appointive.

Thus emasculated, the bill passed its second reading without a record vote, but proponents defeated a move to suspend the rules and put the bill on its third reading, carrying it over until today.

Following adoption of the amendment, Introducer Ewing sought to prevent the second reading, but the opponents seized their advantage and pressed on to a vote in which no one was interested in enough to call for a roll call.

At its morning session it passed the Hood-Parker bill requiring a 10 per cent cut in the tax levy for personnel in counties, cities and towns, but excluded 35 counties and the city of Raleigh.

The Moss-Cherry bill placing motor license fees on a weight instead of horsepower basis was passed on second reading, after being amended to cut the fees per hundredweight from 60 to 55 cents.

This would reduce the revenue received by the state from this source by about half a million dollars.

Sherwood Upchurch, Wake's representative, stated he would offer an amendment today to the department of agriculture reorganization bill calling for reimbursement of the city of Raleigh the \$200,000 it sunk in the State Fair plant.

He said that it took showmen to run a fair, not State College professors, and held no bright optimism for the success of the fair as it would be administered under the new law.

The agricultural department bill would abolish the entire present setup, substituting a board of six, one to be the chairman. All would be appointed by the governor.

MRS. MARTHA SKEENES DIES AT THE AGE OF 108

Kinston, March 16.—Mrs. Martha Skeenes, 108, died early today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Collins, near Deep Run. She was born in 1822, the daughter of Shelton Case, who resided near Hookerton. Her husband was the late Jesse S. Skeenes, who fought in the War Between the States. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Harrison, of Kinston, and Mrs. Collins; seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Only five presidents, Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, had been inaugurated when Mrs. Skeenes was born. She was a grown woman when the Mexican war was fought.

FIND FOSSILS IN WEST

Northampton, Mass.—Professor Howard A. Meyerhoff, of the department of geology and geography, announced that two rare vertebrate fossils, one of an animal which ranged the great plains of the North Central States several million years ago, have been brought back by the Smith College group that studied in the Black Hills last summer.

2 Hundred Millions Necessary

Demands by Ex-Service Men Thrusts Job Before Treasury. Loan Machinery Limbering.

Washington, March 18.—Demands of World War veterans for loans has thrust before the treasury the necessity of raising \$200,000,000 in less than a month.

Likewise, Director Hines of the veterans bureau, believes that within a short time loan checks will be going out at the rate of 200,000 weekly, a sharp increase, as the new machinery limbers up with use.

Secretary Mellon announced yesterday a request by Veterans administrator Hines for \$500,000,000 to cover payments on 1,872,000 applications received to March 16. It had been estimated \$300,000,000 would suffice and 1-1-2 per cent treasury certificates were issued to get that sum.

Hines said, however, the half billion would be needed by April 11. How the \$200,000,000 will be raised was not announced yesterday.

The veterans administrator also told Secretary Mellon \$1,000,000,000 would be required to pay all loans. He estimated 75 per cent of the 3,500,000 adjusted compensation certificate holders would take advantage of the opportunity to borrow half the face value of their certificates.

Hines asserted \$300,000,000 would be required this week to meet loans and \$100,000,000 weekly for the next three. Since congress overrode the President's veto and increased the borrowing value of certificates, loans have been granted \$2,874 veterans for sums totaling \$104,055,366.

HOUSE PASSED BILL CHANGING BASIS FOR AUTO LICENSE CHANGE

Raleigh, March 18.—The House this afternoon passed the Moss-Cherry bill to change the basis for automobile license fee charges from horsepower to weight.

The bill was amended to change 60 cents to 55.

The bill goes to the Senate.

Under the measure cities may not exact a fee of more than \$1 from each individual passenger automobile. Formerly some cities have charged for city license tags and for city drivers' license.

As originally written by the Revenue Department, on the 60 cents per hundredweight basis it was estimated that the measure would result in an increase of about \$30,000 annually in the fees for license, which total about \$7,000,000 yearly. This will be more than eliminated by the amendment.

Samarcan Women To Go On Trial

Fifteen Young Women Charged With Firing Buildings at State Institution.

Carthage, Mar. 16.—Fifteen young women, inmates of Samarcan, State institution for delinquent girls, were bound over to Superior Court on charges of first degree arson this afternoon following a preliminary hearing in connection with the destruction of two buildings at the institution Thursday.

First degree arson is punishable in North Carolina by electrocution. The crime is described as the burning of a dwelling house, Frank Nash, assistant attorney general, said this afternoon.

Walter Siler, of the Attorney General's office at Raleigh, was present to assist in the prosecution of the cases.

The two buildings were totally destroyed by fire late in the afternoon of March 12. One of them, Chamberlain Hall, was twice fired before it was destroyed.

Evidence at the hearing was to the effect that each of the fifteen girls bound over had admitted some part in firing the building.

Girls Held

Those bound over were: Josephine French, Delois Seawell, Mary Burns, Margaret Pridgen, Wilma Owen, Estelle Wilson, Cloae Stillwell, Virginia Hayes, Rosie Mull, Margaret Abernethy, Miriam Spencer, Thelma Council, Edna Clark, Ollie Harding, and Bertha Hall.

Two other girls given a preliminary hearing in connection with the fires were held.

Joe Robinson Passes Away

Old Time Editor of Goldsboro Daily Argus Dies Tuesday Morning.

Goldsboro, Mar. 17.—Joseph T. Robinson, 77, for 44 years editor of the Goldsboro Daily Argus until his retirement two years ago, died early today from complications resulting from influenza.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church here.

The veteran editor was an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, where he studied law, and was admitted to the bar at the same time as the late Governor Charles B. Aycock, but abandoned the bar for a newspaper career.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Ada Humphrey before her marriage, and a sister, Mrs. Morris, of Goldsboro. W. S. O. B. Roberson, prominent Charlotte lawyer, is a nephew.

Youth On Trial For Killing Man

Two Brothers of Burke County Charged With Having Killed Father's Tenant.

Morganton, March 18.—Sutton Abernathy, 16 year old boy charged with the murder of Shorty Tallent, tenant on his father's farm, two miles from Hildebran, in the eastern part of Burke county, took the stand in superior court this afternoon to offer evidence to substantiate his claim that he killed Tallent in self defense.

The boy, who voluntarily gave himself up to officers soon after the tragedy, told much the same story that he related then.

Since the first hearing a younger brother, Frankie Abernathy, who was with him on what he claims was a rabbit hunt when he shot Tallent, has been included in the indictment and in the effort being made by the state to convict the two of second degree murder or manslaughter evidence was introduced to bear out the claim that the killing was planned.

The younger boy will likely be put on the stand tomorrow. Their story in brief is that Tallent had threatened Sutton with whom he had a disagreement about a bale of cotton and that while they hunted rabbits in the woods near their own and Tallent's house he ran them, throwing rocks and cursing them, that Sutton fired to save, so he claims, his and his brother's life.

More than thirty witnesses were sworn in by the defense this afternoon and it is expected that the case will not go to the jury before Friday.

THINK HENRY ABRAMS HIGHWAYMEN'S VICTIM

Greenville, March 16.—Henry Abrams, aged white man whose body was found on the highway Saturday night in Belvoir township, this county, is thought to have been a victim of highwaymen. This is the belief of Coroner Williams and other officers who have been at work on the case. A pay envelope containing an undetermined amount of money which Abrams had received during the afternoon was missing when the body was found.

Examination of the body disclosed that the man had been hit on the head just above the temple with a blunt instrument of some kind, and the blow is said to have caused his death.

Mr. Abrams was a resident of the Belvoir community and held in high esteem. He is survived by one son. Funeral and burial services were conducted Sunday afternoon.

READING CLERK STRIKES A SNAG.

Raleigh, March 17.—Fritz Smith, Senate reading clerk, has wagged his tongue through many bills containing all kinds of legal and technical words to the satisfaction of the members of the upper House but at last he was stumped—and who besides a doctor would not have been?

Senator Burrus of High Point, author of the bill amending the workmen's compensation act to include occupational diseases, had to relieve Clerk Smith and read his own bill.

"Ankyriolobomiasis, Amide derivatives, tetrachloromethane gonifonia smases, mystagmas, burettes" were some of the medical terms in the measure.

Senate Holds Executive Caucus In An Attempt To Settle School Issue

Queens Wore This Crown



'It is made of solid pure gold and was found by the Spanish conquerors of what is now Colombia, South America. Miss Lillian Birdsall is displaying it for visitors to the University of Pennsylvania Museum.'

Group Said to Have Agreed That Upper House Should Support Measure Similar to \$10,000,000 Equalizing Fund Bill Introduced Last Monday.

Raleigh, March 18.—Members of the State Senate held an executive caucus today, rumors being that the school question was the cause, but no announcement was made and the matter did not reach the floor of the regular session.

The group of senators, estimated to have numbered about half the members of the body, were said to have discussed the problem of school support in general and to have tentatively agreed that the Senate should support a measure similar to the \$10,000,000 equalization fund bill given the upper House Monday.

After exempting more than 20 counties from the provision of the measure, the House passed the Hood-Parker bill cutting salaries or personnel in political sub-divisions of the state.

After the exemption of the 31 counties the bill passed without a record vote.

Counties exempted were: Rockingham, Carteret, Rowan, Iredell, Richmond, Onslow, Halifax, Catawba, Montgomery, Surry, Stokes, Burke, Watauga, Haywood, Scotland, Yancy, Clay, Mitchell, Columbus, Perquimans, Craven, Bertie, City of Raleigh, Ashe, Durham, New Hanover, Alleghany, Dare, Wilson, McDowell, Stanly, Guilford, Swain and Transylvania.

An amendment to include salaries cut by changing from salaries to fees computing cuts already made was adopted.

Pointing out that the act allows county commissioners to either cut salaries or reduce personnel so that the expense is 10 percent less than it was in 1929, Hood said North Carolina's tax burden had increased from \$25,000,000 in 1921, to \$1,002,000,000 at present and that to cut salaries was the only way to lower the expense. The bill does not affect road or school salaries.

Brooks of Durham and Hamilton of Carteret assailed the measure as interfering with the right of the county to govern themselves after Hood had answered questions for 30 minutes.

An amendment was adopted providing that the bill should not affect salaries which have not been raised since 1923 if the local government commission rules that to reduce them would impair the efficiency of service.

Hood said that the bill does not affect new activities or an increase in old activities if the commission in Raleigh approved.

The Davis medicinal whiskey bill will be given a public hearing Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The House today sent the bill to a judiciary committee though it bears a "without prejudice" report of the health committee.

Representative Parker of Wayne moved the bill go back to the health group but changed his motion on request of Davis of Edgecombe, author of the bill.

Davis told the House that he had been told by the Nash County superintendent of health that 90 per cent of the doctors in North Carolina are prescribing whiskey today.

The Connor road bill, taking over every county highway in the state and increasing the gasoline tax to six cents, was enacted into law last night, with the Senate's adoption of the conference committee report.

On or before April 1, Governor Gardner is expected to name the new highway commission of seven members, one of whom must be a Republican, which will administer the highways. The Senate must confirm the members.

The bill also provides that prisoners will be worked on the highways, and that they shall be paid for their work from highway funds.

SHOOTS BURGLARS—FANTS

Boston.—While Mrs. Ruth Pappas sat darning socks and her husband, John, and a roomer listened to the radio, two landlits entered the house and commanded them to "reach for the ceiling." Mrs. Pappas quickly reached for the pistol which was on the shelf and shot. Down went the two gunmen. The third escaped thru the bedroom. The shock was too much and she went into hysterics.

MORE TO THE POINT

"Fish that Bark" the headline interests me not a mite. What I and other anglers want to find is fish that bite.—J. W.

Mrs. Annie Boettger, New York City's only woman truck driver, makes near beer, loads it on her truck in 70-pound cases, jumps up on the driver's seat and delivers the product to her customers.

Thunder frightened 24-year-old Dorothy Gillin to death, at Houston, Texas.

Rap All Forms Of Sales Tax

Merchants Again Meet and Condemn Proposed Revenue Raising Measures.

Raleigh, Mar. 17.—Opposition to any and all forms of sales tax was again expressed by the board of directors of the North Carolina Merchants Association Monday afternoon. Characterizing the proposed as "a tax on property," the merchants, headed by President Jas. H. Blount, of Greenville, adopted a resolution inveighing against the enactment of a bill providing for a general sales tax in any form.

"The North Carolina Merchants Association is heartily in favor of tax reduction, but real tax reduction can only be brought about by reducing the enormous expenses of the government," the merchants vind.

As expressed in the resolution the board of directors believe that any tax with a "sale" basis is unjust, unfair and unwise and favors the large corporations while burdening the poor man.

"It is an economic impossibility to reduce taxes by levying more taxes," the resolution reads. "Under the proposed plan of the legislature, there is no tax reduction but merely a tax shifting from the pockets of one man to those of another."

The merchants' resolution drawn Monday is a renewal of an attack begun at a February meeting of the association, at which time a statement was issued which censured the proposal as being not only inimical to merchants but, even in a greater measure, a burden upon the public.

Teachers To Change Date

Move Up Time of Annual Meeting on Account of Prolonged Term of Legislature.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association, scheduled to be held in Raleigh, March 26, 27 and 28, has been changed to April 9, 10 and 11, it was announced Monday, to avoid meeting in Raleigh during the session of the General Assembly, which gives every indication of continuing in session until the time first scheduled for the meeting.

When the hotels crowded with legislators and others interested in business connected with the General Assembly, it was feared that there would be difficulty in obtaining comfortable accommodations for the teachers. The Chamber of Commerce put its rooms bureau organization at the service of the assembly, but the executive committee, deemed it inadvisable to attempt the meeting under those conditions, decided to change the date to April 9, 10 and 11.

The teachers meeting is usually marked by an attendance of fifteen hundred or more teachers and educational leaders of the State.

LIBRARIAN DIES

Boston, March 18.—William Colledge Lane, librarian emeritus at Harvard university, died today in his 71st year. He was credited with having been instrumental in building the Harvard library from one of 200,000 volumes to one of over 2,000,000 volumes.

'BLISSFUL IGNORANCE

His uncle was giving him a lecture. "You modern boys want too much," he said. "Do you know what I was getting when I married your aunt?" "No," replied the nephew, "and I'll bet you didn't either."