

WEATHER

Cloudy and warmer Thursday; probably showers in the mountains.

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THOMAS NELSON PAGE DIES SUDDENLY AT CHILDHOOD HOME

Collapse of Heart Disease While Walking With His Sister-in-Law

WAS SPENDING WINTER ON PLANTATION

Lawyer, Writer, Diplomat, He Was One of the Country's Most Outstanding Figures in the Portrayal of the Life and Culture of the Old South...

RICHMOND, Nov. 1.—Thomas Nelson Page died suddenly this afternoon of heart disease at his old plantation home, "Oakland," in Hanover county...

He lately announced that he was beginning the preparation of a book dealing with his experiences as ambassador to Italy during the war.

Mr. Page appeared to be in the best of health this afternoon while walking in the garden with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Roswell Page, when suddenly he collapsed.

About a month ago he came to Virginia to spend the winter at the old home near Beaver Dam with his brother's family.

Thomas Nelson Page made famous the elegance, culture and beauty of the old South in his books. He did for one phase of that life what Joel Chandler Harris did for another.

Although he served as American ambassador at Rome for six years, Mr. Page was best known for his literary productions, which had made a name for him at home, and abroad before President Wilson at the beginning of his administration asked him to enter the diplomatic service.

As a youth Mr. Page attended Washington and Lee University. In 1874 the degree of bachelor of laws was conferred upon him by the University of Virginia.

Mr. Page was twice married—in 1886 to Miss Anne Seddon Bruce, who died in 1888 and in 1893 to Mrs. Florence Lathrop Field, widow of Henry Field, of Chicago, whose death occurred last year.

Mr. Page was author of a number of books on Southern life, among them "Marse Chan."

TRIPLET REVIVAL CLOSURE

WARSAW, Nov. 1.—The Triplet revival closed here Sunday with three services during the day, each of which was attended by large crowds from all over Duplin.

Great good has been done and we feel that it will be permanent. A board of charities was organized Sunday with members from every church in town.

WILSON LIABILITIES TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS

WILSON, Nov. 1.—At a hearing here today of the bankruptcy cases of Tomlinson and Company and Tomlinson Guano Company, before Referee in Bankruptcy Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., D. S. Boykins, who has been chairman of the creditors' committee, was made permanent trustee to wind up the affairs of the two concerns.

According to the report made by Mr. Hawkins to the referee the liabilities will reach \$2,500,000 and the assets will amount to \$450,000.

AYCOCK MEMORIAL DAY IN GOLDSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Trustees Will Set Date in a Few Days and Col. Langston Will Speak

WILL ASK FOR DAY THROUGHOUT THE STATE

The board of trustees of the Goldsboro schools in a few days will select a day to be known temporarily as "Aycock Memorial Day," it was stated yesterday evening by Col. John D. Langston, member of the board and lifelong friend of Governor Aycock.

For a long time it has been talked of having a State holiday in memory of the State's greatest son who was born and reared in Wayne county and who began his practice of law and his political career here.

Some are even predicting that there will be little trouble in getting the bill through the legislature, so strong is the sentiment to honor throughout the State the man who began the fight for education in North Carolina, and who carried it on regardless of the cost.

BUILDING AND LOAN HOLDS ITS MEETING

Many Interesting Items, Personal and Otherwise, From Mount Olive

MT. OLIVE, Nov. 1.—Miss Nellie Flowers has accepted a position in the school at Garland, N. C.

Mrs. J. S. Vetter of Marion, Va., nee Miss Roselle Byrd, is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Byrd, Sr. Mrs. L. A. Byrd, Jr. has issued invitations to a reception for Wednesday afternoon, at which Mrs. Vetter will be guest of honor.

Miss Eleanor Herring, of Flora McDonald, and Miss Frances Cherry, of Meredith College, spent the past weekend at their respective homes here.

Mrs. A. S. Parker, of High Point, is visiting Mrs. H. M. Cox and Miss Ada English.

Mrs. O. J. Winstead, of Elm City, returned Sunday to her home, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Flowers.

The Mount Olive Building and Loan Association held its annual meeting last Thursday evening and heard a splendid report of the past year's progress. A new series of stock, minimum \$25,000, was voted, which was more than subscribed by local interests before November 1st, the date of the series.

The McAdams evangelistic party will leave Mount Olive at the end of this week, which is the sixth of their stay here. Interest has grown steadily, and the last week is expected to be the best. At their departure the Missionary Baptists will take up the cudgel. The meeting starts next Sunday with Evangelist H. T. Stevens preaching and Pastor L. R. O'Brien in charge of the music.

SUGAR DECLARES DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The National Sugar Refining Company declared a 20 per cent stock dividend on its capital stock, subject to the approval of an increase in the capital by stock holders at a special meeting November 15.

The annual flow to the Mississippi carries to the sea 406,000,000 tons of solid matters.

POWERFUL TOBACCO GROWERS ARE SUED IN TEN COUNTIES

Co-operative Association Is Determined to Recover Damages From Contract Breakers

SUITS BEGUN IN WAKE YESTERDAY

RALEIGH, Nov. 1.—Defending its contract in ten counties of North Carolina the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association today filed suits against twenty tobacco growers in the Superior Court of Wake County at Raleigh to collect liquidated damages of five cents a pound for tobacco delivered outside of the association, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

Today's suits involve over \$27,000 in damages and attorneys' fees alone and explode the rumor that the Tobacco Co-operative will sue only one or two contract breakers in each county merely as an example to contract breakers, for suits against growers in Pitt county alone were among these reported today.

Among the large and powerful growers named in today's complaints of the association was F. A. Elks, of Pitt county, who is alleged to have signed up 120,000 pounds with the association and from whom damages and attorneys' fees of \$6,600 are sought.

Other large growers named in the suits filed today are J. S. Thomas, of Duplin county against whom \$3,750 are claimed in damages and fees, J. L. Redding of Pitt county for \$2,250; E. L. Pitt of Edgecombe county for \$2,000; J. T. Coleson, of Hertford county for \$1,500; and G. M. Wren of Caswell county for \$1,600.

Today's action of the association affects growers in Pitt, Durham, Granville, Beaufort, Surry, Johnston, Martin, Hertford, Duplin and Caswell counties as the result of delegations of growers coming to Raleigh headquarters with affidavits, stating that growers of their communities have broken the contract with their association, and from the demands for action against backsliders by loyal members of various sections of the State whose local associations of the Tobacco Co-operative are keeping a strict watch for contract breakers and reporting violations to headquarters.

Following the demand of its members and the policy of its directors as announced at this week's meeting of the board, to Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association through its attorneys is expected to bring legal action to protect the interests of loyal members in every tobacco growing county of the three states.

With deliveries of tobacco by members increasing each week in North Carolina and Virginia; with continued sales at satisfactory prices to all important domestic companies; with the steady increase of local associations and the recent decision in court upholding the North Carolina law for co-operative marketing, the association members seem determined to protect its contract.

Fiance Of Former Kaiser Sells Interview To Paper

A special cable from Amsterdam to the Baltimore Sun says that the titter integration and collapse of German morals and decency under pressure of terrible economic necessity was never shown by more astonishing clarity than by the inside story of an interview which has already appeared in several American newspapers.

It seems that the former German Emperor's bride-to-be was exceedingly hard up for ready cash when a former high court dignitary approached her with the suggestion that she sell an interview to foreign papers. The dignitary himself, acting through intermediaries, then approached a number of American and English papers and offered the story to a Dutch correspondent who, unwilling to believe such a thing was possible, insisted on seeing day he was shown a typewritten statement with corrections made in Princess Hermine's handwriting.

It then appeared that the Princess had sold the original interview for 1,000,000 marks, which is the price of steak and French fried at Marconi's, and her agent was offering it to all foreign papers for as much as the traffic would bear.

The interview is entirely commonplace, but the high dignitary, who acted as intermediary seemed delighted

NEGRO CUTS WHITE MAN TO DEATH

W. G. Boyette, 29 years old, white, was cut to death yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at his home at the Hadley place, about six miles east of Wilson on the Willbanks road, by William McMillan, a negro farm hand, working on the place, according to long distance telephone messages to The News early this morning.

From what could be learned, it seems the two men had an argument over the weight of some cotton. According to reports the negro used a pocket knife and severely cut his victim, stabbing him once in the heart. Boyette died almost instantly, living only a minute or two. The negro was about 65 years old. Boyette had no weapon except a tobacco stick.

Boyette was married and had several children. There were several witnesses to the fight, but all seemed to be afraid of the negro and his knife. The negro went to his home and changed clothes and left for parts unknown, and at a late hour had not been captured.

Educated Horses And Dogs Have Come

Prof. Dreamery's great educated horse and dog aggregation arrived yesterday afternoon for the Wayne county fair. This is one of the best shows of its kind on the road today, and embraces some very wonderful and beautiful animals, each one a marvel of its kind, both dogs, horses and ponies.

This is one of the wholly free attractions of the Wayne county fair. Prof. Dreamery will give free exhibitions every day of the fair. There has not been a finer attraction at a fair in North Carolina this year.

WANT \$250 FOR THE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Langston Gets \$250 From Board; Wants \$250 More—Wayne Shoe Store First

Two hundred and fifty dollars has been appropriated by the school board of trustees to buy athletic equipment for the high school and graded school teams, it was stated yesterday by Col. John D. Langston, member of the board. Col. Langston is now asking that the people of Goldsboro come across and subscribe an equal amount. The first concern to contribute is the Wayne Shoe Store of this city, which yesterday forwarded their check for \$5 to the office of the Goldsboro News. The office is now open for others who have children in school participating in athletics, or who have an interest in athletics in the local high school in any other way, to file their contributions. A list of the names of those filing their donations to the high school athletic fund will be published tomorrow.

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What Comment Could I Make? Asks Mrs. Hall, Wasn't There; That's All

Wife of Slain Rector Submits to Rapid Fire Questioning By Reporters, and Is in No Wise Disturbed

NEW BRUNSWICK, Nov. 1.—"What comment could I make? Of course, that was not so, and that is all!" With these words Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall today opened her first interview—an interview planned by her counsel so that she might seek to extricate herself in the public eye from the circumstantial evidence in which the Hall-Mills murder has enmeshed her. For the first time since she was widowed by the slaying of the Rev. Wheeler Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Rinhardt Mills, Mrs. Hall emerged from the seclusion she has maintained for several weeks, meeting a small army of newspaper reporters in her home and receiving an hour's bombardment of questions.

At the end she retired as she had entered the room, warm but composed. She had shed no light on the mystery; she had fallen into none of the traps the cross-examiners had prepared for her. Here was a negative story. It amplified but did not materially alter the statements formerly made on her behalf by her friends and counsel.

Briefly, it was that Dr. Hall had started out of his room, saying that he was going on an errand of mercy to discuss with Mrs. Mills a hospital bill which he was paying with church funds; that he was slain by a person and for a motive she had not the slightest knowledge; and that her memory of him is unaltered by the ugly scandal in which his name has been involved.

"Have you any comment to make, Mrs. Hall?" the spokesman asked. "On the story of the so-called eye-witness, Mrs. Gibson, in which she says you were present on the Phillips farm on the night of September 14?"

"What comment could I make? Of course that was not so, and that is all."

"You were not there?" "I certainly was not!"

For an hour then, one reporter after another volleyed questions at her, taking her over the territory of her action before and after the murder, questioning her sharply for any possible knowledge that she might have of the Rector's relationship with Mrs. Mills, seeking some opening in which to drive a wedge into her story.

She took refuge three or four times in "I cannot remember." Three questions she refused point blank to answer. Throughout she maintained her belief in her husband's faithfulness to his marriage vows.

Gives Details of Story. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—In her eyewitness account of the Hall-Mills murder on September 14, Mrs. Jane Gibson, farm woman, told the authorities, it was learned today, that a few moments before the fatal shooting she heard one of the women under the crab-apple tree exclaim: "Then explain these letters!"

This part of Mrs. Gibson's story came to light through a conversation she had with a neighbor after making her statements to investigators. There was a moment or two of heated argument, it was said, after the explanation was demanded, then, without warning, the shooting.

Notes that were said to have passed between the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor H. Mills, the murder victims, were found strewn about their bodies under the tree.

Movements Veiled. Movements of the investigators today, though veiled in secrecy, appeared to be centered for the most part in keeping under surveillance three men answering descriptions given by Mrs. Gibson. It was reported that Special Deputy Attorney General Mott intended at an opportune moment to bring the three before Mrs. Gibson.

Two sisters of the murdered clergyman, Mrs. Paul Bennett of New York, and Mrs. Frank Voorhees of Jersey City, told newspapermen that their knowledge of the circumstances made them believe implicitly in the innocence of the rector's wife. It was Mrs. Voorhees' ten-year-old daughter, Barbara, who was in the Hall home on the night of the murder, and who says that Mrs. Hall was at her home that night at least until 9 p. m.

Detective James F. Mason, chief investigator for Wilbur A. Mott, coincided with his chief's view, declaring he was "every confident in Mrs. Gibson's story of the murder and believes it will stand the strictest examination."

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EDMUNDSON AND FARMER RELEASED BY JUDGE DANIELS

Men Charged With the Killing of Albert Farmer Give Bonds of \$5,000 Each

THINKS SAME LOAD HIT BOTH THE MEN

Ed Edmundson, of Mt. Olive, charged with killing Albert Farmer, and Charles Farmer, brother of Albert Farmer, charged with being an accomplice, were yesterday released by Judge Frank A. Daniels under \$5,000 bail each, after a preliminary hearing lasting throughout the afternoon. After all the evidence was in Judge Daniels wasted no time in asking the attorneys to talk "Ball—how much the bail should be."

The testimony of Mrs. Farmer, widow of Albert Farmer, who that at the time her husband was killed she saw Edmundson and Charles Farmer come running around the house, and that shots were striking the side of the house at the same time. He declared this was just after her husband was shot and had called her name twice. At no time, she declared, had she seen either Edmundson or Charles Farmer with a shotgun. Charles Farmer asked for a shotgun, but it was after her husband had been killed, Mrs. Farmer said.

Bryant Kelley, colored, testified that Alonzo Greenfield was at his home at the time of the killing. He also alleged that Ed Edmundson had tried to intimidate him. However, he got mixed up in his story, not remembering some of his statements made to the coroner's jury at the inquest on the Monday following the killing on Sunday, or at the inquest Friday. Others of his alleged statements he denied. He finally admitted to Sheriff Grant having searched his house, and finding a shotgun. Sheriff Grant later stated on the stand he told Kelley he thought the gun had been fired by Kelley, however, maintained steadfastly to the end that Alonzo was the man when the shot was fired.

J. Faison Thompson, attorney for Edmundson and Madril Lottin, attorney for Farmer, argued that it didn't make sense, since Alonzo Greenfield, whom they believed had actually committed the crime, was still at large anyway, and that no alibi had been proved for him.

Sheriff Grant testified that the shot that was taken out of Edmundson's shoe was of the same size of the shot taken from Farmer's body. In the opinion of Dr. Spicer the shot that was taken from Farmer's body was the shot that killed him. Sheriff Grant said that the two shots were what he called BB shot.

There was no evidence that Edmundson, Albert Farmer, or the horse were shot with a pistol. George Lane, father-in-law of Albert Farmer, testified that sometime during the night Albert Farmer handed him a gun through the window, but that it must have been a long about 10 o'clock after the hunt for the negroes. Mrs. Farmer testified to seeing Edmundson with a pistol, but said it was not in evidence at the time her husband was killed, and that she saw it later on in the evening after the shooting and after Charles Farmer and Edmundson had come running to the house for arms.

Edmundson, attired in a gray tweed suit, sat calm and silent throughout the hearing. At the end he limped out, assisted by Chink Rhodes, adding with a smile and a wink, "I'll get even with you for all this, Chink." He was in good spirits. With him were his mother, his wife, his brother, Beauregard Edmundson, two sisters, Mrs. Ray Collier, and Mrs. E. B. Garris; and two cousins, Mrs. J. E. B. Roberts and Mrs. Ed Mitchell. All listened silently to the court proceedings, then stood behind the chairs of Farmer and Edmundson chatting pleasantly with them while the bonds were being arranged.

VERDICT OF GUILTY PLEASES PREACHER

STATESBORO, Ga., Nov. 1.—Elliott Patrick, former Methodist preacher, was found guilty of first degree murder in connection with the killing of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Dixon, last June. The jury returned a verdict early, by the recommendation of a majority. The verdict automatically carries with it life imprisonment. The verdict was reached after the jury had been out since 9 o'clock this morning. Satisfaction was expressed by Patrick as he was led from the court room. "I will not appeal. I am well satisfied with the verdict."

The jury returned the verdict at 6:30 o'clock this evening after having taken the case at 11 o'clock last night.

For the first time Patrick showed interest in the proceedings when the jury filed in and said: "We find the defendant guilty." Patrick quickly requested a lawyer and showed nothing more than a blank expression before Judge Park to the jury's sentence.

SEEKING WAY FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN WORLD COURT

Informal Negotiations Said to Have Been Going on Looking to That End

JOHN BASSETT MOORE ACCEPTABLE AS JUDGE

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Several questions have been made privately in Washington by friends of the league, the principal of which is that the United States might sign the protocol instituting the court, the league assembly and council amending the statutes so that a non-member of the league adhering to the statutes could participate in the election of the judges.

Another suggestion advanced is that the council might so amend the statutes that a non-member, accepting the jurisdiction of the court could participate in the election of the judges even without signing the protocol.

It is understood here that Dr. John Bassett Moore, the American now sitting on the bench of the International court is quite acceptable to the United States government in that position, but (Continued on page two)

MEMORIAL WINDOW HONOR OF WOMEN OF SOUTH IN CIVIL WAR

Gift of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Is Dedicated in Washington

HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A Cathedral window in honor of the women of the South in the Civil War, the gift of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies today at the national headquarters of the American Red Cross. The windows is regarded as one of the finest pieces of stained glass in the country. It is the last of its kind to be dedicated to the women of the North and South during the Civil War.

Mrs. Livingstone Rowe Schuyler, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, presided at the exercises, and Mrs. Algernon Sydney Sullivan, honorary president, unveiled the memorial which was accepted by Chairman John Barton Payne, of the Red Cross, in a brief address.

Dr. E. G. Dixon to Head The N. C. Conference

HENDERSON, Nov. 1.—Dr. E. G. Dixon, of Baltimore, secretary of the board of Young People's work of the Methodist Protestant Church, was elected president of the North Carolina Conference here today on the third ballot. The Rev. C. L. Whitaker and the Rev. J. E. Williams were second and third respectively, on the last ballot. Mr. Dixon is a member of the North Carolina Conference which embraces this state and part of Virginia and South Carolina, but has been located in Baltimore for the past several years in charge of the young people's work.

Colorado's beet sugar crop this year is estimated to be worth \$22,000,000, based on 9 cent sugar.