

Maxwell Issues Statement Defending Audit THREE MEN FREED BY JURY IN LUMBERTON WHIPPING CASE

State Not Living Within Its Income Declares State Corporation Commissioner

HE WAS MAN WHO STARTED ALL THE FUSS Says That the Above His Only Contention

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are not living within our income," continued the statement. "That in one issue I have raised before the people of the state and which I engage to sustain or admit that I have raised a false cry and subjected the state to unnecessary annoyance or suspense."

The statement asserted that the question of whether there was \$5,000,000 deficit may be at once dismissed as now admitted. Governor Morrison denounced that statement as a "malicious slander."

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While the General Assembly was in session, and charged with the responsibility of shaping future fiscal policy, I undertook to lay before them facts which they did not have, and which were essential for them to face, if future policy was to be made on a sound basis.

I must assume that all the people of North Carolina want to know the full facts upon a matter of this importance. Certainly the Democrats of North Carolina, responsible for the State's fiscal policy, want to know, and if it is wrong, correct it. The members of the committee—men of the highest patriotic purpose—wish to know. They have spent \$13,300 to find out. These gentlemen have made an intermittent study of this question over a period of six months. It has been my study for more than ten years.

I know every part of this delicate piece of machinery they are dealing with—this new Morrison system of State revenue. I fashioned every spoke in its wheels. I know the capacity for which it was designed. I know that it has been overloaded. If this new system were raising all the revenue to meet this expanded program of progress no man in North Carolina would find as much pleasure and personal satisfaction in that fact as myself.

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEPS OVER TRAIL OF BURNING OIL

Salamanca, New York, Suffers Several Losses As Flames Cut Wide Swath

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT ONE MILLION

Salamanca, N. Y., July 21.—Following the trail of burning oil and driven by a east wind the most disastrous fire in the history of the city swept through business and residential districts and subsided after having reduced a wide swath of the downtown section to ruins.

The west side of main street from the river to board street was swept clean of standing structures which the exception of one garage which was badly damaged but which did not collapse. On the east side half a block was burned over and the flames ate their way into the residential section in Quinlan street.

The fire had been burning for more than three hours when it was brought under control at 6 o'clock. Several persons were taken to hospitals suffering from burns and cuts but none were believed injured seriously. Several firemen were overcome.

HOKE SMITH DROPS IN TO INSPECT THE HILL

By LOUIS GRAVES Chapel Hill, July 21.—Hoke Smith, Grover Cleveland's secretary of the Interior and twenty-five years later United States Senator from Georgia, dropped into Chapel Hill last night on his way from Washington to Atlanta by automobile. He wanted to look over his old home town which he left as a boy of 12 in 1868 when the carpet-bag gang took possession of the Hill.

There wasn't much here he recognized, and he rebuked us for changing the place. "Yes, sir, you've ruined it with all these new buildings and improvements. I wouldn't know it was Chapel Hill at all unless I hunted out one or two landmarks. However, I'll forgive you in view of that splendid road I came over from Durham. I've just been touring through the East—New England and the Middle Atlantic states—and I have not seen anywhere such a splendid road as this twelve mile stretch."

In the course of our talk I asked Mr. Smith what he thought of the Henry Ford boom.

"He's the greatest industrial genius the world has ever seen, he replied. "And he deserves commendation for the way he has been willing to split wit both labor and the public. But the only evidence I have ever seen in him of any interest in international affairs was the 'peace ship' he went to Europe, and nobody took that seriously except himself. I'll say this, that I'm in favor of turning Mussel Shoals over to him and letting him develop it. "Who is your candidate for the Democratic nomination, Senator?" I asked him.

WHAT FUNNY THINGS HAPPEN

Salisbury, N. C., July 20.—Because she did not know the difference between a mail box and a fire alarm box, Dora Glenn, negro cook for Mrs. G. W. Wright, wife of an undertaker, unwittingly turned in an alarm here today. Fire Chief Brown returned to Mrs. Wright the letter the cook was to mail, after the excitement was over but the cook appeared so alarmed that the family was rather apprehensive about dinner.

SEVEN DWELLINGS ON MOUNT OLIVE ROAD DESTROYED

Homes Occupied by Colored People Swept by Flames, as Firemen Are Helpless. More Outside the City Limits.

ONE CHURCH AMONG BUILDINGS BURNED

Fire breaking yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock swept through a section of colored homes near the city limits on the Mount Olive road, completely destroying six and a small church that stood nearby.

On account of the fact that the firemen were unable to get a stream of water that far from the city limits they were forced to battle the blaze with chemicals and ingenuity. Two other fires occurred yesterday. One burned a small lot of lint at the Broden Mattress Factory and the other was a small box.

AND THE FOOL STARVED TO DEATH

Minneapolis, July 20.—A remarkable story of how an aged man voluntarily fasted seventy days and retained his strength until within a week of his death is told here by relatives of Jonas Forse, 74, who died at his farm home near Rush Lake Sunday after an illness of two years.

The story is corroborated by the attending physician, Dr. Charles Swenson, of Abraham. According to him suffered from paralytic strokes at intervals during the last four years.

Ten weeks ago he first refused food, according to Anderson, and attempted to feed him failed. "Relatives succeeded in feeding him a little milk and water," Dr. Swenson said. "Outside of that he ate nothing."

He was up every day, walking about the house and yard until a week ago Anderson said, when he fell on his bed. Another attempt at forcible feeding was made but it was unsuccessful.

SENATOR BROOKHART SAYS PROGRESSIVE ELEMENT WILL WIN

Reply To Statement of Senator Moses That Conservatives Will Combine

HE SAYS THAT THEY ARE PRETTY WELL ORGANIZED

CHICAGO, Ill., July 21.—The progressive element in Congress welcomes the statement of Senator Moita in Washington today cajoling for co-operation to conservatives of both parties to meet the "menace of radicalism" and will win when the point comes to issue at the beginning of the next congress, Senator Brookhart of Iowa said today.

"The Lincoln Republicans and the Jefferson Democrats will be prepared for the uniting of the City Republicans and Bourbon Democrats when the next congress convenes, Mr. Brookhart who pass through Chicago said.

Commenting on the statement of Senator Moses who is chairman of the Republican Senatorial campaign committee, Mr. Brookhart declared the progressives were "pretty well organized now" and that they welcomed the public statement which recognized them to the extension of calling for a combination of conservatives of both parties in order to meet them.

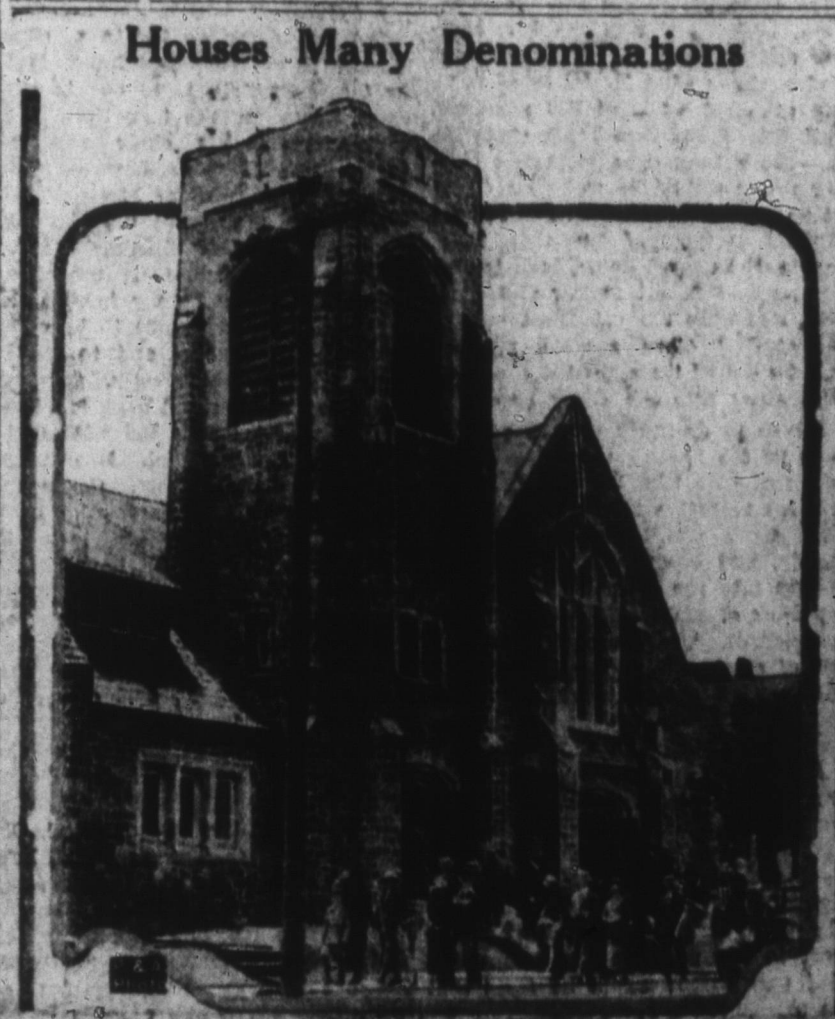
The situation really would come to issue at the beginning of the next congress," he said. "In the test of strength the Lincoln Republicans and Jefferson Democrats," as he characterized the progressives "would win."

"I was in Senator Moses state last Monday and I found the same condition there among the farmers as exists in the middle west. The farmers never have had a square deal. The prices he must pay and the prices he gets are fixed by the middle man."

POPE CONFERS HONOR

WILMINGTON, July 21.—The Pope has conferred the title of Monsignor on the Rev. Christopher Dennen of Wilmington and the Rev. Peter Marion of Hendersonville, according to advices received here this afternoon.

Judge Sinclair Defies the Forces of Lawlessness In State As He Speaks of Letters Received By the Court



This community church of Jackson Heights, Queens, Long Island, the first church in the United States to unite under one minister and one roof 21 denominations, was dedicated by Bishop Luther B. Wilson.

COURT ORDER TO STOP RUN ON STATE WAREHOUSE

Augusta, Ga., July 21.—Court order was taken here tonight to check what is said to have been a "run" on the Atlantic States Warehouse company leased by Barrett and company which has announced its inability to meet its obligations at the present.

A court order was issued restraining those having bonded claims from molesting the warehouse company. The court was petitioned by John Phinney, president of the warehouse company. The signing of the temporary restraining order came while financials of the east were discussing the appointment of a creditors committee to conduct the business of the cotton firm as a going concern.

AND THIS IS HOW THE GOOD GIRL WENT WRONG

Chicago, July 20.—Tinkling telephones and eager reporters and law clerks were the spectators at the wedding last night of the Earl of Northesk and Miss Jessica Brown, former folkie beauty, performed by Judge John R. Caverly in the offices of Frank T. Jordan, bar attorney. The Earl and Countess plan to spend their honeymoon at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Marked by little formality and much publicity, the marriage came at the close of a strenuous day for the principals who had denied they were to be wed and vainly endeavored to evade reporters. When the titled Scotchman dashed for the license bureau, a horde of newspaper men were at his heels and they refused to be eluded until the ceremony was completed.

The romance of the Earl and his wife began last March in London. The titled Scotchman followed her to New York where they were refused a marriage license because Miss Brown's divorce from her first husband, Cyril De Witt Reinhardt, obtained here last October, was not recognized there.

Discovered here last Monday both denied matrimonial intent and maintained they had come here to show the beauties of the town to Miss Brown's mother, who resided here several years.

MISS MILLERS PRIZE WINNING ESSAY GIVEN OUT

Young Woman of Winston-Salem High School Writes of Great Development

The following essay, written by Miss Margaret Beaufort Miller, of the Winston-Salem High School, on the subject, "The Influence of Highway Transport Upon the Religious Life of My Community," has been adjudged the best essay submitted by any North Carolina High School student entering the National Essay Contest for 1923.

The Winston-Salem High School has received the award for one year of the trophy cup offered by the University Extension Division of the school whose student should submit the best essay in the contest for this state, and Miss Miller's essay has been forwarded to the national authorities at Washington, who will enter it along with the prize essays of the other states in the national competition for the Harvey S. Firsone Scholarship. The high school student whose essay wins the national contest will receive this scholarship, which entitles the holder to four years tuition and expenses at any college or university in the country.

The National Essay Contest is conducted in North Carolina by the University Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, and is conducted nationally by the Highway Education Board, of Washington, D. C.

This Easter, twenty thousand reverent people packed the streets at five o'clock in the morning to hear the inspiring words of the old bishop. "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" Every Easter, great throngs of people come from far and near to the quaint community of Salem, North Carolina, to attend the beautiful and impressive Easter services at the Home Moravian church. Twenty thousand! A triumph of faith and transportation in any community. Every year, at the same of the early morning service spreads abroad, more and more people come to attend it. They come from everywhere, some by rail, but mostly by a network of continuous transportation, connecting the community with all points in the State. Last year fifteen thousand people were prepared for, and this year even

I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE HE SAYS TO K. K. K.

Taliaferro Is Not As Free As Other Men on the Trial

Lumberton, July 21.—Six minutes after the fate of three Robeson county citizens had been placed in the hands of the jury heard this afternoon the defendants heard the words "Not guilty" which denoted their acquittal of participation in the whipping of two white women by hooded citizens in Proctorville, N. C., on the night of April 14.

And five minutes later the late Mike Lawson, chief of police of Proctorville, N. C., John Hedgepeth, farmer and Jule Brogdon a mechanic, both of Proctorville, were free men. The solicitor McNeill promptly had processed the indictment for first degree burglary which had been returned against them at the same time as charging the assaulting of the white Purvis and Mrs. Mary Purvis.

But M. L. Taliaferro who being a special investigator of the K. K. K. was immediately after the trial Taliaferro was given a charge of tampering with witnesses. One each of the three counts the judge imposed a fine of \$500 and a jail sentence of thirty days in jail.

Pending arrangements for an appeal Judge Sinclair filed word at 11:00 p. m. referring a motion to reduce the appearance bond of Taliaferro to \$2,500. Judge Sinclair who this morning received a threatening unsigned letter defied the forces of lawlessness which he defied are at work in this state.

Although he made no direct mention of the letter or of the unsigned letter received last by Stephen McIntire, assistant prosecuting attorney, he referred indirectly to the McIntire warning which contained the following paragraph:

"Your intelligence tells you that the exposure of this warning brings an invisible invisible hand that is mightier than the courts themselves upon your poor cowardly curd. Praying to Taliaferro be continued. This man professes to be the representative of an organization which has declared that it is mightier than the courts and speaking for myself I want to say that the courts accept the challenge."

The trial of Lawson, Hedgepeth and Brogdon which came to a close shortly before 5:10 o'clock when the jury reported an acquittal was briefly contested from its start to the Tuesday.

When the verdict was announced there were no signs of a demonstration.

TWO BROTHERS BURNED TO DEATH AS PLANE FALLS

DETROIT, July 21.—Howard and Eugene Neal, brothers and owners of the Detroit Fair Photo Company were burned to death late this afternoon when an airplane in which they were riding burst into flames one thousand feet in the air and crashed into the western part of Sandwich township, Ontario.

SAYS WASTY NEEDED

Belfast, July 21.—Sir James Clark, the Ulster Premier in a statement given out in London declared this afternoon that the report that he contemplated resigning to take a cabinet position was a "malicious falsehood."