

TWO MEN GET REPRIEVE

Governor Says Action Necessary To
Make Thorough Probe of Case.
Reprieves Until Dec. 5.

Columbia, Nov. 15.—Mortimer N. King and Frank Harrell, under sentence to die at the state penitentiary here next Friday for the murder of Major Samuel H. McLeary, today were reprieved by Governor Thomas G. McLeod until Friday, December 5. The governor issued a statement in which he asserted that the reprieve was granted by him in order to allow additional time for investigation and consideration of the cases.

"It has been impossible," the governor said, "for attorneys who are earnestly representing these unfortunate men to present the cases to me until yesterday, and I have just received a transcript of the testimony in the case.

"I feel that I must and I will give to this case every consideration; and in order to do so, in order to investigate the various angles presented, more time will be needed. Engagements at the governors' conference, made some time ago, will take me away from my office for the greater part of next week. The reprieve, dated as of the day set for the execution of the sentence, allows two weeks, exclusive of next week, for investigation and consideration of the case.

"The allowing of the reprieve does not preclude the granting of clemency as asked, but the enforcement of law and the lives of two men are at stake, and as in all other cases, I must make the fullest and most complete investigation of all the facts available to me."

Major McLeary was slain on the Raleigh-Columbia highway on the afternoon of July 2, about 12 miles south of Cheraw, S. C., after he had given King and Harrell a "lift" in his automobile. About a week later the War Department instituted a search for him which extended over the Southeastern states, resulting in the arrest of King at his home near Canton, N. C., and later of Harrell with his brother near Nashville, Tenn., where he had fled.

Leading a party of army officers, state officers and a newspaper man to the spot where the murder occurred, King identified a heap of bones as those of Major McLeary. It was brought out at the trial in Chesterfield, S. C., in which county the murder was committed, that Harrell had signalled when the army officer's car had reached a lonely spot, at which King drew his pistol and ordered Major McLeary to halt the vehicle. Both King and Harrell, it was testified, drove the major ahead of them into the woods, Harrell returning to shut off the engine and to watch for passersby. After robbing the major, according to the evidence, King shot and killed him.

Both were convicted of murder without recommendation to mercy and were sentenced by Judge C. C. Featherstone to death by electrocution at the state penitentiary here on November 21.

For several weeks the governor has been receiving communications from citizens writing pro and con in regard to commutation of Harrell's sentence. Friday, a petition signed by 300 citizens of Chesterfield county and 11 members of the trial jury, was presented by defense attorneys, asking commutation of both sentences to life imprisonment.

The death house in the state penitentiary late today was the scene of a little drama when the reprieve was transmitted to penitentiary authorities by State Detective Hart. B. E. Evans, captain of the guard, entered the death house and announced: "King and Harrell, the governor has reprieved you until December 5."

"Gee, that's good," exclaimed Harrell. "I'm sure glad of it."

The only other occupant of the chamber of the condemned, Edmund D. Bigham, convicted of slaying five members of his family, listened with interest to the announcement, it is said. King and Harrell were visibly cheered by the temporary respite.

New Manager For Clinton Oil Mill

E. C. Culvern of Kershaw, Succeeds
H. L. Taylor As Head of
Local Plant.

E. C. Culvern, of Kershaw, has assumed the management of the Clinton Oil Mill, succeeding H. L. Taylor, of Laurens, resigned. Mr. Culvern is an experienced oil mill man and has made a number of friends since arriving in the city. He expresses himself as well pleased with Clinton and expects to move his family here the first of the year.

Mr. Taylor, the former manager, has returned to his home in Laurens.

GOVERNORS CLOSE SERIOUS PROGRAM

Chief Executives Discuss Accidents At
Grade Crossings and Deplore
Recklessness.

Jacksonville, Nov. 18.—Governors who attended the sixteenth annual conference here yesterday and today were tonight aboard the St. Johns river steamer, Osceola, bound for Sanford, having completed the discussions before them and adjourned during the noon hour. They are the guests on the trip of Governor Carey Hardee and the people of Florida. The party will disband at Miami Saturday.

Just prior to their departure from Jacksonville the governors were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a Florida products luncheon.

Governor E. L. Trinkle, of Virginia, named yesterday as chairman of the executive committee, declared today that it would be the aim of the committee between now and the next meeting to create more interest in the conference and bring about attendance of every governor in the United States. He said, too, that the committee would strive to arrange for a meeting next year that would lead more to an actual business session and pay less attention to social functions and entertainment features.

This expression followed the reading of papers by Governor Branch of Indiana, and Governor Cox of Massachusetts, relating to automobile accidents at railroad crossings, responsibility for them and compensation for the victims of automobile accidents on the highways.

Governor Cox placed before the conference the provisions of an act introduced in the legislature of his state which he said is now under consideration. It presented, he stated, some carefully worked out features which he briefly sketched:

"That no car should be registered unless the applicant has taken out a liability policy with \$5,000 and \$10,000, for personal injuries or death and \$1,000 limit for property damage arising out of such ownership, operation, maintenance or use of the automobile upon the highways of the state, or, filed a bond executed by a surety company as security conditioned upon satisfying all judgments within the above limits, or,

He has a deposit with a state official of \$6,000 cash or securities out of which demands up to \$5,000 for death or personal injuries, and up to \$1,000 for property damage may be satisfied. Heavy penalties would be provided for operation of an automobile without insurance or forging evidence of such insurance or bond.

He deplored the reckless manner in which human lives are being snuffed out daily by irresponsible drivers, adding that it is a serious matter for the head of the family as he goes about his daily duties to be crushed under wheels of an automobile driven by some reckless and irresponsible person.

Little less serious, declared Governor Branch, was the question of grade crossing disasters. He had about concluded, he said, to recommend to the legislature of his state that authority be given the public service commission to designate certain crossings as dangerous as a step designed to lessen the number of such accidents. At such designated crossings vehicular traffic would be required to stop.

At a safety conference recently held in his state, Governor Branch told the conference, 132 representatives of rail lines, automobile associations and other interested organizations discussed every angle of the "prevent and save" movement. They afterwards adopted resolutions which he proposed to make the basis for recommendations to the legislature.

The resolutions were placed in the record of proceedings at the conference and will be distributed to all governors.

UNION SERVICE THANKSGIVING

Clinton People to Hear Dr. B. R.
Turnipseed, President of
Lander College.

Following an established custom, a Thanksgiving union service will be held next Thursday at ten o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited. The services this year will be held in the First Baptist church, and the Rev. B. R. Turnipseed, D. D., president of Lander College of Greenwood, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual Thanksgiving sermon. Dr. Turnipseed is one of the most popular speakers in the state and will doubtless be heard by a large congregation.

The special offering to be taken will be divided between the denominational orphanages of the state.

ON THE SICK LIST

Dr. L. Ross Lynn has been confined to his home the past week on account of illness. His friends unite in wishing for him a speedy recovery.

CREMATED BODY FOUND IN FURNACE

Charred Body of Minister's Wife Discovered in Basement. Clue
Still Missing.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 18.—Police tonight admitted they were without a clue to the mysterious cremation of Mrs. Eddie Sheatsley, 50 years old, wife of the Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Lutheran church of Bexley, a suburb, whose charred body was found in the heating furnace in the basement of their home. County Prosecutor King, with Police Lieut. Shellenbarger, spent the entire day questioning members of the family and witnesses.

The tragedy last night was declared by Coroner Murphy to be a suicide.

Unwilling to accept the coroner's version of the affair, Prosecutor King said a complete investigation would be made. Each member of the family was questioned during the afternoon. Clarence, a son of Mr. Sheatsley, twice questioned as to why he did not report the finding of his mother's body in the furnace shortly after 3 o'clock. Testimony showed that his elder brother and both sisters came home more than an hour earlier than the father, but that the younger boy did not report his findings to them.

Milton, the older boy, related that he attended classes at Capitol University during the morning and that all members of the family were present for dinner at 12 o'clock. He and the two girls left home about 12:15 p. m., leaving Clarence, his father and mother alone in the house.

Testimony established that the minister left home about 1:30 p. m., and Clarence said he left about fifteen minutes later. Milton returned home about 3:15 p. m., and smelled a peculiar odor before he had entered the house. He did not investigate, thinking it was rabbit pelt burning, he said.

Not until his sisters returned from school about 4:30 p. m., and were attracted to the furnace by the odor did Milton investigate, he said. He accompanied them to the basement and opened the furnace door a trifle but hurriedly closed it when a volume of smoke and fumes poured forth, he said.

Questioned closely as to why he did not investigate further when he opened the furnace door, Milton said he thought perhaps a rabbit pelt had been thrown in with the garbage.

Police said no member of the family was considered as a suspect.

Another angle was injected into the case when Clarence testified that he had missed a bottle of acid which usually was kept in the medicine closet. Questioning of other members of the family failed to throw any light on the matter.

Each of the witnesses was asked concerning a certain student in the university, who now is ill in a local hospital. The minister told the police he visited her yesterday while on his regular round of mercy.

Officials are unanimous in their belief that the woman could not have ended her own life in the furnace, which is the usual type. The door is about fourteen inches square and is two feet from the floor.

When the body was found the back was toward the opening with feet and head on either side of the door, the coroner reported.

Officials tomorrow will consult authorities on the length of time necessary to reduce the body to the state in which it was found.

Several Federal Jurors Drawn

The following have been drawn to serve as Federal jurors for the December term of court which convenes in Spartanburg: Week beginning December 9th, W. E. Griffin, Cross Hill; J. L. Kellett, Fountain Inn. For December 15th, James C. Todd, D. H. Wilson, and W. P. Sullivan, of Laurens.

SYMBOLS OF SATISFACTION

A Swede who couldn't speak English went into a store, pointed to a beehive on a can of honey, and grunted his desire for that particular brand. The beehive had become to him a symbol of satisfaction.

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THE CLINTON CHRONICLE
"The Paper Everybody Reads"

P. C. FRESHMEN UNDEFEATED

Blue Stocking and Furman First
Year Teams Still Undeclared
In State.

The freshman championship is still dangling in the balance and even when the season is over there might still be some doubt as to winners. So far only two teams are serious contenders for the state honors with each other. Furman has not been defeated in the state yet, neither has P. C. The Blue Sox tied Carolina after making more first downs and gaining twice the ground. Against the Clemson Cubs, Coach McMillian's men were confronted with very little trouble and easily piled up forty one points.

The Blue Sox were scheduled to meet the Wofford "Pups" last Saturday, and after a large crowd had assembled to see the match the "Pups" failed to show up. The only remaining game on the schedule is with the Newberry Papposes in Newberry next Friday. They are slated to win from Newberry and were favored to win from the "Pups" also. Coach McMillian's men are in fine shape for any contest that might arise and they are eager to prove that they are state champions.

At present the Blue Sox have one open date on their card and plans are being made now to fill this. If a game between the Little Hurricane and the Blue Sox could be arranged it would settle the championship right now. However, this is merely a supposition and contest of this sort could probably not be arranged. Nevertheless these two teams will have a chance to fight out their claims next year when the varsity of these two institutions meet.

McLEES MEETING IN GREENWOOD

Well Known Evangelist Receives
Number of Additions Into
Church.

The Rev. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, Va., well known here and throughout the Southern Presbyterian church as the "blind evangelist," has just closed a successful two weeks' meeting for the First Presbyterian church of Greenwood. Accounts of the meeting state that Mr. McLees was heard by the largest congregations ever gathered together in Greenwood and that his earnest presentation of the Gospel truths made a profound impression upon all who heard him. As fruits of the revival, 33 additions to the church were made at last Sunday morning's service. During the two years of Mr. McLees' pastorate, the Greenwood church has added 204 new members.

Mr. McLees is well known in Clinton and is pleasantly remembered as having conducted an evangelistic campaign for the First Presbyterian church here several months ago.

P. C. AND FURMAN TO MEET AGAIN

Next Year's Gridiron Schedule to Include
Game in Greenville With
Purple Hurricane.

The Presbyterian College and Furman University will resume athletic relations next year, the 1925 gridiron schedule calling for a game in Greenville between the two teams on October 31. These two rivals did not meet this year and more than usual interest will be manifested throughout the state in this announcement that the strong Freshmen teams of the two institutions, developed into varsity aggregations next season, will be seen in action.

The P. C. schedule for next year has practically been completed and to date includes games with Erskine, Furman, Davidson, Newberry, Oglethorpe, Wofford and Citadel. As is the case this year, the P. C. and Citadel contest will be the 1925 Thanksgiving Day climax.

INHERITANCE TAX BUSINESS OF STATE

Denny of Delaware Talks At Meeting
of Governors' Conference
in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 17.—The estate or inheritance tax is one which should be levied by the state governments and it is to the interest of the state governments to arrive at some understanding with the federal government as regards this tax, declared Governor William D. Denny of Delaware, in a paper he read at the second session of the governor's conference, which assembled in sixteenth session here today.

Governor Denny with Governor Clifford M. Walker of Georgia, led the discussion of taxation which occupied the entire afternoon session of the conference, except for a brief executive session that preceded adjournment for the day and at which the decision was made to increase the executive committee to five members, and selections made to fill these places. Those named on the committee were: Gov. W. W. Brandon of Alabama, Ralph O. Brewster, governor-elect of Maine, Gov. E. Lee Trinkle of Virginia, chairman, Gov. Alex. J. Groesbeck of Michigan, and Roland H. Hartley, governor-elect of Washington.

In support of his suggestion, Governor Denny declared that the states now are in an excellent strategic position to effect a definite understanding with the federal authorities with reference to levying inheritance taxes and "thus to get a very real benefit for our states without giving up anything of intrinsic value." He believed that congress could be induced to leave to the states the field of inheritance taxes, if the states would support a constitutional amendment restricting further issues of tax exempt securities. He pointed out that there are now in the country more than thirteen billion dollars of tax exempt securities and that they are increasing at the rate of about one billion dollars annually, mostly in state and municipal bonds.

In this connection Governor Trinkle of Virginia warned members of the conference against writing into the constitution any measure to prevent the taxing of any class of people. Declaring that he did not refer particularly to the recently adopted constitutional amendment prohibiting the levying of income taxes in Florida, the Virginia executive gave it as his opinion that a measure of this character would disrupt the tax systems in other states.

"There are many men of wealth," Governor Trinkle asserted, "who will go to any land, anywhere, to get rid of taxation." He was almost convinced, though, that the public generally was practically "persuaded that any state tax that is properly spent is a good investment."

Governor Groesbeck of Michigan believed that it was not so much a matter of forms of taxation that interested the people of the various states. On the contrary, they had just about concluded that "the more forms of taxation, the more money will be spent." The more important problem facing the state officials, the Michigan governor thought, was to stabilize governmental expenditures, "keep expenses within reason and if that is done I don't believe we will have much trouble with the kind of taxes to be levied."

He was of the opinion that gross extravagance existed in some instances and that the "taxpayer really did not get his money's worth."

"Place the tax burden where it can best be borne," pleaded Gov. Henry B. Whitfield of Mississippi.

Governor Whitfield said the people who consume the state's resources should pay; therefore, he favored an income tax, and a similar view was expressed by several others, although some said their states had voted against it.

A measure adopted by the people of Florida in the general election, November 4, was described by Gov. Hardee as one which he believed would result in bringing about ways to reach intangible assets, because it gave the legislature authority to classify property so as to get at these holdings. The best way to reach intangibles, Governor Trinkle suggested, was to tax them at time of issuance, and thus prevent the possibility of allowing them to be hidden away somewhere in a safe.

The afternoon discussions followed those of the morning session which were devoted to suggestions for the conservation of natural resources.

Seventeen governors and two governors-elect were present at the opening sessions of the conference, the latter being Ralph Brewster of Maine and John W. Martin of Florida. The party will leave here tomorrow afternoon on a St. John's river steamship for Sanford, and from that point will continue a trip through south and east Florida.

THANKSGIVING DAY NAMED

Sets Aside Last Thursday in November
and Calls on Nation to
Show Gratitude.

Washington, Nov. 12.—President Coolidge has issued his annual Thanksgiving day proclamation, setting aside Thursday, November 27, as a day of gratitude for continued prosperity throughout the United States.

The proclamation urged that thanks be given because the year has been marked by a continuation of peace whereby "our country has entered into a relationship of better understanding with all other nations of the earth," and because at home "we have continually had an improving state of health," with industrial production large and harvests bountiful. It follows:

"By the President of the United States of America.

"A proclamation.
"We approach that season of the year when it has been the custom for the American people to give thanks for the good fortune which the bounty of Providence, through the generosity of nature, has visited upon them: It is altogether a good custom. It has the sanction of antiquity and the approbation of our religious convictions. In acknowledging the receipt of Divine favor, in contemplating the blessings which have been bestowed upon us, we shall reveal the spiritual strength of the nation.

"The year has been marked by a continuation of peace whereby our country has entered into a relationship of better understanding with all other nations of the earth. Ways have been revealed to us by which we could perform very great service through the giving of friendly counsel, through the extension of financial assistance, through the exercise of a spirit of neighborly kindness to less favored peoples. We should give thanks for the power which has been given into our keeping, with which we have been able to render these services to the rest of mankind.

"At home we have continually had an improving state of public health. The production of our industries has been large and our harvests have been bountiful. We have been remarkably free from disorder and remarkably successful in all those pursuits which flourish during a state of domestic peace. An abundant prosperity has overspread the land. We shall do well to accept all these favors and bounties with becoming humility, and dedicate them to the service of the righteous cause of the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. As the nation has prospered let all the people show that they are worthy to prosper, by rededicating America to the service of God and man.

"Therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States of America, hereby proclaim and fix Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of November, as a day for national thanksgiving. I recommend that the people gather in their places of worship, and at the family altars and offer their thanks for goodness which has been shown to them in such a multitude of ways. Especially I urge them to supplicate the Throne of Grace that they may gather strength from their tribulations, that they may gain humility from their victories, that they may bear without complaining the burdens that shall be placed upon them, and that they may be increasingly worthy in all ways of the blessings that shall come to them.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

"Dore at the city of Washington this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-ninth.

"By the President,
"CALVIN COOLIDGE (Seal)

"Charles E. Hughes,
Secretary of State."

Woodruff Plays Here Tomorrow

The Woodruff high school football team, headed by Jack Wilson, one of P. C.'s former stars, will invade Clinton tomorrow afternoon to meet the Clinton Hi in what promises to be one of the season's finest battles. The team under the effective training of Coach Wilson, has made a fine showing this season and will doubtless give the locals some stiff opposition. The Clinton boys are in fine trim and are laying for the Woodruffites tomorrow. The season will close next Friday, November 28, with Newberry and Clinton meeting on the local field.

Mrs. Henry Young left Monday for Enoree where she will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stroud.