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WILL FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL WITH BAIT

EXPERIMENTS LAID BEFORE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SHOW PROGRESS.

Washington.—The results of experiments which support the Einstein theory of relativity and prevail with an odor similar to that believed to entice to the cotton plant, were laid before the session of the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

In the absence of Dr. A. A. Michelson, head of the University of Chicago's physics department, because of illness, his associate, Professor A. H. Compton, read his paper entitled "The Latest Test of the Einstein Theory" which determined that when the arch is going forward in a straight line, the city of light is apparently affected, but that rotation has no effect on light velocity.

Dr. Michelson's experiments, conducted in conjunction with Prof. H. G. Gale, dean of the graduate school of science, University of Chicago, indicated, of proof, Professor Hale said, of the theory that the ether does not go along with the earth. The race between two beams of light, traveling in opposite directions, around a rectangle, was used in his experiments by Dr. Michelson, whose earlier work is credited with having set Einstein on the road to his relativity theory.

Preliminary experiments by Frederick B. Power and Victor K. Chestnut, bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture in the cotton belt in analyzing odorous constituents of the cotton plant, the scientists were told, have disclosed that ammonia and trimethylamine were present in appreciable amounts in the distillate, but the ammonia largely predominated. Both substances were also found to be emanations from the living plant, and although further tests remain to be conducted, it is considered possible that the odor attracting the boll weevil might be produced artificially for use as a bait for the insect.

The papers on a wide range of subjects by American and foreign scholars were read at the opening sessions during the day.

Although the United States is now the only nation possessing helium in commercial quantities, Dr. S. O. Lind, chief chemist of the bureau of mines, declared that when other countries are drilling for oil and has to an equal extent, there is a possibility that the non-inflammable gas will be found to exist elsewhere. It takes some 20,000,000 years for helium to leak up from minerals and rocks to the pools of natural gas, where it is now found.

Henry Varner Dies.
Lexington.—Henry Branson Varner, president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Theater Owners association and former state commissioner of labor and printing, died here of pneumonia which developed 10 days ago following a business trip to Charlotte.

Colonel Varner's condition had been exceedingly grave the last few days, but Sunday he was thought to have shown positive signs of improvement. There was a sudden turn for the worse and the patient soon sank into a state of coma. He did not regain consciousness before his death.

Upholds Segregation Law.
New Orleans.—The state supreme court ruled in effect upheld the New Orleans ordinance requiring that whites and negroes live in separate parts of the city by refusing to review the case.

Start 33 Officers to Prison.

Cincinnati.—Thirty-three former Cincinnati policemen and agents of county "dry" courts, reported to the United States marshal and were started to Atlanta, where they are to serve federal penitentiary terms. The sentences varying from 18 months to a year and a day, were imposed for participation in the liquor grant recently investigated by a federal grand jury.

Bandit's Widow Gains Point.

New Orleans.—The state supreme court declined to review its decision refusing a motion of the state for a change of venue for Mrs. Nellie Wright, widow of William Wright, who was killed recently in Mobile. She is to be tried here soon on a charge of possessing some of the valuables he was charged with which he stole.

Explosion Wrecks Mine.

Grafton, W. Va.—The wheelhouse of the Fahey coal company at Sand Lick, Taylor county, was wrecked by an explosion. The mine was to have resumed operations on a non-union basis after having been idle for two years. State police were assigned to investigate the cause of the blast.

FIVE ROBBERS ROUTED BY CAFE PATRONS.

New York.—Wielding chairs, dishes and silverware, 75 men patrons in the Cafe de L'Europe, in Second Avenue, routed five armed robbers who fired six shots before making their escape. They left four injured victims in fighting their way to freedom with black-jacks and revolver butts. The robbers escaped with money and jewelry estimated to total \$3,000, including approximately \$2,500 from the cafe cash register.

Two ambulances were called for the four men who had been injured. Police reserves were ordered out, but no trace of the robbers was found.

PUBLISHERS MEET IN SOUTH

ASSOCIATION VOTES TO HOLD ITS SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION.

New York.—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association at its second day's session voted to increase revenues to provide for extension of its service and to hold a semi-annual convention beginning this fall at some point in southern territory to be selected.

Expansion of the publishers' organization was authorized by adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved, that the president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association be authorized to appoint a committee of members for the purpose of conferring with the board of directors of the A. N. P. A. as to the basis for future dues and assessments to be levied by such consultation the board of directors of the A. N. P. A. be authorized to be put into effect after due notice such basis of dues and assessments as shall be determined by the board of directors."

This action, it was said, will meet a request made by President S. E. Thomason in his annual address. Mr. Thomason's request also contemplated a reduction in the cost of membership of smaller dailies and an equitable increase in the dues of those larger newspapers better able to bear it.

The additional funds will likely be applied, it was said, to the widening of the association's service to members along the following lines: Sponsorship of meetings of mechanical men, and bulletin service for exchange of useful mechanical information and methods; bulletin information on handling methods and on waste in paper, prices and percentages; a similar service on paper damage, methods of paper handling, weights of wrappers and methods of protecting rolls. Freight rate advance and a general traffic service also have been urged by President Thomason as certain to pay for themselves over annually, and will doubtless be included in the new service program.

Coolidge Offers Culbertson Post.

Washington.—President Coolidge has selected William S. Culbertson of Kansas to succeed Peter A. Jay as minister to Rumania. Mr. Jay soon will be transferred to Argentina.

Mr. Culbertson, at present vice chairman of the tariff commission, has not, however, made known to the White House whether he will accept, nor have the usual formalities preceding a diplomatic appointment.

Mr. Culbertson conferred with the president, and it was assumed that the executive had laid the diplomatic appointment before him as a personal matter and a promotion, as has been the case recently within the foreign service.

State department officials hold the Rumanian post of high importance and have canvassed the names of numerous available men to find one capable of maintaining American rights in the delicate situation obtaining there.

Sapiro Asks For Million Damages.

Detroit.—Damages of \$1,000,000 were asked in a suit filed in United States district court here against Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company, which he owns. The action was brought by Aaron Sapiro, an attorney who has been connected prominently with co-operatives marketing organizations of farmers and fruit growers throughout the country.

Sapiro's suit charges that certain articles printed in the Dearborn Independent, a weekly newspaper published by Ford, have injured him as an attorney and deprived him of "divers fees, gains, rewards and compensations" which he otherwise might have obtained.

The petition quotes articles which it is averred appeared in the Dearborn Independent, accusing Sapiro of being one of a conspiracy of Jewish bankers who seek to control the food markets of the world.

VON HINDENBURG HEADS GERMANY

FAMOUS TEUTONIC WAR LEADER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC.

Berlin.—The people of Germany have rallied to the banner of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and elected him president of the republic. He is the first president of Germany to be elected by popular ballot. He is the first president of Germany to be elected by popular ballot. He was nominated by the national conservative bloc to replace Dr. Karl Jarres, who failed of election in the first balloting on March 23. His opponent was Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the republican bloc adherents of the Weimar coalition, composed of centralists, socialists and democrats. The third candidate was Ernest Thaelmann, communist.

Von Hindenburg triumphed in his race for the presidency with a majority close to 845,000 votes. The unofficial final figures are: Von Hindenburg, 14,639,393; Marx, 13,752,640; Thaelmann, 1,331,591; votes declared invalid, 21,910. Total, 30,345,540.

Von Hindenburg brought to the chair occupied by Friedrich Ebert, who was chosen president by the national assembly at Weimar in February, 1919, and who died in Berlin in February, 1925. The women's vote and a heavy turnout of former stay-at-home voters elected the field marshal. Not until the returns from 33 out of 35 election districts were received and tabulated could the outcome be determined, and from the close of polls at 6 o'clock it was any man's race, as the two chief candidates ran neck and neck in the official count.

Veneration for the Prussian royal house, implicit faith in God, unbounded enthusiasm for the military profession and a consuming love for his fatherland—these are characteristics of Field Marshal General Paul von Hindenburg and Hindenburg, elected president of the German republic as standard-bearer of the nationalist parties, as they are revealed in his autobiography "Aus Meinem Leben," published in 1920, and of the biography "Fieldmarshal von Hindenburg," written by his brother, Bernhard, and published in 1918.

One is taken back to the days when Germans still believed in the divine right of kings, when the profession of arms was the most sacred of callings and when the German paraphrase of "My country, right or wrong," had not yet given place to the motto, "My country when right to be kept right, when wrong to be set right."

Pulitzer Prize Awards For 1924.

New York.—The annual Pulitzer prizes in journalism and in letters for 1924 were announced by President Nicholas Murray Butler for the school of journalism of Columbia university. Edna Ferber, for her novel "So Big," was awarded the \$1,000 prize for the best American novel published during the year which shall present the wholesome atmosphere of American life and the highest standards of American manners and manhood. The \$500 prize for the "best cartoon published in any American newspaper during the year" was given to Rollin Kirby, of The New York World, for his cartoon entitled "News From the Outside World," published October 5.

Sydney Howard, author of "They Knew What They Wanted," was awarded the \$1,000 prize for the "original American play, performed in New York, which shall best represent the educational value and power of the stage of raising the standard of good morals, good taste and good manners."

The play was one of 13 plays recently investigated by District Attorney Banton on complaint of citizens.

Business Going Forward.

New York.—The process of seasonal readjustment in industry made further headway last week but failed to lift general business from its present lassitude. The underlying position of trade continued satisfactory but respite to the underground elements, that said, adding that the corpse will be raised from the shaft to the surface.

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CHARGE CONSTABLE WITH SLAYING TWO BOYS IN CAR.

Humboldt, Tenn.—After killing two youths with a single bullet on the main street of this city, Constable Will T. Cox, was bound over under a charge of second degree murder at a preliminary hearing before Magistrate William Dunlap. Carl Ladd, 19, and Gaston Croom, 18, were riding along Main street and, according to the constable, refused to stop when he hailed them. He declared the youths were driving at a high rate of speed, and that their automobile bore no license tag. When the automobile returned along the street the constable declared the driver again ignored his order to stop. Constable Cox then fired his pistol, it is charged. The bullet passed through Ladd's body and entering that of Croom, killed him instantly. Ladd stopped the car, got out and staggered a few paces, falling dead in the street.

BUSINESS ON SOUND BASIS

BANKERS ASSERT THAT SITUATION IS FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND.

Augusta, Ga.—Assurance that the business situation of the country is "fundamentally sound," although prosperity has not reached the heights which "it was expected in some quarters it would," was given in a resolution adopted by the executive council of the American Bankers association, in its spring meeting here. One hundred and fifty bankers, representing every state in the union, make up the council.

A warning that more drastic measures are necessary to combat the "wave" of bank burglaries in the mid-West was given in the report of the association's protective committee, which declared "the roving army of desperadoes, flouting the law at every turn" shows a persistent growth that is "convincing proof that the dangers of banditry threaten to become a permanent menace."

The council, without a dissenting vote, refused to re-open for discussion its meeting here the question of the association's attitude to branch banking. A group of California bankers telegraphed a petition that arrangements be made to give the proponents of unrestricted branch banking a hearing, should the annual convention of the association in September see fit to reaffirm its previous position disapproving of the practice.

The council also voted its approval of a suggestion by the committee on anniversary preparations that an endowment fund of not less than \$50,000 be created for the providing of scholarships in the economic department of various colleges and universities and, sufficient amount is raised, for research work along economic lines. It is to be raised by voluntary subscription. Two subscriptions of \$1,000 each have already been pledged, it was stated.

Floyd Collins' Body Released.

Have City, Ky.—The body of Floyd Collins, cave explorer, who died from hunger and exposure when trapped in Cave Cave in January, was freed from its natural underground prison as it moved from beneath the rock that pinned it to the bottom of the 70-ft shaft. W. H. Hunt, central Kentucky engineer, said.

The body was in good condition, considering the time it had been exposed to the underground elements. Hunt said, adding that the corpse will be raised from the shaft to the surface.

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WORLD PEACE CAN BE MADE REALITY

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE ADDRESSES AMERICAN LEGAL SOCIETY.

Washington.—World peace can be ultimately effected only through the clarification and codification of international law and this is to be accomplished only through a great conference of representatives of all the nations of the earth, former Secretary of State Hughes, president of the American Society of International Law, told members of that association at its annual meeting.

Speaking on "the development of international law," he asserted that the United States must lead the way toward such a conference and reiterated his hope that "the appropriate support of the Permanent Court of International Justice by the government of the United States will not be delayed much longer."

It was not his purpose to re-state the reasons he believed the United States should support the permanent court, Mr. Hughes said, "but simply to emphasize the incalculable advantage of having such a tribunal to aid in the development of international law; to reinforce the law abiding sentiment through recourse to the exercise of its jurisdiction and acceptance of the decision." He added:

"Not improbably the nations may thus be led to avail themselves more readily of the necessary international legislative processes to perfect the law and to satisfy enlarged conceptions of international justice."

Every suggestion intended to be helpful should be accepted and dealt with, no matter what trying situations and trials of patience may result, Mr. Hughes insisted, declaring that "we must not fail to remember that no progress can be had unless we have an atmosphere of endeavor and a disposition which lists us above capriciousness." It is in this spirit, he added, that "we consider the development of international law, not as an exclusive, or all-sufficient remedy, but as an important means of correcting the evils that afflict us."

Wilbur Signs Orders For Trail.

Washington.—Orders were signed by Secretary Wilbur for the court-martial of six officers on charges growing out of the raid on the naval transport Beaufort at Norfolk, Va., February 24, when a quantity of liquor was seized upon its arrival from the West Indies.

The board is expected to be designated soon and convene for the trial at Hampton Roads.

Under the order signed, Commander D. W. Fuller, of Rockland, Maine, who was in command of the Beaufort, is charged with neglect in that he did not discover the presence of liquor on board.

One of the officers, Lieut. Fred M. Rohow of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., of the medical corps, is also charged with failing to obey orders to report dutiable articles on board ship.

Daughters Plan Charlotte Trip.

Washington.—Daughters of the American Revolution, in congress held here, Attorney General Sargent delivered his first address since he joined the President's cabinet, after retiring during the day to build a \$2,000,000 auditorium in Washington. A pilgrimage to Mount Vernon completed the session.

The congress devoted most of the day to discussing the proposed auditorium and approved the report of a committee which has worked a year on the project by subscribing approximately \$50,000 to a building fund.

MEET NEXT YEAR IN E. CITY

Methodist Women Select 1926 Meeting Place By a Close Vote.

Greenville.—The Women's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference decided to meet next year in Elizabeth City. Hamlet also extended an invitation which was very favorably considered. Elizabeth City won by a narrow margin, the vote being 68 for Elizabeth City and 61 for Hamlet.

The devotional services were conducted by Miss Elizabeth Lamb, followed by an address by Miss Anna Graham, "What the County Organizations Have Meant to the Weldon District." Miss Daisy Davis delivered the address of the morning on "Our Work in Europe." In the beginning of her talk she gave a romance of old clothes, saying:

"I think the finest group of people on the earth are the organized women of the Southern Methodist church. Thirty-six states of the United States Old Clothes to Poland."

She spoke of the task of erecting memorial to these lives that will live on forever. She told of the distribution of old clothes in Poland and the pitiful sight in these countries, or armies of people, ragged, cold, and homeless. The beginning of religious work, continued the speaker, was the sending of old clothes to these countries.

Concentrate Warfare on Weevil.

Kinston.—"The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is to turn its full attention to the perfection of the boll weevil campaign, launched some time ago, in conjunction with the Extension Service and the State College of Agriculture. The plan calls for putting on several special men in the various towns and communities in Eastern Carolina for two weeks beginning June 15 and lasting until September 1. The agricultural experts state that this year is going to be a very hazardous year, so far as the weevil is concerned, with any kind of favorable weather for him.

Milk Had Flavor of Gasoline.

Dunn.—At least one Harnett county cow is not particular about what she drinks. A farmer who lives near Dunn recently missed five quarts of gasoline which he had left in a bucket about the cow lot. Soon it was noticed that the family cow showed signs of intoxication. It was later the later the baby calf showed the same symptoms. When the family began to partake of the next "milk" they found that the milk carried the taste of gasoline. It was several days before the milk supply of this particular cow was again fit for use it is said. While both the cow and her calf had a close call, both were on the road to recovery at last reports.

Education Meeting Nov. 6-7.

Raleigh.—November 6 and 7 were decided upon as the dates for the North Central District meeting of the North Carolina Education Association at a meeting of members of the executive committee held here in the office of Judge B. Warren, secretary of the association. The meeting will be held either in Durham or in Raleigh. State educational problems will be discussed at the district meeting, particularly those dealing with the legislative feature of education.

Out-of-town teachers attending the meeting were Hoy Taylor, chairman of the executive committee, of Franklin; C. E. Toague, of Sanford; E. L. Best, of Louisburg, and Miss Mary Coble, of Roanoke Rapids.

Winston-Salem Wins Music Cup.

Greensboro.—Winston-Salem won the trophy in the sixth annual North Carolina high school music contest. The Twin City delegation to the contest, which lasted two days and part of one night, scored thirty points. High Point was second with twenty-six points.

An enormous crowd packed the Grand Theatre to hear the concluding tests, which were group competitions, fests, clubs, quartets, choruses and orchestras. The number in some of the events was over twenty-five, and they were rendered most creditably.

Berry Shipments Increase.

Goldsboro.—Strawberry shipments in Wayne have been on the increase the past week. Indications point to a bumper year for the growers. Heavy rains and warmer weather proved great aids during the early part of the week and in one section nearly six hundred crates were shipped in one day at prices from \$5 to \$6.

Bankers Meet at Statesville.

Statesville.—About 75 representatives of the North Carolina Bankers association, eighth group, embracing the counties of Iredell, Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Watauga, Caldwell, Davie, Rowan, Stanley and Cabarrus, met here in fourth annual session at the Vance hotel.