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NEW HEAD FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

William D. Melton, Prominent Columbia Lawyer Elected by Trustees to Succeed Dr. Currell

Columbia, March 11.—William D. Melton, one of the best known and ablest lawyers in South Carolina and one of the leading business men of Columbia, was last night unanimously elected president of the University of South Carolina to succeed Dr. William Spencer Currell, who had resigned at the January meeting of the board of trustees. Mr. Melton accepted the presidency last evening.

Mr. Melton will assume the duties of president some time between July 1 and September 1, and will abandon all his business and professional activities, devoting his entire time to upbuilding the university.

Concurrently with the election of Mr. Melton as president of the university, the trustees elected Dr. Currell dean of the recently created graduate school. Dr. Currell will become the head of the graduate school just as soon as Mr. Melton assumes the office of president and he expects to have the school well organized and equipped by the next scholastic year. This school was created by the legislature at the recent session.

Mr. Melton, the president-elect, is a man of large business and professional affairs and in accepting the office of president last night told the board that he wanted to take up the new work as early as possible and would arrange matters as quickly as he could.

The new president was president of the South Carolina Bar association in 1920-21.

In accepting the resignation of Dr. Currell the trustees expressed their highest esteem for the work the retiring president has done and instructed Governor Cooper, chairman of the board, to convey the board's esteem to Dr. Currell by letter.

In casting about for a successor to Dr. Currell the board had two ideas in view, to find a man who would measure up to the requirements of a real university executive and a man of high culture and character. These members of the board said, are believed to be embodied in the president-elect.

Dr. Currell, the retiring president, assumed the office of the presidency in 1914 and since his administration the university has made much progress, both in scholarship and attendance.

Mr. Melton, in his acceptance, said to the members of the board that he would burn all his business bridges behind him and would devote his entire time to the affairs of the university; that he would do all in his power to increase and broaden his influence and make it a real vital force in the state. The members of the board of trustees pledged to him their entire support and cooperation in the large task ahead of him.

No other man was given consideration at the meeting than Mr. Melton, who was in no sense a candidate. The board, as expressed by each member, was of the opinion that he filled all the qualifications making for a high class executive.

William Davis Melton was born near Richburg, Chester county, May 26, 1868, the son of Dr. William C. D. Melton and Mary Jane Poag Melton. His early education was in the public schools of Chester and after finishing his common school education he attended the University of Virginia from 1887 to 1890, graduating in the schools of English, Latin, French, moral philosophy, chemistry, natural history and geology.

He was licentiate instructor in Latin in the University of Virginia from 1889 to 1890. From 1890 to 1892 he attended the law school of the University of South Carolina, graduating with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1892, located in Chester where he remained until March of 1893, when he removed to Columbia. He is senior member of the firm of Melton & Belser. He has made Columbia his home since.

Mr. Melton was an attorney and chairman of the ways and means committee of the city of Columbia from 1900 to 1906 and was a member of ordinances establishing the waterworks system, the sewerage system, the paid fire department, the recorder's court, the police commission and other constructive measures. He was chairman of the state board of law examiners from 1910 to 1919 and president of the South Carolina Bar association in 1920-21. During the world war he was state chairman of the "four-minute men" state chairman of the united war work campaign, city chairman of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. campaigns and active in all Liberty loan campaigns.

Mr. Melton has been elected to an honorary degree of doctor of laws by the university trustees and this degree will be conferred upon him at the commencement this June.

Mr. Melton is associated with a large number of businesses in the city, being one of the leading business men of Columbia. He is president of the City Development com-

RAILROAD COMMISSION MEETING

Several Hearings Are Scheduled For Next Week

Columbia, April 11.—The railroad commission has several hearings scheduled for its next regular meeting time, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. On the 15th it will have a hearing in Columbia on the question of continuing the railroad agencies at Horry, in Horry county, and at Snellings, in Barnwell county.

On the 20th, the commission will go to Columbia to hold two hearings, one on seed potato rates from the port of Charleston to interior points on the Seaboard, certain adjustments being asked; the other hearing on the question of train service on the Walterboro railroad, between Green Pond and Ehrhardt. The railroads want to discontinue certain service put on as a "try-out" service, and now said not to have sufficient traffic.

GEORGE NICHOLS RELEASED

Judge Discharges Man Held For Fifty Year Old Crime

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 13.—George Nichols, held here in connection with the killing of Peter Mooney, at Rome, Ga., fifty-one years ago, was released last night by order of Judge Foster, of the circuit court, on habeas corpus proceedings.

The Argus Investment company, Liberty Realty company, Mutual Holding company, and is associated with other development corporations. He is attorney, member and director of the finance committee of the National Loan & Exchange bank of Columbia, Columbia Savings Bank & Trust company, South Carolina Insurance company, Homestead Building & Loan company, Acme Building & Loan company, Richland Building & Loan company, Columbia Real Estate & Trust company and in addition to these is associated in other business enterprises of Columbia.

May 10, 1898, Mr. Melton was married to Miss Caro Belser of Summerton, who died May 10, 1903. He was married to Miss Netta Loeb of Charleston September 17, 1911.

Mr. Melton is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, the First Presbyterian church of Columbia and is a Mason.

Following the receipt of a resolution from the student body protesting against the requirement of attending church every Sunday the trustees retreated their regulation that every student at the institution unless he is excused by the president, the resolution said the students attended church but objected to the compulsory feature of the attendance. They must sign a card stating they attended services. The resolution was couched in language that indicated the student body was "against" the regulations as carried out at present.

The board adopted resolutions to the memory of the late C. E. Spencer of York, for years a member of the board, and appointed a committee to adopt suitable resolutions on the recent death of P. A. Willcox, another member.

Commencement to and a pledge of cooperation with the efforts of Prof. A. C. Carson and the Columbia chamber of commerce in their efforts to have established a radio telephonic broadcasting station at the university were expressed by the board.

It was decided to leave the matter of procuring plans for the contemplated women's building with the building committee, with the proviso that the plans should take into consideration a structure to house a population of between 200 and 300 students.

The members of the board present were Governor Cooper, State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen, D. M. Winter of Columbia, August Kohn of Columbia, J. Gordon Hughes of Union, James H. Sullivan of Laurens, Dr. R. O. McCutchen of Bishopville, E. A. Harrod of Charleston, W. J. Cormack of Columbia and D. R. Coker of Hartsville.

The board was almost in continuous session from noon until 11 o'clock last night.

DR. CURRELL BECOMES DEAN

Columbia, April 11.—Dr. W. S. Currell will become dean of the graduate school of the University next September, with the opening of the next session. The new president will succeed Dr. Currell, then, the resignation of the present president, submitted some weeks ago, becoming effective with his elevation to the position of head of the graduate school.

The trustees were in session practically all of Monday, going into the budget for the year ahead and also setting up the new school of graduates, authorized by the recent legislature.

BANKERS ENDORSE MARKETING

Far Seeing Financiers Convinced That Co-operative Marketing is the Solution of Cotton Selling Problem

Columbia, April 11.—Believing that co-operative marketing of cotton will mean much for the future welfare of the state, bankers all over South Carolina are throwing themselves actively into the fight to sign up the 400,000 bales by May 1, necessary to perfect the organization of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association. In some counties the bankers have gone out into the rural districts canvassing for contracts and urging the growers of cotton to sign.

"I am glad to see that the farmers are realizing the benefit of co-operative action for the purpose of disposing of the basic crop of cotton in an orderly manner and securing to themselves a reasonable return upon the capital and labor expended upon it," says R. G. Rhett, president of the Peoples' Bank, of Charleston, in a message received today. "The methods pursued heretofore have been most disastrous—co-operative marketing on the plan proposed would not only aid the farmer but would stabilize the price and in the end benefit both the manufacturers and the consumer. I earnestly hope that the campaign will terminate successfully."

From Wm. C. Beacham, president of the Peoples' National Bank of Greenville, came this message: "I am very glad indeed of the opportunity to endorse the present effort to form a co-operative association in this state for the marketing of cotton. Our farmers have suffered great losses in the past on account of the marketing methods of their cotton, and co-operative marketing, as suggested, appears to me to be the only practical method of relief that has been suggested."

W. E. Atkinson, president of the Planters' Bank of Orangeburg, sent this message: "I am very glad to know of the splendid progress the organization committee is making towards the quota. Effective, organized, co-operative marketing of our cotton through such an organization as the movement proposed appears to be the solution of our largest marketing problem. I am very glad to endorse such a movement that promises so much for the cotton producer and this section in general, and I trust that the campaign now on in this state will be brought to a successful conclusion."

METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Four Year Time Limit For Minister to Be Discussed

Columbia, April 13.—A discussion of the four-year time limit for Methodist ministers, with the possibility of lifting this restriction, will feature the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the south, to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., in May. Many Methodist ministers from all parts of this state, will attend the big conference, leaving on a special train which starts from Columbia on May 1, over the Southern Railway.

The Hot Springs conference opens May 1 and lasts about three weeks. Among the ministers from the Upper South Carolina conference who will attend are: Rev. J. R. T. Major, Rev. E. R. Stackhouse and Rev. Mark L. Carlisle, of Columbia, and Rev. B. R. Turbipseed, of Spartanburg; and laymen include, Dr. H. N. Snyder, of Wofford College, Spartanburg; C. C. Featherstone, of Greenwood; L. L. Hardin, Columbia, and J. C. Smith, Waterloo. Among those who will attend from the lower conference are Rev. B. M. McLeod, of Marion; J. W. Daniel of Sumter; G. E. Edwards, of Orangeburg, and Rev. Peter Stokes, of Orangeburg.

New bishops are to be elected at the Hot Springs conference and many other matters of importance are to be considered.

CHILD DRINKS GASOLINE

Little Girl Thinks It Is Olive Juice

Florence, April 12.—Four-year-old Eugenea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kendall, had a very narrow escape from death last evening, when she drank part of a bottle of gasoline. Within a few seconds after she had swallowed the stuff her mother found her deathly sick in the bathroom. The little girl just was able to tell her mother that something she had drunk out of "that bottle" had made her very ill. Medical aid was called immediately and her life was saved only by two hours of heroic effort.

Amundsen's Polar Plane Christened



Miss Lillie Raynor breaks a bottle of (?) on the propeller of the plane which Captain Raold Amundsen will use for flights from his Arctic ship. He named it "Kristina." This, at the Curtis Flying Field, Long Island.

DOMINANT FACTOR IN MARKET

Cooperative Marketing Associations in Control of Nearly Four Million Bales of 1922 Crop

Columbia, April 12.—Approximately 3,725,000 bales will have been signed up to be sold through the various state-wide cotton co-operative marketing associations in the belt before the 1922 crop goes to the market, according to figures compiled by officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association. These figures were received from the heads of the various state-wide organizations, and show that a very heavy percentage of the crop this year will be controlled by the co-operative associations.

The sign-up of the Texas associations, 700,000 bales; Oklahoma, 450,000 bales; Mississippi, 225,000 bales; Arizona, 50,000 bales; Arkansas, 225,000 bales; North Carolina, 400,000 bales; and Georgia, 275,000 bales; making a total of 2,225,000 bales. South Carolina is expected to sign up 400,000 by May 1 and Alabama 200,000 bales by June 1. Oklahoma is expected to sign up 200,000 additional, Texas 500,000 additional and the other states 100,000 additional, making a grand total of 3,725,000 bales. Officials of South Carolina association said today that this was certainly a heavy enough percentage of the crop to prove a very stabilizing factor in the market next fall and every year thereafter. Over 22,000 bales were signed in the state Monday and Tuesday.

PENITENTIARY CHAIR FACTORY

Contract For Operation to Be Given to Highest Bidder

Columbia, April 13.—That contract for the operation of the chair factory in the penitentiary, will be let to the highest bidder on May 18, was a decision reached at a meeting of the board of directors of the state prison held in Columbia Wednesday afternoon. The directors met to consider the proposal to renew the contract which has been in force for the past five years with the Fibercraft chair company of Frankfort, Ky., operators of the factory in the penitentiary. The Fibercraft company asked for a renewal of the contract with a five per cent increase in its share of the profits, due to increased selling expenses. The directors considered the matter for several hours, and it was finally agreed to postpone action until a meeting, May 18, at which time the best bid will be accepted. There was one other bid submitted Wednesday.

FLIERS STILL AT CAPE VERDE

Trans-Atlantic Flight Prevented by Bad Weather

Lisbon, April 13.—Bad weather prevented the start of Captains Sautera and Continho, the Portuguese aviators, on the third stage of their flight to Brazil from Cape Verde Islands to St. Paul Rock, in mid-Atlantic.

RICH NEW YORKER KILLS HIMSELF

Frank W. Duryea an Officer in the Army Kills Himself at San Francisco — Cause of Deed Unknown

San Francisco, April 11.—An army board of inquiry into the death of Major Frank W. Duryea, in his quarters today, found that he had committed suicide by shooting, but learned nothing of any motive.

Major Duryea, a member of a wealthy New York family, was a son of Gen. Hiram Duryea, Zouave leader in the civil war. He served two years overseas in the ordnance department and had been stationed at Ninth Army Corps Area headquarters here about a year in the finance department.

Death Hovers Over Family. New York, April 11.—The spectre of violent death which apparently has been relentlessly tracking the male line of the Duryeas, wealthy New York society family, claimed its third victim today with the suicide in San Francisco today of Major Frank W. Duryea.

The first was Gen. Hiram Duryea, a white-haired, picturesque figure, who led the Zouaves in the stirring days of the civil war and who on May 5, 1914, at the age of eighty-one, was shot down and killed by his son, Chester, in his home in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn.

Chester, who was alleged to have fired the fatal shot after his father had refused a demand for money, now is in an insane asylum. The next Duryea to fall was killed by his own hand. He was Harry H. Duryea, a brother of Chester and Frank.

A man of prominence in the financial world he was found shot to death in his Madison avenue office on July 27, 1921. His attorney declared that Mr. Duryea, inheriting a large fortune from his father who had been president and founder of the National Starch Company, had no financial worries.

The widow and son of Major Frank Duryea who holds a high position in the business world and social life of the city were stunned today when dispatches from the coast told the story of another suicide.

Mrs. Duryea received word of her husband's death over the telephone. Although she said she was prepared for bad news, she dropped the receiver with a gasp and fainted when the blow came.

OLD TOWN LEVEE BREAKS

Mississippi Cuts Sixty Foot Hole in Bank

Helena, April 13.—Fifty men have been dispatched to Oldtown, Ark., to throw up embankments behind a sixty foot hole discovered in the Mississippi river levee last night.

Nine Villages in Ark., Flood Bound

Helena, Ark., April 12.—Nine villages, in centers of the farming and commercial activities of eastern Arkansas, are either inundated or surrounded by water as a result of the flood of the Arkansas and White River.

CONFERENCE OPENS WITH BIG CLASH

Russian and French Delegates Disagree Violently in the Opening Session at Genoa

Genoa, April 10.—A clash over a disarmament proposal by George Chitchein, the Russian Soviet foreign minister, which occurred between Chitchein and M. Barthou, of France, threatened to disrupt the conference.

M. Barthou said that France categorically refused to discuss disarmament at Genoa. M. Chitchein replied that Russia thought France would be ready to discuss this question because M. Briand, the former premier, had said at the Washington conference that disarmament had made disarmament impossible.

Russia to Forefront. Genoa, April 10 (By the Associated Press).—Russia, the status of which is one of the questions of supreme importance to be decided by the economic conference, came to the forefront soon after the opening of that great assembly today. Speeches had been made by the presiding officer, Premier Facta, of Italy; Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain; Dr. Wirth, of Germany, and spokesmen of France, Japan and Belgium, all of a conciliatory nature and voicing adherence to the Cannes resolutions, upon which the present gathering is based.

Mr. Lloyd George said that all the delegates met on a footing of equality, provided they accepted the conditions set forth, which, briefly, declared that countries must not repudiate their contracts, that they must not wage war on the institutions of another, that they must not engage in aggressive operations against others and that the people of one country should be entitled to justice in the courts of another.

George Chitchein, the Russian Soviet foreign minister, in speaking for his delegation, announced their adherence to the resolutions and then declared that Russia was ready to support any proposals that would avoid war or lighten the burden.

M. Barthou immediately protested and declared with some heat that France would absolutely refuse to discuss the question of disarmament at this conference.

Mr. Lloyd George hastened to intervene, and in his contention that disarmament could not be taken up, certainly not before a peace basis had been reached at Genoa, he was supported by Signor Facta. Eventually, the discussion on this point ceased, after M. Chitchein said the Russian delegation would bow to the collective will of the conference.

The clash between the Russian and French delegates disclosed the fact that disarmament is not on the agenda, and that therefore this matter is not to be taken up for consideration.

The keynote of Lloyd George's speech was peace, and he made a powerful appeal to the delegates to work in unison for the restoration of good relations and normal economic conditions throughout the world. He believed that if the conference was successful in its achievements, the United States "would not merely come in, but come in gladly."

The Italian premier, who was elected permanent chairman of this conference, was equally earnest in his desire for unanimity and promised the aid of Italy in carrying out any resolution likely to guarantee peace and stability among the nations.

M. Barthou pledged the loyal support of France in whatever conference might do to put into execution the tasks of reconstruction and good relationship which it has mapped out.

Genoa, April 11.—The admission of the Russian and German representatives to membership in principal committee of the economic conference, was strongly opposed by the French and Belgians, but Premier Lloyd George, with Premier Facta, and Foreign Minister Schanzer, of Italy, intervened and succeeded in smoothing over the differences, resulting in the admittance of both the Russians and Germans.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case of W. N. Miller Results in Mistrial

The case of W. N. Miller vs. Walker D. Hines, director general of the A. C. L. railroad, which was taken up for trial during the court session of Wednesday was placed in the hands of the jury on Thursday morning. A mistrial was declared after the members of the jury had remained for several hours in deliberation and with no possible agreement as to a verdict reached. Plaintiff's counsel, Tatum and Woods; defendants, Reynolds and Reynolds, and J. V. Bair. Case now being tried, J. V. Bair, Adm. vs. Lime Cola Bottling Co.

FURMAN SUES FOR PLEDGE

Courts Asked to Re-quire Estate of C. A. C. Waller to Settle

Greenwood, April 12.—Trial of the case of Furman university vs. the estate of C. A. C. Waller began today in the court of common pleas. Judge James S. Wilson is the presiding judge.

The plaintiff is bringing suit for \$9,000 against the estate of the late C. A. C. Waller, alleging that Mr. Waller pledged the sum of \$10,000 to Furman university in the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign. Only \$100 of which has been paid. Dr. Coleman B. Waller of Spartanburg and Hunter Gibbs of Columbia, as administrators of the estate, are defendants in the case.

Witnesses called by attorneys for the plaintiff today were Dr. J. R. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist church of Greenwood; Dr. W. J. McClothlin, president of Furman university, and H. L. Watson, former president of the Furman Alumni association and a member of the board of trustees.

Furman university is represented by Haysworth & Haysworth of Greenville and Tillman, Mays & Featherstone of Greenwood. The defendant is represented by Grit & Park of Greenwood.

AUGUSTA STREET CAR SERVICE

Augusta City Council Comes to Agreement With Augusta-Aiken Corporation

Augusta, April 12.—City council and the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric corporation came to agreement tonight and the street cars, which have been in the barn for a month, will resume operation Saturday. The cars were halted because unrestricted competition by jitneys had cut deeply into the company's revenues.

The city now agrees to restrict jitney operations to the extent of not allowing them to take or discharge patrons within one block of streets on which street car tracks are laid. Street car fares are seven cents when tickets are purchased and ten cents for casual riders.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD

Situation Growing More Serious in Helena District

New Orleans, April 12.—Reports from Helena, Ark., that approximately 235 square miles of land in the lower part of Phillips county were covered by flood waters from the White and Arkansas rivers, which are backed up by the high stage of the Mississippi river, gave a more serious aspect to the flood situation today.

The village of Melwood, in the flooded area, was reported covered with from eight to ten feet of water, while Elaine is completely surrounded by water with water a few inches deep in the streets.

Railroad and all vehicular traffic has been stopped in the flooded area and few people remained in their homes to take chances with the high water. Practically all live stock has been removed to higher grounds.

A hurry call for levee builders was sent out from Arkansas City today and men were rushed to that point to aid in strengthening a one mile stretch of levee along the Mississippi river. The levee is holding, being raised to a greater height to meet the increasing floods expected.

In the Helena districts scores of houses, which were flooded by backwater, have been washed off their foundations and a number demolished by the high waves resulting from the winds, which have contributed largely to the present higher river stages by preventing the water from flowing southward.

Levee engineers in all the districts continue to express confidence there will be no serious break or overflow at any point. Strict guard is being maintained at all probable danger points, while material and equipment to handle any emergency has been placed at strategic points.

At Old Town, Ark., where a serious break was successfully overcome about ten days ago, renewed sloughing was reported today at the southern end of the old slough.

RICH MAN TO PAUPER

Former Bank President Dies in County Jail

Chicago, April 12.—Dr. J. C. Willis, formerly a famous surgeon and bank president, and ten years ago worth half a million dollars, died in the county jail today where he was awaiting trial on charges of passing \$123 worth of bogus checks.

Dr. Willis wrote many medical text books and was a recognized authority on certain nerve diseases. He lost his fortune through speculation.

ARBUCKLE FINALLY ACQUITTED

Fat Film Comedian Escapes on Third Trial

San Francisco, April 12.—A verdict of acquittal was returned by a jury tonight in the third trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress. The jury was out six minutes.

The defendant was deeply affected. He received the verdict with a great sigh of relief. There was no demonstration, the court having warned against it. Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle, the defendant's wife, cried quietly. Both she and Arbuckle shook hands with the jurors.

The quick return of the jury was a surprise. Edward Brown, whose presence on the jury was objected to by the prosecution, was foreman. There was a slight delay when the jury returned, due to the absence of the district attorney.

The verdict was by acclamation, the deliberation taking less than a minute. The additional time was consumed by details.

MONEY QUESTION DISCUSSED AT GENOA

Another Step Toward Restoration of Normal Conditions

Genoa, April 12.—The necessity of bringing about equilibrium in national budgets, if the European situation is to be stabilized, formed the most important subject of discussion at the meeting today of the sub-commission on finance, at which Sir Robert Stevenson-Horne, the chairman, proposed an international conference of the great banks issuing currency, including the American reserve banks.

The commission decided to make the London experts' report the basis of its deliberations and to appoint another sub-commission to examine exchange, with a second sub-commission to study credits. The commission itself devoting its labor to the question of currency.

Dr. Andreas Hermes, the German minister of finance, created some commotion by alluding to the question of reparations. He declared that the Germans had examined the London report and were in accord on many points but wished to emphasize that Germany would find extreme difficulty in establishing equilibrium in her budget, which obliged to support heavy payments externally. Germany, he promised, will bring in practical suggestions later.

A report was current in conference circles that the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, would return to Berlin within a few days, concerned over internal conditions in that country.

After making the statement that in two years the Russian army had been decreased from 5,500,000 to 1,450,000, it was said by a member of the Russian delegation: "Russia has already disarmed but all will be useless until the great masses of gold, which rightfully belongs to all countries, shall be distributed fairly, instead of being concentrated in the hands of a few nations."

Emil Gluckstadt, Danish delegate, who was a member of the commission which investigated the financial situation in Austria, urged the imperative necessity of returning rapidly to the gold standard as the real basis of world currency, and thus bring about equilibrium in the budgets.

Sir Robert outlined the great goal of the conference as: first, to establish an agreement on the financial programs of all governments; second, to achieve the financial equilibrium of the budgets of all states; and, third, the establishment of the gold standard as an effective monetary unit.

The Russian and German delegates announced that they hoped to agree to submit definite suggestions based upon the report of the London experts. The day's developments showed distinct progress in the serious application and study of the economic problems of Europe.

In the meantime the plans on which Russia will be permitted to reenter the comity of nations on the basis of social order prevalent in the remainder of the world is now squarely before the Bolshevik delegates.

GAS RATE IS REDUCED

Savannah is Given Cut of Fifteen Cents

Atlanta, April 12.—The State Railroad commission today reduced the Savannah gas rate to \$1.45 net a thousand cubic feet, a cut of 15c from the present net rate and lowered the Valdosta rate to \$1.75 net, a reduction of 15c. Applications from eight other Georgia cities and towns are pending.

When the political pot boils there's always lots of smoke.