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South's Veterans Open Reunion At Montgomery

Commander-in-Chief Stephens and Veterans Welcomed by Alabama Governor

Montgomery, Ala., June 3.—Survivors of the legions that followed Lee and Jackson in the Sixties today took possession of Montgomery and tonight their wish was law in "The Cradle of the Confederacy."

To the roar of cannon firing a salute, General L. W. Stephens, of Couthatta, La., Commander-in-Chief, entered the city shortly before noon, and half an hour later Governor B. M. Miller surrendered the golden key to Alabama.

General Stephens, weak from a recent illness, was accorded an ovation on his journey from the station to the capitol. Standing on the Jefferson Davis star that marks the spot where the President of the Confederacy took the oath of office 70 years ago, General Stephens received the key from the governor as a token of the city's good will to the veterans during their 41st annual reunion.

The welcoming ceremony at the capitol was the only function of the day, and the remainder of the time the veterans had to themselves, to re-fight battles with old comrades beneath shade trees at Camp Stephens park, or attend the many amusements staged for their benefit.

Sight seeing parties were arranged for those who cared to visit shrines of the Confederacy and throughout the day there was open house at the capitol.

Roving minstrels, negro quartets, singing spirituals, and old time southern melodies, string bands, buck and wing dancers, wound through the camp grounds and down town streets entertaining veterans and visitors.

The Richmond, Va., delegates were busy campaigning for selection of the 1932 reunion and so far seem to have the field alone. Hundreds of the veterans have pledged themselves and donned "Richmond in 1932" ribbons.

More than 1,300 Boy Scouts from throughout the south were encamped at Camp Miller, adjoining Camp Stephens, and acted as escorts for veterans who were unattended.

Registration of veterans late today neared 1,500, with few more expected.

'Thirty Day Men' Expected To End

State Not To Take Them and Magistrates Will Get No Costs for Trying Them

Raleigh, June 4.—"Thirty day men" who have heretofore constituted a large proportion of the population of North Carolina chain gangs, are about to become a vanishing race in the opinion of E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

"No person shall be committed to any of the district camps by any court in this state, nor shall any person be received into the district camps, whose term of imprisonment is less than sixty days: Provided, that in criminal actions in which a justice of the peace has final jurisdiction no county shall be liable for or taxed with any costs."

The first clause means that the state which on July 1 will take over 45,000 miles of county roads and 3,000 county prisoners, will not take any "thirty day men" and that all in jails at county expense.

The second part, regarded by Mr. Jeffress as equally if not more important, means that justices of the peace who want to collect costs in criminal cases in which they have final jurisdiction, will have to impose fines and not jail terms, for there will be no more road terms for such prisoners.

Both sections seemed important to the State Board of Equalization, which was in session yesterday and which was wondering if the legislative estimate of \$1,900,000 for fines and forfeitures for school purposes would hold up.

Plans for working the prisoners to be acquired, for housing them, giving them medical attention, etc., are now being worked out and will probably be developed by the time of the next meeting of the commission which will be June 11, at which time it is expected that a supervisor of prisons will be named.

The State will be divided into five maintenance districts with a resident engineer in charge of each. These five districts will be sub-divided into 25 districts and the 25 districts will contain 500 maintenance units in each of which a force will be maintained. There will be many floating gangs of about 25 prisoners each to be used where needed.

Representative Dana Pitts of Charlotte in the west and James M. J. B. Ross of Statesville, in the east,

HEARS FROM BROTHER TO LEARN HE'S DEAD

New Bern Man Had No Previous Word From Him For More Than Thirty Years

New Bern, June 3.—For the first time in more than 30 years, N. J. Mallard, of this city, heard definitely from John Maddox Mallard, an older brother, two weeks ago, only to find that he had died January 26 in Baltimore, but at the same time it was learned that the brother had left a widow and six children. Three of the children visited their new found relatives here this week. The case is one of the most unusual that has been heard of here in many years.

William Franklin Mallard, 80, of Mayeville, father of the brothers, saw the three recently discovered grandchildren and took a new lease on life. About 75 other members of the Mallard family throughout the entire region came to call on the visitors. And the callers met more relatives for the first time than perhaps any other young people have ever been able to meet in a few days.

Thirty-eight years ago John M. Mallard left his father's home in Jones county to join the army. That was the last the family knew of him until last month. They began to think he was dead. Two years ago, however, they began to make systematic investigation. Their efforts were to no avail, until May 18, when they heard from both the United Spanish War Veterans association at Washington and the veterans' administrative unit of the Bureau of Pensions.

Both letters informed them that the long lost brother had served for many years in the army in various parts of the world but had been discharged in 1903. He was said to have married in 1906 and to have died several months ago in Baltimore. The address of his widow, Mrs. Bridget V. Mallard, in Baltimore, was given.

Immediately the local people wrote to the widow. Upon receipt of the message she telegraphed a response and the next day a letter arrived from her oldest son, John Mallard, Jr., giving further particulars of his father's career and death.

are now surveying available convict camps and a system of camps will be worked out. Nearly all of the 50 counties maintaining chain gangs have offered their camps to the commission.

Chairman Jeffress said that as far as possible the highway equipment will be motorized and not many of the mules owned by the counties will be retained. Some of the counties have been given permission to sell a portion of their mules.

Mr. Jeffress stated that few complaints have been received about the maps which have been posted, the only serious one coming from Stanley county, which claims it has had 100 miles of road left off its map.

The mining industry in North Carolina gives employment to 3,672 people.

It took Alice Hurd, of Bridgeport, Conn., 70 years to find the right man, but when she did she promptly promised to marry him.

Wallace Davis' Fate Remains Undisclosed

Banker's Trial Comes to Close After Much Incriminating Evidence Is Given

Asheville, June 2.—After a day of conferences between defense and prosecution counsel and Judge M. V. Barnhill, the fate of Wallace B. Davis was still indefinite tonight insofar as could be learned.

Davis stands convicted of making and publishing a false report of the condition of the Central Bank and Trust Company, of which he was president, before its failure last November.

He was to have been sentenced this morning. After denying pleas for an arrest of judgment and a new trial, the judge allowed counsel for Davis four hours in which to prepare their plea regarding punishment. At 2 p. m. they obtained a private hearing with the judge. At 3 p. m. court was convened and recessed almost in one breath, and the conference continued.

Quitting the conference room some time later, Judge Barnhill said he would give the defense counsel until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow to decide on a course of action, and said he understood Davis would make a statement to the court himself.

Word coming from the conference room this afternoon was that this statement would include the whole story of the bank's transactions which involved in more than a dozen

Statue Of Davis Among Notables

Bronze Likeness of the President of the Confederacy Unveiled at Washington

Washington, June 2.—Jefferson Davis' statue was unveiled today in the hall of the Capitol where he served as a member of the house of representatives, before he cast his fortunes with the south, in the Civil War.

It took a World War and its unifying influence to bring the time when the President of the Confederate States of America could be honored as a national figure, and his statue could be put in Statuary Hall among those of other great Americans.

More than any other man, perhaps, Davis was made to suffer for his part in the War Between the States. For two years, from May, 1865, to May, 1867, he was a prisoner, maligned, admittedly maltreated, in a cell at Fort Monroe, Va. For part of that time he was manacled, to dishonor him, and all the time there hung over him the threat of a trial for treason, of which he was twice indicted.

Only a few years ago, when Lee's statue was placed by Virginia in the hall, there was a flare up of Civil War hatred. Mississippi decided to protect Davis' name, so a propitious time was awaited to nominate him for the National Hall of Fame.

Today all that seemed very far away. There were memories of Davis for some of those who went to the little ceremony at which his statue and that of James Z. George, his fellow Mississippian and fellow soldier, were unveiled.

Davis, as Secretary of War, had the heroic figure of Columbia placed on top of the Capitol's white dome, and he was chosen specially to supervise the building of the two great flaring wings that now house the two branches of congress.

NEW GREENVILLE BANK CHARTERED JUNE 1

State Bank and Trust Company—Paid in Capital of \$100,000; Surplus of \$25,000—Officers to Be Elected

Raleigh, June 2.—The chartering of a new bank at Greenville, the State Bank and Trust Company, was announced yesterday by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood. The new bank is named the State Bank and Trust Company. It has a paid-in capital of \$100,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$25,000.

The new bank will take over the building, the assets and part of the liabilities of the defunct National Bank of Greenville, it was announced. There are over 100 stockholders.

The election of the new bank's officers and directors will be had within the near future.

U. D. C. MEETING

Regular U. D. C. meeting will be held Friday afternoon, June 5, at 3:30, with Mrs. A. B. Walter.

Only six States made greater percentage gains in population during the decade from 1920 to 1930 than did North Carolina. The total increase in population during this period was 611,163. The total population now is 3,170,276.

Wallace Davis' Fate Remains Undisclosed

criminal cases now pending. Davis was acquitted yesterday along with Newton M. Anderson, former chairman of the Board of Buncombe County Commissioners, and L. L. Jenkins, former county treasurer, of conspiring to pervert the county's credit to aid the bank. His conviction in the false report case came more than two weeks ago, after the first of more than a score of cases docketed here as the result of bank failures last fall.

COLLECTIONS OFF BUT STATE HOLDS POSITION

Internal Revenue Collections Off \$8,335,245 for Eleven Months of This Fiscal Year

Raleigh, June 2.—With only one more month of the fiscal year remaining, North Carolina collections of United States internal revenue is \$8,335,245.52 below the collections for the first 11 months of the last fiscal year, according to the May report of Collector Gilliam Griscom.

Last month's collections of \$22,205,179.92 were \$78,237.18 below the collections for May, 1930. The total collections for the 11 months were \$236,469,132.15.

But if the North Carolina collections are below those of last year, the same condition is true, and the loss is larger, in other states and it is very probable that at the end of the fiscal year the state will retain its position of second among all the states of the Union.

Great Air Force Lands At Bragg

Greatest Collection Airplanes Ever Seen in State Drops Down at Pope Fields

Fayetteville, June 2.—The greatest air force ever seen in this State dropped upon Pope Field today to refuel and remain over till tomorrow morning, when the flight will be resumed for the Texas flying fields from which the 108 army planes set out for the national air maneuvers. They comprise the 101st provisional pursuit group. Three other pursuit planes which left Bolling Field, Washington, today arrived at Fort Bragg at eight tonight, bringing the total to 111 ships, serviced at Pope Field today, and 164 during the past four days.

The 89 attack planes of the pursuit group left at 1:15 this afternoon for Jacksonville, Florida, where a community banquet was to be given their pilots tonight. The remaining 72 ships will take off between 7 and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning for Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. They will fly over the city before heading south, as the attack unit did this afternoon.

The pursuit group is made up of 57 pursuit planes, the little humming birds of the air, capable of great speed, 39 aerial battleships, each fitted to carry four machine guns and ten 25 pound bombs, and a dozen Ford transport planes, seven tri-motored and five with single motors.

Preceded by a lone scout flying very high over the city shortly before 10 o'clock, more than 75 planes of the 101st pursuit squadron of the United States army passed over Raleigh yesterday in two large formations. A third group of three planes passed over at 6:45 p. m.

The ships did not land in Raleigh, but persons gathered at Curtiss-Wright Airport were treated to pursuit acrobatics when a trio of planes dived out of the formation and zoomed the field.

The planes were scheduled to fly over Raleigh Sunday, but bad weather delayed them. The weather also cut the size of the show Raleigh was scheduled to get, as it scattered the departure of the units flying this way over three days instead of at one time.

Fenner Named By Tobaccoists

Rocky Mount Man Is Elected Head of Association — Talk Trade Problems

Wilson, June 3.—W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, was elected president of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association at the annual meeting of that body here in the Hotel Cherry today. Rocky Mount was selected as the 1931 convention city of the association.

Other officers elected were: B. B. Sugg, of Greenville, vice president; H. J. Browder, of Rocky Mount, secretary and treasurer. The following directors were named: J. W. Mangum, of Rocky Mount; W. L. House, of Tarboro; W. H. Adkins, of Robersonville; N. M. Mill, of Kinston; J. E. Crute, of Wilson; R. H. Knott, of Farmville; W. Z. Morton, of Greenville, and H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield.

The association adopted, by unanimous vote, a resolution calling on tobacco planters to destroy the common ground leaves or first primings this year in an effort to further reduce the 1931 crop. Considerable discussion was held before the resolution was passed and a committee was appointed to draft it and was ordered to circulate it throughout the entire tobacco belt.

Marshall C. Ferrell, of this city, president of the association, presided over the morning session which was given over to discussions of crop reduction, the present condition of farmers, the condition of the world tobacco market and other trade problems and was concluded with the election of officers. At noon a barbecue and fried chicken dinner was served in the hotel dining room and President Ferrell surrendered the gavel to President-Elect Fenner at the outset of the afternoon session, at which trade problems and cooperative contracts between the warehousemen in regard to drumming and trucking tobacco by warehousemen were discussed at length.

N. M. Schann, representative of the Wilson Tobacco Company, delivered an interesting address on the conditions in the tobacco world in which he quoted figures of the tobacco division of the United States Department of Agriculture on the amount of tobacco now on hand in this country. The report revealed, he said, that there were 2,150,773,000 pounds of

Arrest Girl On Forgery Charge

Ethel Moore Admits To Forging and Cashing Worthless Checks; She Now Awaits Trial

Raleigh, June 2.—Ethel Moore, young woman formerly of Forest City, was yesterday arrested in Goldsboro by Detective Joe Lowe, of the local police force, and brought to Raleigh where she was jailed to await trial on charges of forgery.

Officer Lowe and John Swain, secretary of the Raleigh Merchants' Association, acting on a tip, found the woman in a Goldsboro theatre. She readily admitted forging and cashing several worthless checks in Raleigh stores.

Several Raleigh merchants were victimized by the young woman who, although she was in the city but a few hours, succeeded in passing forged or worthless paper in amounts aggregating over a hundred dollars. Her method was somewhat unique if not entirely successful. Posing as Ross Mae Haynes, a student at Meredith college, she would purchase an article, write a check for an amount greater than the cost and receive the balance in cash. The checks were all written on the Haynes Bank of Cliffside, and, in addition contained the name of Walter Haynes, a prominent manufacturer of Cliffside.

The coincidental part of the whole matter is that there is a Rosa Mae Haynes, who is a senior at Meredith, and whose bona fide checks have been written on the same bank with the name of Mr. Haynes on all of them.

After the discoveries of the forgeries it was quite evident that the perpetrator was familiar with the Haynes family. The Moore girl would confidently wait in the stores while a telephone call would establish the fact that the young lady whose name she was using was a student at Meredith and that her checks were entirely all right. Then she would request that the purchased articles be sent out to the college as she was away without leave and didn't want any tell-tale bundles to carry back with her. The checks varied in amounts from ten to thirty-five dollars.

The Moore girl had been rooming in a respectable home in Goldsboro, having represented herself to be a book agent. She is an attractive brunette about 22 years of age. Secretary Swain, who gives all credit to the Raleigh Police Department, for its cooperation in the case, stated last night that the woman is also wanted in Charlotte, Durham and Asheville on charges of forgery and cashing worthless checks. The girl said she was an orphan.

C. M. FLEMING LAID TO REST AT WILSON

Wilson, June 3.—Funeral services for C. M. Fleming, prominent local tobaccoist, who died at his home on North Tarboro street yesterday afternoon following a length illness, were conducted from the residence this afternoon at 4:20 o'clock by Rev. T. M. Grant, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful floral designs.

Two Youths Defy Niagara To Foil Suicide Attempt

leaf in storage in this country on April 1, 1931, as against 1,965,246,000 pounds on the same day last year. Mr. Schann said \$31,212,000 pounds was bright flue cured this year against 707,149,000 of that type on hand April 1, 1930. The speaker urged the warehousemen to take some action towards securing a further reduction in this year's crop and said he believed a reduction of about 15 per cent was effected by the spring campaign to cut acreage, but that the unusually good season made this year's crop look bigger now than the demand will be.

Conditions in the tobacco industry abroad were also discussed by Mr. Schann who plainly showed that the world wide depression had caused a considerable decrease in consumption and demand for tobacco.

Embarrassed because he ran into the street in his night clothes when the house next door caught fire, Louis H. Mears, of Washington, sued his neighbor for \$10,000 damages.

Don Dickerman, artist of New York, was awarded a \$100 prize for defining love as "a season pass on the shuttle between heaven and hell."

If the optimists are to be believed, business has turned the corner — so often lately that it must be dizzy.

While driving a truck in Atlanta Norman Long ran into another truck driven by Will Short.

Now Awaiting Showdown In Church-State Dispute

J. C. "BLIND" JOHNSON MOVES TO RALEIGH

Will Engage in the Magazine and Newspaper Business in the Capital City

New Bern, June 3.—After a residence of 83 years in New Bern, J. C. "Blind" Johnson left here Tuesday afternoon for Raleigh to locate permanently in the magazine and newspaper sales business. He will also spend much time with his son, William Johnson, in Wilmington.

Blind Johnson, one of the best known blind men in the state, has had a unique career. He knows probably more politicians than any other person in the state. Born March 15, 1847, in Bladen county, he has served during his varied career in many unusual capacities for a blind person, as delivery boy, telegraph messenger, storekeeper, news agent, newspaper carrier and employe of the legislature.

Mr. Johnson says he enjoyed the last session more than any of the other six legislatures he has served as doorkeeper.

This enjoyment was perhaps due to the fact that he had more time to know the members intimately, he says. Within a few days he was on a speaking acquaintance with every one there. By time for adjournment more than 200 persons stopped to bid him a regretful farewell. He says that whatever shortcomings the legislature may possibly be charged with as statesmen, they were certainly the most courteous, genial and likeable crowd he has ever served.

The singing at night was the best part of the time for the blind doorkeeper. High compliments were paid by him to Mrs. Frank Mebane, only woman of the house, who helped them sing frequently before the night sessions. He was on hand for practically every meeting of the house during the entire time and remained throughout every gathering, so perhaps heard more of the debates and discussions than any other person.

As for the next governorship, he says, "Dick Fountain wants it bad enough, but that don't mean he'll get it, and Ehringhaus and others are hot after it; but somehow I believe if Joe Daniels would break loose and make a run for it he might get it."

Speaking of the next senatorial nomination, the blind prognosticator said, "I'm not so sure about Cam's getting re-elected to the senate. I notice that as busy as he usually is at home, Clyde Hoy found time enough to hang around Raleigh the whole time during the Legislature. And Governor Gardner went out of his way to compliment the legislators and keep on the good side of them. That sort of looks like politics, I think."

Mr. Johnson paid high compliments to Governor and Mrs. Gardner.

SPANISH-AMERICAN AUXILIARY

The Spanish-American Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Annie Anderson on the afternoon of June 10, at 3:30. All members urged to be present.

The postal service in North Carolina gives employment to 4,570 people. Postal receipts in 1929 amounted to \$6,504,000 in this State.

Rescue Would - Be Suicide from Niagara a Short Distance from American Falls

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 3.—Edward De Ruscio, 20, and his cousin, Leonard, 23, tonight told how they plunged into the roaring, tumbling waters of the Niagara river a short distance above the American falls and saved a woman who said her name was "Smith."

The rescue was described as one of the most thrilling on the river in years by Francis Seyfried, superintendent of the park, who said the boys, as they came out of the river, "were trembling like leaves, apparently just realizing the danger they had faced."

Edward, who first plunged into what seemed to onlookers might be certain death, laughed as he was told he might be given a Carnegie medal for his act, and when told that it might require a year or longer, responded: "Well, guess we'll stick around a couple of weeks, then."

The boys came here from Chicago Heights, Ill., to visit friends. They had planned to return tonight. This afternoon they sat among the shade trees that line the river just above the American falls.

At that point the river is shallow, but roars and tumbles over weather-

Mussolini Reported Determined to Disband Catholic Laymen's Organizations At Once

Rome, Jan. 2.—Premier Benito Mussolini has determined to disband the Catholic laymen's organization, Azione Catholica, as a whole, unless diplomatic negotiations for a settlement of the Fascist controversy with the Vatican conform to his expectations, it was made known tonight in well informed political circles.

The Fascist premier was said to have indicated that he would definitely decide the present dispute when he presides at a meeting of the central directorate of the Fascist party Wednesday at his official residence at Venice Palace.

Meantime, the Holy See continued its efforts to prevent a rupture of relations with the Fascist government, but it was admitted at the Vatican that dissolution of Catholic clubs throughout Italy had caused an unusually grave situation.

Negotiations appeared to be deadlocked, with the next move expected from Premier Mussolini's government which has maintained almost complete silence in regard to the controversy.

The silence which surrounded the negotiations in the last 24 hours—broken only by a Vatican statement—caused obvious tension at Vatican City, which was still awaiting a reply to the protest against what was described as violation of the concordat between the Holy See and Italy, and also anxiously awaiting the decision of the government regarding reopening of the Catholic clubs.

The Pope remained for the greater part of the day in his study, but the prelates were clustered about the halls and there was an atmosphere of concern as if they were waiting for delivery of a vitally important decision or an ultimatum.

It was said there that skepticism existed among many Vatican authorities regarding the outcome. The general belief was that a decision would be reached before many hours, but the Italian government gave no hint of future action, except to announce that all Catholic young men's clubs including the Knights of Columbus would be treated on the same basis.

The negotiations proceeded slowly, authoritative sources said, and were carried out by persons without diplomatic rank. The negotiators, however, are fully acquainted with the situation.

Italian newspapers, which were ordered to cease attacks on Catholic organizations, did not mention the strain on relations today. At the Vatican it was pointed out that the Pope, as Bishop of Rome, is protesting only against alleged violation of the Concordat, which is entirely separate from the Lateran treaty which ended the "Roman Question" by re-establishing the sovereignty of the Pope. If he considered the concordat had been violated, the Pope could denounce it without affecting his sovereignty and he would still receive the stipulated yearly payments from Italy under the Lateran treaty.

The Pope has frequently refused to recognize the concordat in other states under similar conditions.

It had been understood that the government would soon permit the Knights of Columbus playground to re-open, but it was made known in connection with the protests to the American embassy that the playground would remain closed at present.

worn and water-worn rocks. "We were sitting in our automobile about 200 feet from where the woman went in," Edward said, "and she had been walking up and down the bank. We didn't pay much attention, because you can't watch everyone walking around here."

"I happened to be looking when she jumped in. I yelled and ran, and so did Leonard. She already had drifted off shore, about 100 feet above the falls."

"I knew if I went in the same place I'd miss her, so I jumped in about 50 feet below there and started wading toward her. I was too excited to think much about it, and wasn't scared—then."

"I slipped once or twice and had to swim—guess I almost went over the falls with her. It was hard work getting her out, but Leonard came up just then and helped."

"She was unconscious, just floating. So we waded with her back to the shore, where Swigert (Charles Swigert, 55, of Buffalo) helped us get her out."

"We planned to go home right away, but I guess now we'll stay around and see how she comes out."

Both boys went to St. Mary's hospital immediately after learning where the woman had been taken. She refused to give any name, but "Smith" she did, however, give the name of a sister, Mrs. Franklin G. Segel, who was summoned, but refused to discuss the matter.