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## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING WEEK THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND ABROAD

## EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Gathered From All Parts Of The Globe And Told In Short Paragraphs

### Foreign—

Snipers continue their grim work in the disturbed sections of Belfast, Ireland. The total of deaths so far is eighteen, and the number of wounded is not less than fifty.

The house of commons has voted an expression of confidence in the policies of Lloyd George, on every issue, foreign and domestic, now before the British people.

Chinese shipping companies, lacking government protection from pirates who have been seizing and looting ocean-going vessels in buccanary style, have taken to arming their ships and placing details of guards aboard.

The Standard Oil company has definitely suspended all work at its refineries near Tampico, and workmen numbering upward of a thousand will be discharged immediately, according to advices from Tampico which say orders to this effect have been received from New York. Only the pump workers will be retained, it was added.

The British military evacuation of Ireland is expected to be resumed it was declared by Michael Collins, head of the provisional Irish government, on his return from London, where he interviewed, Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for colonies. General MacReddy, British military commander in Ireland, visited Mr. Collins, and their conversation, it was assumed, was in connection with the withdrawal of the troops. Up until recently the troop movement had not been resumed but preparations were under way for the immediate shipment of hundreds of tons of army stores.

The first person who can prove that supernatural causes are not responsible for uncanny happenings at Alex MacDonald's farm in Caledonia Mills, near Halifax, N. S., will receive \$100 if an offer made by Detective Carroll of the provincial police and Harold Whidden, a Halifax reporter, holds good.

Firing in the Stanhope street area, when the disorders broke out anew recently, after a lull of several hours, became so intense that police, hurried to the scene, were forced to use their arms to subdue the snipers.

Protesting his innocence, the Rev. Adalard Delorme, Catholic priest, charged with the murder of his half-brother, Raoul, an Ottawa university student, pleaded to be tried as soon as possible.

The resignation of Czecho-Slovakia as "guardian" of Austria is declared in diplomatic circles for discussion between Dr. Eduard Benes, the Czecho premier, and foreign minister and the British government during the visit in London of Dr. Benes.

The permanent court of international justice was opened recently at The Hague with fitting ceremonies. Several of the royal families were in attendance.

An attempt was made on the life of Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the Hungarian regent, according to reports published in Vienna.

**Washington—**  
Confidence that the work of the railroad administration will be "substantially completed" by January 1, 1924, and that the "entire liquidation of the obligations of the government arising during the period of federal control could be concluded without any additional appropriation for that purpose by congress" was expressed in a letter from President Harding to Speaker Gillett recently.

The Kenyon bill to aid idle men of the country has been recommitted, and it is believed that the return of the measure to the committee means its "death."

Boaz W. Long, American minister to Cuba since 1919, has tendered his resignation to President Harding to take effect at once.

While the war department has no official advices as to the situation at El Paso, it has been known in Washington for some time, that a revolution was brewing across the border. The department has left the matter to Major General Howze, as it is his business to take special precautions to protect the border at any and all times.

Secretary Denby, in asking congress for an appropriation of \$350,000,000 for the navy next year, in a frank and detailed statement as to what the navy department hoped to accomplish, told the house naval committee that his estimate called for a reduction of 10,000 in enlisted personnel, which was made possible only by putting about 100 destroyers out of commission and by sharp cuts in shore station forces.

The war department has ordered a further reduction of officers and men in the American forces in Germany. There remains a total of 169 officers and 2,217 men.

Proposals were made before the interstate commerce commission at the hearing by S. Davie Warfield, president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, preliminary to a report by the board of economics and engineering appointed by the association advocating methods for the economical handling of railroad equipment.

A demand for an immediate investigation of reports that the "fertilizer industry" is maintaining an expensive lobby not to defeat Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals nitrate project was made in the senate by Senator McKellar, Tennessee.

Congress was torn recently between passing a sales tax to pay a soldier bonus and dropping altogether the cash bonus, stipulating therefor paid-up insurance or land grants. This was the situation in the wake of President Harding's letter suggesting the sales tax for abandonment as the alternative for the bonus.

Traffic over the Pennsylvania lines between here and Baltimore had been resumed recently after several hours' interruption caused by the derailment at Odenton, Md., of two cars on the Buffalo express. Four persons were injured, two seriously, and several hundred yards of track were torn up in the derailment, necessitating the routing of Pennsylvania trains over the Baltimore and Ohio tracks until the damage was repaired.

The senate judiciary committee, as a means of relieving congestion in certain judicial districts, has agreed to report a bill providing for nineteen additional United States district judges and one additional circuit judge.

### Domestic—

Scores of ships of all kinds from battered tramp steamers of the seven seas to graceful pleasure-freighted passenger liners left New York harbor on a mission of mercy—an attempt to rescue John Birkner, 24, the sailor who was cast adrift from the steamer Gaffney, 700 miles away, in an unfrequented part of the Atlantic.

New Orleans telegraph advices show that the cotton market is taking its usual spring rise, and in one day the gains ran up to 55 points over the previous day. Futures also responded with a healthy rise.

Pussyfoot Johnson was ejected from a Chicago cafe, the other day, by the waiters and other restaurant employees. He was literally kicked from the "joint" and his coat and hat thrown out after him.

The playing of dominoes or loitering about domino parlors in the military area at Mexia, Texas, will constitute evidence that persons so engaged are vagrants, according to an order published by Brig. Gen. Jacob F. Wolters, commander of the National Guard forces there, to restore order and break up alleged trafficking in whisky and drugs.

Hugh C. Fisher, district attorney for the federal western district of Louisiana, has been disbarred from that court for six months on conviction of contempt of court. Reports of the court's action have been forwarded to Washington.

The banker for Lorenzo Guissi, under arrest at Oakland, Calif., on a charge of failing to render assistance to a woman who had been run down by Guissi's automobile, took a wagon load of half dollars—\$2,000 in all—to jail for Guissi's bail. It took police officers near eight hours to count the money, which was finally checked as correct.

Dispatches from El Paso, Texas, say feeling is tense in Juarez, across the border in Mexico, and at Fort Bliss, where reports have caused emergency steps to be taken to get ready for a threatened Mexican rebel attack on Juarez. Five thousand American soldiers have been mobilized at Fort Bliss "to protect the border."

The grand jury recently returned four true bills against Mrs. Catherine Rosier in connection with the killing of her husband, Oscar Rosier, and his 19-year-old stenographer, Mildred Rickett, in his advertising offices at Philadelphia, Pa.

Fire at Dothan, Ala., destroyed the plant of the Dothan Syrup company, causing an estimated loss of \$75,000, covered by insurance.

A terrorist program of international scope may be revealed through the arrest at Los Angeles, Calif., of eight alleged members of a band of extortionists, it was said by federal and other officers who participated in the arrest.

George A. Bowen, attorney, shot and killed his wife, Mary Boden, 37 years of age, and her mother, Mrs. Julia Taylor, 66, and then ended his life in his wife's home at Los Angeles, Cal.

Detectives investigating the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, continued interviewing persons thought to have information possibly bearing on the case, but without definite results, District Woolwine announced at Los Angeles, Cal.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., addressing the Westchester County Chamber of Commerce at New York, told another story on himself about his recent visit to China. In one town he visited he caused removal of the top of the sedan in which he was being carried to that he might better see the sights. The populace greeted him in such a peculiar manner that he made inquiries, eliciting the information that he was riding in state only accorded to criminals on their way to be executed.

Tabulation of Alabama official returns from the special election of January 30, submitted by all counties, show that 111,524 votes were cast for \$25,000,000 good-bond issue amendment and 22,918 against.

Harvey Church, condemned to die in Chicago for murder of two automobile salesmen whom he had lured to the basement of his home in order to gain possession of an expensive motor car, must live to die on the gallows, county jail officials have decided, so they broke his hunger strike by forcibly feeding him through a tube.

## STATE TEACHERS TO MEET NEXT MONTH

ASSOCIATION WILL PROBABLY BRING FIFTEEN HUNDRED TO COLUMBIA.

## OPENING SESSION MARCH 10

Glee Clubs of the University, Chicora College and Columbia College Are Invited to Take Part.

Columbia.—Preparations for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association are going ahead rapidly, the speakers having been secured, the department meetings arranged and the program having been placed in the hands of the printer. The opening session will be held March 16. The meeting of the association will close March 18.

The regular sessions of the association will be held in the high school building, in the Washington Street Methodist church and in the Sunday school building of the First Baptist church. The evening meetings will be held in the Columbia theater. The glee clubs of the university, Chicora college and Columbia college have been invited to take part on the general programs, and two of these have already accepted.

The attendance at this meeting will probably be 1,500 and in order to accommodate these visitors it will be necessary to call on the people of the city to open their homes, according to the members in charge of the meeting. Families who are in position to furnish either rooms or table board or both have been invited to notify the secretary of the chamber of commerce so that the rooms may be listed. Rates and the number of teachers that can be accommodated will be desired by the chamber, as the teachers will make application direct to the secretary, and the secretary will assign the teachers to the different residences.

**State Sunday School Convention.**  
Spartanburg.—The preliminary announcement of program for the annual State Sunday School association convention was made by the program committee. Among those who have already accepted places on the program are Dr. H. E. Tralle of Philadelphia, head of the training work of the American Baptist Publication society. Dr. Tralle will speak each day of the convention.

Dr. Robert S. Truesdale, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, Columbia, will speak on "Sunday School Evangelism." Dr. Truesdale is secretary of the evangelism committee of the State Sunday School association, and is widely known for his interest in this phase of church work.

Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor of Cheraw Methodist church, and one of the most popular lecturers in the state, will speak on "The Discovery of a Little Child."

Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop college, will preside over the convention sessions as president. The convention sessions will be held at the University of South Carolina and the date has been set for June 20, 21 and 22, in accordance with the wish of the university authorities, this being the week following commencement.

**Fires on Officer at Close Range.**  
Rock Hill.—By striking down the pistol of Manlius Owens, just as he was pulling the trigger, S. M. Williford, policeman, probably saved his own life. The officers hand was burned by the discharge while the bullet ripped through his coat, just missing the skin. Had his hand been a fraction of a second later the ball would have doubtless penetrated the body. Owens was arrested by Constable Allen a minute later and gave bond in the sum of \$500 for appearance at the York court of general sessions on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

**Death Claims Able Attorney.**  
Florence.—Phillip Allston Wilcox, general solicitor of the legal department of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the South, died here after an illness of three weeks. He was 55 years old.

**Growers of Peanuts Organize.**  
Clover.—The Clover Peanut Growers' association was organized at a meeting of leading farmers of the community in the opera house here. L. H. Jackson was elected president, Arthur Quinn, vice president and V. G. Hambricht, secretary and treasurer. The association will undertake to encourage farmers of the community to plant at least 100 acres in peanuts this year. Interest in the growing of peanuts has been promoted largely through the efforts of the First National bank.

**More Marion Trees.**  
Marion.—Many new trees dot the public square and line the streets of Marion as a result of the work of the tree commission recently created by the town council. Due to the urgings of a committee from the Civic league, the council was moved to further beautify the town of Marion by expending some money on trees. The commission is composed of the following citizens: J. W. Johnson, chairman; L. P. Byars, E. B. Hamer, Mrs. Henry Buck and Miss Mabel Montgomery.

## HOSPITAL PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION TO CARE FOR FORMER SERVICE MEN.

## IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY

Proposed Program Would Include Many Beds Needed for the Care of Mental Patients.

Washington.—Detailed recommendations for additional government hospital construction in various parts of the country for former service men framed by a conference of specialists on mental diseases were made public by the veterans' bureau. The proposed program would include a total of 12,000 beds needed for the care of mental patients. Location of a hospital of 500 beds in the western part of Massachusetts to receive patients from Vermont, New Hampshire and northern Connecticut towns was recommended to replace the hospital now in use at East Norfolk, Mass., while the use of Fort Norfolk, Buffalo was suggested. Increase of the hospitals at Perryville and Gulfport, Miss., were recommended together with the construction of a new institution of 500 beds to be increased later to 1,000 beds in district No. 7, comprising Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Disapproval of the use of the hospital at Maywood, Ill., was expressed and a new hospital of 1,000 beds to be increased to 1,500 beds was urged for district No. 8, comprising Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

A new hospital of 500 beds to be increased to 1,000 beds was urged for district No. 9, comprising Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, to replace the present institution at Knoxville, Iowa.

A hospital of 500 beds was recommended for district No. 10, comprising Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

A hospital of 250 beds to be increased to 500 beds was suggested for district No. 13, comprising Oregon, Idaho and Washington, which would care for patients from the western part of the Tenth district and the northern part of district No. 12, comprising California, Nevada and Arizona.

An increase in the capacity of the hospital now being built at Fort Logan H. Root, Little Rock, Ark., was also recommended.

The program was said to be under consideration by the bureau which was awaiting the action of congress upon pending legislation to provide \$16,000,000 for further hospital construction.

**Much Electric Power Promised.**  
Washington.—Supply of hydroelectric power for municipal and industrial purposes throughout the region within transmission distance of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, estimated by engineer experts at 400 miles, was promised by Thomas W. Mastin, president of the Alabama Power company, in the event congress accepted the offer of that company for purchase and lease of the shoals project.

Mr. Martin's statement pointed out that the offer to operate at Muscle Shoals under the federal water power act obligated the company to function as a public utility "bound to serve everyone without discrimination, either in rates or in service."

**Photographers Pay to Snap Wedding.**  
London.—Completed plans reported for photographing Princess Mary's wedding on February 28 reveal the fact that photographers, in order to procure desirable vantage spots for their cameras, will be called upon to pay huge sums of money.

From 40 to 50 motion picture cameras will be employed and about 100 press cameras for snapping photographs of the procession. A favored place for taking pictures will be near the Westminster abbey gateway where the bridegroom, Viscount Lascelles, King George, Queen Mary and other members of the royal family as well as the chief guests, will alight from their carriages.

**Cross Border into Mexico.**  
Mexico City.—Thirty men crossed the American border into Mexico at Columbus, N. M., according to advices sent by Governor Enriquez of the state of Chihuahua to the war office. The advices said the men were being pursued.

Rebel forces of Rosalio Hernandez, under close pursuit by federal troops, have been driven from Chihuahua across the boundary line into the hills of the state of Coahuila, says a message received by the department of the interior from Governor Enriquez.

**Plan Expansion for University.**  
Washington.—A nation-wide campaign for two million dollars as an endowment and expansion fund for Lincoln Memorial university, a school located in the mountains of Tennessee, has been started here. It would provide facilities for a thousand or more students.

Governor Taylor declared the memorial university already is working wonders in the regeneration and development of the hill country. It was founded 25 years ago at Cumberland Gap.

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## GOVERNOR SENDS MESSAGE

Pleads With General Assembly to Support Schools—Gerald Bill Is Made Law.

Columbia.—Carrying a total of \$5,672,758.11, an increase of only \$1,073.84 over the measure as reported from the ways and means committee, the general appropriation bill was given its final passage in the house of representatives and was ordered sent to the senate.

The general appropriations bill ran the gamut of as thorough debate as any measure of its kind has ever received in the lower body. Discussion of the measure was commenced Thursday night at 8 o'clock, and this continued until Friday morning at 2 o'clock and, after a respite until 10 o'clock, was again resumed and continued until 2:30 Friday afternoon, when a recess was taken for lunch. The debate was resumed at 4 o'clock, but the house was then weary, and the bill was given its second reading at 5:50 o'clock. It was then decided to adjourn until 12:01 Saturday morning, give only third reading to the measure and quit.

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## TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Barnett Griffin Dies at Hospital in Columbia—Details of Gaston Saw Mill Tragedy Meagre.

Columbia.—Barnett Griffin, of Gaston, died at the Baptist hospital as the result of injuries received in a boiler explosion which also instantly killed Griffin's brother and injured a third man. Barnett Griffin was only about 15 years old.

The explosion was that of the boiler of a saw mill at Gaston where, according to the information reaching Columbia, the two Griffin boys and several other persons were working at the time. A piece of flying debris struck Barnett Griffin in the head, fracturing his skull, while his left arm was also lacerated severely. The explosion also caused a deep burn about the abdomen.

Barnett Griffin was brought to the Baptist hospital where he underwent an operation in a vain effort to save his life, living only about half an hour after his arrival here.

Young Griffin's brother was almost instantly killed by the explosion, according to the information received in Columbia, while a third young man was almost completely buried beneath the debris to escape with minor hurts.

### Outlines Program for Convention.

Sumter.—Post G of the T. P. A. gave a smoker for its members for the purpose of considering plans for the state convention which will be held in Sumter May 4 and 5. The smoker was held at the Y. M. C. A. building and the report was served by the high school "Y" girls. H. L. Scarborough, who is president of the local post, placed before the members a tentative program which he had outlined and which had been approved by various posts and members to whom he has submitted it over the state. The principal features of this program are a complete business session for the first day, with a lunch at mid-day, a chicken stew late in the afternoon and an entertainment that evening; for the second day a short business session that will enable up-country delegates to take the noon train for their homes.

### Bank In Operation.

Honea Path.—The Citizens' Bank of Honea Path opened its doors after being closed for almost a month. The directors are optimistic about the future of the bank, and tendered a vote of thanks to James Craig, state bank examiner, and his assistants in reopening the institution. During the first hour after the bank reopened deposits amounted to \$5,000. The old depositors guaranteed to leave their deposits in the bank for a year.

### Hundreds at Work on Bridge.

Charleston.—The scene at the site of the Santee river bridge and the approaches thereto is a very busy one at present, with something like 300 men at work, and the big construction project is shaping up very well, the prospects being that the bridge will be completed about this time next year. Work on the sub-structure, on the piling and on the filling is proceeding rapidly and the substructure is approximately three-fourths finished, it is estimated. Work on this end of the project has been slowed up a bit because of the high water, but that has not hindered activity on the shore ends. The Simons-Maynard company has this construction in charge. It is of interest to note that material for the superstructure or bridge proper, is arriving and the Atlantic Bridge Co., contractors, will in due time commence work on this feature of the project.

### Killed by Automobile.

Anderson.—Abraham Paletz was struck by an automobile and died from his injuries shortly after he was taken to a hospital. The car was driven by Henry Hill, young white man from Equinox mill. Charlie Hill, Raymond Morris and two other men, named Heller and Freeman, are being held at the county jail. These four men are said to have been in the car.

### Train Kills Two Mules.

Fort Mill.—Southern railway passenger train No. 114, northbound, and due in Fort Mill about noon, ran into a team at Spratt street crossing, killing the two mules and demolishing the wagon which was loaded with wood, while the driver, Tom Smith, narrowly escaped with his life.

### Selling Sweet Potatoes.

Manning.—The Manning curing house shipped 560 crates of sweet potatoes. These potatoes were sold by the South Carolina Sweet Potato association to a firm in Washington and brought a fancy price, showing decidedly the value of co-operative marketing. The grading and packing of the crates were under the supervision of I. H. Lewis, marketing agent of the extension forces. Large numbers of farmers observed the manner in which the potatoes were handled and gained much valuable information.

### Poe Discusses Marketing Plan.

Newberry.—Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, addressed a large gathering of farmers in the court house here. The court house could not accommodate all who had come to hear this student of agricultural problems. His subject was the co-operative marketing or pooling of cotton in connection with the campaign being pressed over the state. At the meeting 1,253 bales of cotton were pledged. Major Andrew Bramlett, of Rock Hill, was another speaker.

### Governor Makes Appointments.

Governor Cooper made the following appointments: W. T. Giles, J. D. Epps and T. J. West to be supervisors of registration for Union county.

T. E. Stanley to be magistrate at Marion, vice D. E. Godbold, who was appointed to succeed Magistrate Whilden, but declined to serve.

J. W. Fulmer to be master in equity of Saluda county.

Capt. Elias Day, S. H. Brown and J. A. Brown to be supervisors of registration for Pickens county.