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The Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today; tomorrow unsettled, probably showers, and cooler by night.

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GEDDES URGES BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO UNITE FOR PEACE OF WORLD

FORESEES LASTING AMITY BETWEEN 2 KINDRED NATIONS

Ambassador Brings Ringing Message to University of Virginia Audience.

DELEGATES TO CENTENNIAL VISIT JEFFERSON'S HOME

Pilgrimage of Distinguished Guests to Monticello Is Feature of Day.

DINNER IN HISTORIC ROTUNDA

Degrees Will Be Conferred This Morning—Departmental Meetings Held Later.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., June 2.—The impossibility of war between England and the United States was stressed today by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, addressing centennial delegates of the University of Virginia in the new Greek amphitheater.

The ambassador not only foresaw perpetual peace between the two English-speaking peoples, but said that he wished to see all the English-speaking peoples of the world banded together in a leadership of nations "to the era of world peace." He characterized war as futile and unnecessary, and said that it is the duty of every university to plant in the minds of its intellectual children a true understanding of the cost of war, so that never light-heartedly will they let their nations turn to "the dread arbitrament of arms."

"I have noticed that when I, as British ambassador, speak of peace I am usually supposed by some newspaper reporter to dread the immediate or early outbreak of war between your nation and mine," said Ambassador Geddes.

Wants Nations Joined for Peace.

"May I say that I am not so silly? The continuance indefinitely into the future of peace between our peoples is so obvious a necessity of our national lives that I do not dream of the contingency of its rupture. What I am concerned with is something that seems to me far greater and nobler. I wish to see the English-speaking peoples of the world banded together in leadership of all the nations, to the era of world peace, and, as a first step to the era in which the wars which even now we can recognize as futile and unnecessary, are done with forever.

"Nations cannot squander their best and maintain the standard of their stock. Children tend to be like the parents that the nation lets them have; generation after generation the stock may try to get back to its ancestral type, but the stringent selection of war, such as Rome used, will in the end hold the population at the level to which selection modifies it.

Virile and Brave Survive.

"Nor need we fear that peace will rot the vitals of a nation. After two centuries in which she knew no war Japan proved her courage on the battlefields of Manchuria. This is what we should expect. In the peaceful struggle for existence there is a premium placed on the virtues. The virile and the brave survive; the idle weak and dissipated go to the

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Wilson Renews Loyalty to the U. of Va., In Message to President E. A. Alderman

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, June 2.—The following letter was read to the centennial delegates at University of Virginia exercises today from former President Woodrow Wilson, alumnus of the class of 1881:

"My Dear Mr. Alderman:

"It is with heartfelt regret that I find myself unable to attend the great festival of the university. I regard the university with genuine affection, recalling as I do with the keenest interest and with many happy memories the profitable days I spent on her lawns and in the stimulating classrooms where we used to gather about the great John B. Minor. He was a great teacher, and I hold myself his permanent debtor.

"May I not express the confident hope that, surrounded by heirs, the university may take on new life?

"With affectionate loyalty to the noble university.

"Faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

BLAIR NAMES FULWILER SOUTHERN DRY OFFICER

Charles Pendleton, of Gate City, Appointed Prohibition Director for Virginia.

OFFICES TO REMAIN HERE

Representative C. Bascom Slemp Announces R. A. Anderson, of Marion, Will Be Enforcement Officer for State.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair today announced the appointment of Robert A. Fulwiler, a prominent Republican leader of Staunton, Va., to be supervising Federal prohibition agent for the South, department which includes the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

At the same time Mr. Blair announced the appointment of Charles Pendleton, of Gate City, Va., to the Federal prohibition director for Virginia, succeeding Louis H. Machen. The Fulwiler appointment was exclusively forecasted in The Times-Dispatch ten days ago when Republican leaders of Kentucky and Virginia agreed to support the Virginian for the position. It had been intimated then that the headquarters of the Southern department might be transferred from Richmond to Staunton as a matter of convenience to the new prohibition agent.

Today's announcement, however, indicated that the headquarters of this official as well as that of the State director would probably remain where it is. Representative C. Bascom Slemp announced today that R. A. Anderson, of Marion, Va., would be named prohibition enforcement officer for Virginia.

SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR GEN. HORACE PORTER

NEW YORK, June 2.—General Horace Porter's request that his funeral be the simplest a man could have—a word, a song or two and a prayer—was complied with today.

The word and prayer were said by Rev. John Kelman, D. D., at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The songs were "Lead, Kindly Light," and "There Is a Land Beyond the Setting Sun."

A bugler sounded "taps" as the services were concluded. There was no sermon. There were no honorary pallbearers, but the church was crowded with mourners.

Milton Succumbs to Injuries.

William Milton, who was accidentally shot through the brain by a companion nearly two months ago and had been waging a strong battle against death since that time, succumbed yesterday in Memorial Hospital. Milton was a veteran of the world war, having fought in several battles, and the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion will defray the expenses of sending the body to his home in Florida.

PRESIDENT PLEDGES U. S. FOR AN UNBROKEN PEACE

But Declares Willingness to Die for One's Country Vital to Civilization.

SPEAKS TO MIDSHIPMEN

Promises No American Gun Shall Be Fired, While He Is President, in Cause Out of Harmony With Nation's Conscience.

[By Associated Press.]

ANNAPOLIS, MD., June 2.—President Harding presented diplomas to the Naval Academy graduating class here today with a prayer that the newly commissioned officers never would be called into battle, but with an admonition that willingness to fight and die for one's country always must remain one of the most potent safeguards to civilization.

Speaking in Dahlgren Hall before the midshipmen and thousands of their relatives and friends assembled for the graduation exercises, the President solemnly reaffirmed his faith in a strong and fearless republic, but added that he wanted it always a republic of "high ideals." The most desired of national attachments, he said, would be a medium between the spirit of maintained institutions and the spirit of the crusader.

With his expression of hope that the nation would not again be called to war, Mr. Harding coupled a promise that so long as he remained President, no American would be called upon to fire a gun, except in a cause in harmony with the American conscience and for which answer could be made to God.

Hands Each His Diploma.

The President's short address was delivered after he had handed each of the 260 graduating midshipmen his diploma and had personally congratulated each on his completion of the academy course. Previously Secretary Denby, of the Navy Department, had made the formal commencement address, advising the graduates that their best assets as officers would be the respect and love of their men, and counseling them to be truly "officers and gentlemen," and never "snobs."

Similar advice was given the graduates by Rear-Admiral A. H. Scales, superintendent of the academy.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding, the President motored here from Washington and arrived shortly before 11 A. M.

Among the distinguished guests who sat on the platform during the commencement program was Admiral Urin, of the Japanese navy, a member of the class of 1881, and the only living Japanese graduate of the academy. Formal notice of his presence was taken by Secretary Denby, who, in beginning his address, cor-

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IMMEDIATE HELP IS PLEA OF V. R. & P. TO COUNCIL BODY

Williams Tells Streets Committee 7-Cent Fare Urgently Needed.

COMPANY PRESENTS CASE; HEARING GOES OVER A WEEK

Opponents of Petition to Be Given Opportunity to Speak Next Friday.

Declaring that the Virginia Railway and Power Company is in need of immediate and continued help, so that it may develop its activities and be placed in a position to secure funds for the rehabilitation of the line, R. Randolph Williams, general counsel for the company, last night made a clear and frank statement of the resources of the company, its dangers of collapse and dissolution, and urged the Streets Committee of City Council to do its bit in recommending a straight 7-cent fare.

Mr. Williams was reenforced by the presence of half a hundred leading business men and women, a number of whom also spoke in favor of the adoption of the petition presented by the company, while the Council chamber was crowded to the doors with interested people, representing all elements of citizenship. At times there was applause during the presentation of his case by Mr. Williams. Chairman Puller warned the spectators that they must refrain from expressing themselves in this way, either for or against the proposition as presented.

While the committee did not complete its hearing, merely giving the proponents of the proposition the opportunity of expressing themselves, it was evident that there were a number of people present who will

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WOULD ENFORCE RIGHTS OF ALIENS AGAINST STATES

Power to Enforce Treaty Privileges Given Federal Government in Senate Bill.

MEASURE IS AIMED AT UNFRIENDLY STATE LAWS

Proposal, Framed by American Bar Association Committee, Introduced by Kellogg.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, June 2.—A proposal to confer upon the Federal government power to determine and enforce, even as against States, treaty rights which aliens in the United States may be given, was introduced today by Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota, in the form of a bill framed by the judiciary committee of the American Bar Association.

Senator Kellogg said that the measure was put forward to raise the issue, and not to apply necessarily to any specific situation.

Under the bill, the President would be authorized when in his judgment any statute of a State or Territory contravened treaty rights of aliens, to instruct the Attorney-General to take up the defense of civil or criminal prosecutions brought by State officials before State courts, and to secure their removal to Federal courts for trial.

The Federal courts would take jurisdiction when any acts had been committed against aliens which would constitute crimes under State laws and penalties similar to those provided in the State statutes would be imposed in case of acts against American citizens. United States marshals and, if necessary, army or navy forces, would be available to enforce decisions.

Under present conditions there is no law authorizing intervention by the Federal government for the protec-

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ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN DILL TOBACCO COMPANY

Weyman-Bruton, New York Exporters and Importers, Purchase Stock in Local Concern.

NO CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

Adolph Dill Will Continue at Head of Business Founded in 1848. Company Employs Several Hundred Workers.

The Weyman-Bruton Tobacco Company of New York has bought an interest in the Dill Tobacco Company of Richmond, it became known last night. The extent of the holdings acquired by the New York company, however, could not be learned, nor would one in touch with the affairs of the local concern vouchsafe whether or not Adolph Dill, who, it is said, would continue at the head of the Dill Tobacco Company, would retain a controlling interest in the firm.

The Weyman-Bruton Company is said to be one of the largest exporting and importing tobacco companies in the country.

The Dill Tobacco Company was estblished in 1848—86 thirty-three years ago—by Joseph G. Dill, a brother of the present head, and now dead. Adolph Dill succeeded to the presidency of the company upon the death of his brother.

The company still occupies the same quarters, but considerably enlarged, in which the business was founded, at Twenty-first and Franklin Streets. It gives employment to several hundred persons, mostly young women, and originated and manufactures some of the best known brands of tobacco, both chewing and smoking, on the market. The company operates its own box factory.

Pollieux Robinson, it was stated last night, will continue as treasurer and the business will be continued as formerly in this city under the same management, it was learned.

WILLIAM R. WILSON TO HEAD MAXWELL MOTORS

NEW YORK, June 2.—William Robert Wilson, formerly vice-president of the Irving National Bank, today was elected president of the Maxwell Motors Corporation.

GREEN GETS 18 YEARS FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Hearing of Negro for Attack Upon Young Chesterfield Woman Terminated at Midnight.

TRIAL ORDERLY THROUGHOUT

Work of Impaneling Jury Did Not Get Under Way Until 2 o'Clock. Motion to Set Aside Verdict Is Overruled.

After a trial that lasted from 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon until five minutes before midnight, Clarence Green, colored, was convicted by a jury in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court, and was thereupon sentenced by Judge Robert G. Southall, who presided, to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

The hearing throughout was orderly and at no time was there any show of feeling. Work of impaneling a jury, which was scheduled to begin yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, did not get under way until 2 o'clock. Some delay in starting the trial was occasioned by the absence of two material witnesses for the defense.

Motion to set aside the verdict as contrary to the law and to the evidence was overruled, whereupon counsel for the negro gave notice that an appeal would be taken.

Young Woman Testifies.

The young woman whom Green was said to have attacked in Chesterfield several weeks ago testified that the negro struck her across the back with a stick and wrested a pocketbook from her. It was on this charge—highway robbery—and not attempted criminal attack, that the man was tried. The impression had gained currency that the charge was of a more serious nature.

One of the most important witnesses against Green was a conductor on the Richmond-Petersburg electric railway, named Hawks, who testified that the negro boarded his car about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the attack, Green, he testified, left the car in the vicinity of the crime. Hawks positively identified Green, as did the young woman he is said to have attacked.

The testimony of two youths, who said they saw the negro in the neighborhood of the scene of the al-

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RIGID INQUIRY IN TULSA RACE RIOT ORDERED BY OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR

Denies France Plans Further Annexations; Says Troops Must Stand Guard on Rhine

[By United News.]

COBLENZ, June 2.—France has never had the intention of further annexations, Louis Barthou, Minister of War, declared in a significant speech delivered at dinner with the representatives of the British, American and Belgian armies in this city.

"Our task is difficult," he said. "We must stand guard on the banks of the Rhine—which France has never had the intention of annexing. I can say this in Briand's name.

"But French civilization will penetrate even here, and the population will learn to esteem and like us.

"The attainment of peace is long and difficult, and has many problems which must be settled in the interests of humanity by the entente. France has never desired to regulate them alone. Premier Briand only recently showed his firmness and moderation and sagacity. We desire to remain true to our allies, and we are certain that the allies will remain true to the common cause.

"Germany has not yet lost hope of economic revenge—possibly even military revenge. To force her to renounce this hope, it is imperative that the entente remain undissolved.

BRITISH WARSHIP BOMBED IN QUEENSTOWN HARBOR

Admiralty Attributes Explosion to Time Fuse of Sinn Feiners—Destroyer Badly Damaged.

OFFICIALS CLOSE DRY DOCKS

Colonel Winter, Vice-Commander of Royal Irish Constabulary, Wounded by Shot While Riding in Auto in Dublin.

[By United Press.]

LONDON, June 2.—An explosion aboard one of the British destroyers which lay in dry dock in Queenstown, attributed to a Sinn Fein time fuse, has resulted in the closing of the dockyard by the admiralty for an indefinite term, with the consequent unemployment of a number of shipyard workers. The destroyer was badly damaged.

Colonel Winter, vice-commander of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was wounded by a shot fired at him as he was riding in his automobile in Dublin today.

In Cork a British army court-martial has acquitted four men who participated in the famous hunger strike concurrently with that of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of charges connected with an ambush of British police. John and Peter Crowley, and Michael O'Reilly, of Ballyland, Limerick, were acquitted of attacking a police patrol in July, 1920. They are also to stand trial on a charge of aiding and abetting. Christopher Upton, also of Ballyland, also a participant in the three-months' hunger strike, was acquitted of the charge of discharging a pistol in the same attack.

KING GEORGE WILL OPEN PARLIAMENT IN BELFAST

[By Associated Press.]

BELFAST, IRELAND, June 2.—The news letter today says it has learned "on very good authority that in all probability King George will visit Belfast for the purpose of opening the Ulster Parliament in state on June 21."

The Parliament will meet next Tuesday for the election of a speaker and the swearing in of the members. The proceedings will be of a purely business character, although the Lord-Lieutenant will attend.

LONDON, June 2.—The Irish Office today stated it was unable to confirm the report that the King would open the Parliament of North Ireland.

ARMENIAN SAYS HE SHOT TALAAT PASHA TO DEATH

Student, on Trial in Berlin, Declares "Turkish Butcher" Slew His Mother.

HIS CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR

Charges Dead Man Responsible for Slaughter of Hundreds of Thousands — Trailed Former Grand Vizier to Germany.

By Karl H. von Wiegand.

BERLIN, June 2.—Admitting that he killed Talaat Pasha, but denying that he is guilty of murder, Salomon Tellirian, Armenian student, on trial for slaying the former Turkish leader, today said in court:

"My conscience is clear."

"But," said the Judge, "you wanted to kill Talaat?"

"Yes, I wanted to kill him, and he is dead too," said the young Armenian. "About two weeks before it happened, the picture of my mother came to me in the night. Her corpse stood up and said to me, 'You have seen Talaat here and you have remained indifferent—you are not my son.' Then I determined to kill him."

Tells Details of Tragedy.

Asked by the court to relate the details of the killing, Tellirian said:

"I engaged a room across from where he was living in order to be able to watch him. On that day as I walked up and down in my room I saw Talaat leave his house. Then again I heard the words of my mother, and I saw the man who not only had shed the blood of my mother, but of 100,000 other Armenians. I ran to my trunk, seized my revolver and ran out into the street behind Talaat.

"As I caught up with him I shot

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WOMAN ARGUES CASE IN ALABAMA HIGH COURT

[By Associated Press.]

MONTGOMERY, ALA., June 2.—For the first time in the history of Alabama a woman made oral argument before a high court when Mrs. Bernice Summers Osgood, assistant attorney-general, appeared before the Court of Appeals today and argued the case of the State wherein the sheriff of Etowah County is resisting the order of the State health officer to force him to file a daily food sheet in order to secure pay for feeding prisoners confined in the jail in his county.

The case was first heard before Judge Walter B. Jones, of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, on a mandamus writ seeking to force the State Auditor to audit his feed bill and issue warrant therefor. Judge Jones decided that the law requiring the daily food sheet is valid and the appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals. A decision is expected Friday.

LEADING CITIZENS OF CITY CONDEMN POLICE OFFICIALS

Denounce Failure of Local Authorities to Protect Tulsa Negro Population.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO AID VICTIMS OF OUTRAGES

Fire Damage Is Estimated at $1,500,000, and Insurance Is Contested.

LOOTERS ARE ARRESTED

Death List Is ....., With Known Dead Now Declared to Number But Thirty.

[By Associated Press.]

TULSA, OKLA., June 2.—District Judge Valjean Biddison called a special grand jury today as the first step in an investigation of the Tulsa race riot, which, breaking out Tuesday night and extending well into Wednesday, resulted in many casualties and much property damage. The grand jury, calling of which followed the receipt by Judge Biddison of a letter from Governor J. B. A. Robertson, will convene June 8. In his letter asking that an investigation be started, the State executive also asked that the conduct of the police department and the sheriff's office, which he condemned, be investigated.

According to the latest authentic report, nine whites and twenty-one negroes are known to have been killed during the race clash and many in the hospital will die. An estimate places property damage at $1,500,000. All this, according to General C. P. Barrett, commanding the State troops called here to maintain martial law, was incited by "an impudent negro, a hysterical girl and a yellow-journal reporter."

Many Burned in Homes.

Belief was expressed by officials that the bodies of all the negroes killed would not be found, as it was thought a number were burned in their homes. Then, too, reports were received at military headquarters that a number of negro bodies had been thrown into the river and others buried outside of the city.

Representative citizens of Tulsa met today and condemned the city and county law enforcement officials, holding them responsible for the dis-

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SAY HIGH FREIGHT RATES HALT BUILDING OF ROADS

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Shippers of lumber and of road-building material practically from every section of the country urged in separate conferences here with railroad officials today the immediate reduction of freight rates on those commodities to the level in effect before the general increases of last August. The railroad officials said they would reply to the request in a few days.

Shippers of road-building materials, representing associations of dealers in cement, crushed stone, sand and gravel, contended that road building so far as counties and municipalities were concerned was at a practical standstill because of high freight rates. A return to former rates, they said, would revive construction.

BRITISH SEADOG IS $300,000 WINNER ON $3 TICKET TAKEN "JUST FOR FUN" ON THE RACES

Captain Albion Jones, Retired Naval Officer, Declares He Had Never Wagered a Dollar Before Friend Offered Him Chance on Calcutta Sweepstakes.

By Percy Sarl,

United News Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, June 2.—Captain Albion Jones, D. S. O., sat in his office on the Blackwall dock of the Union Castle Steamship Company with a 16-rupee ticket on the Derby in his pocket. On it was printed the word "Humorist." Captain Jones, D. S. O., concerned for the moment in seeing that the ship Llan Stephens was properly painted, had forgotten the ticket.

A highly excited subordinate rushed into the office.

"Cap'n, please, sir, 'Umorist wins and you get sixty thousand blinking quid."

"Never mind about Humorist," said Captain Jones, D. S. O.; "is the Llan Stephens painted yet?"

That is the story they tell about the latest British hero—the man who, for an investment of about $3, drew down the winner of the Calcutta sweepstakes and a fortune amounting, in normal times, to about $300,000.

Captain Albion Jones is a retired naval officer, a war hero and wearer of the Distinguished Service Order.

"I never made a bet in my life," he said in an interview. "And I never took a ticket in a sweepstakes until a friend offered me a ticket, and I just took it for fun. I forgot it until Tuesday, when I was told that I had drawn Humorist. And I thought I had lost or torn up the ticket. But I hadn't. And I didn't have any idea how much I would win.

"Well, I've held my job for twenty-four years, and I'm not going to quit now. I told my wife I won a little money, and that she could buy herself a little two-seater car."

HUN SERGEANT FOUND GUILTY OF MISTREATING BRITISH WAR PRISONERS

Convicted on Twelve Counts. Must Serve Six Months in Jail.

LEIPZIG, June 2.—Sergeant Neumann, on trial as one of the "war criminals," was convicted on twelve counts of mishandling British prisoners.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Will Discuss Hun "War Criminals."

PARIS, June 2.—Conversations are being exchanged between the London and Paris governments with a view to the possible reopening of the whole question of the trials of the "war criminals." The reason for the move is the feeling that the sentences being imposed by the German Supreme Court at Leipzig are considered insufficient.

U. S. Will Compensate Civilians.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The Senate passed today Senator Underwood's bill extending the Federal compensation act to include civilians who served with the American armies abroad in the world war.

Special Fares on Certificate for various occasions. Ridge Crest, Black Mountain, Lake Junaluska, Land of the Sky. Through sleeping car daily. Southern Railway.—Adv.

University of North Carolina Fights for Share in $650,000 Estate of John Neal

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., June 2.—In a caveat filed today by counsel for the University of North Carolina, Forsyth Superior Court is asked to declare null and void the alleged will of John Neal, who died in Nebraska last year, which disposes of an estate valued at $650,000.

In an affidavit, Joseph Cheshire, of Raleigh, alleges, on information and belief, that John Neal died intestate; that he was an illegitimate child; that his mother is dead; that he was never married, and has no children. Mr. Cheshire shows to the court that, under the Constitution of North Carolina, all assets of the estate of the said decedent should accrue to and become vested in the University of North Carolina.

Citations have been issued to beneficiaries of the will to appear at the next term of Forsyth Court in September to see proceedings in the case and make themselves parties to the issue.

The university contends that, if ever executed, which is denied, it was not in existence at time of death, but had been destroyed previous to death with intent to revoke same, and was thereby revoked, and all proceedings attempted under it should be declared null and void.

WILL BEGIN WORK ON NEW $500,000 HOTEL FOR STAUNTON

Expect Completion of 150-Room Structure Within Next Eighteen Months.

STAUNTON, VA., June 2.—Announcement was made today by A. T. Moore that Staunton is to have a $500,000 hotel. He is now closing a deal for the old Kayser property and the adjoining Denny property, East Main and Market Streets, and is preparing to let contracts for the construction of the hotel.

The project has passed the tentative stage, and actual transfer will be effected within a few days. Within a short time thereafter building will commence and Mr. Moore hopes to have the hostelry completed within eighteen months.

The site will cost $23,000, fittings and furnishings $60,000 and building itself, $400,000. It will be a 150-room structure.

Mr. Moore is an experienced hotel man, and has important connections with prominent men of the business in the East. He is a former president of the Virginia-Carolina Hotel Managers' Association, and has successfully managed the Virginia for some years.

C. & O. Sunday Excursions—$2.40 Round Trip to Norfolk, $2.65 Round Trip to Ocean View, Via C. & O. Every Sunday—3 Trains.—Adv.

FATE OF 11-YEAR-OLD BOY ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF CHUM IS IN HANDS OF JURY

Cecil Burkett, Charged With Shooting and Killing Benny Slavin, Aged 7, Is Described by Prosecuting Attorney as a "Potential Bandit."

By Alexander F. Jones,

United News Staff Correspondent.

KNOX, IND., June 2.—Twelve solemn-faced farmers left the jury box in Circuit Court here Thursday and retired to decide an unusual problem.

Their duty was to render a verdict on whether a brown-eyed, pleasant-faced little chap of 11 years—Cecil Burkett by name—is a murderer or whether he is the victim of circumstances that have made his name the most-discussed one in this part of Indiana.

Cecil is accused of shooting and killing Benny Slavin, a 7-year-old playmate, while the two were playing with a small rifle. The charge is murder in the first degree.

The jury went to its deliberation with what must have been mixed emotion, for, in ending the case, Special Prosecutor W. G. Banning described the boy as a "potential bandit," ready to shoot and kill any of his playmates on any occasion.

The "potential bandit" at that moment was holding hands with his still tinier brother, Alfred, aged 9.

Alfred, a few minutes before, had gone through quite an experience for a very small boy. He had taken the stand and sat in a chair so high that his head hardly reached the arms of it and, despite tears that insisted on streaming down his face, testified that he had been with his brother every minute on last Thanksgiving Day morning and that Cecil had not shot Benny Slavin. He said the boy had shot himself by accident.

The State cross-examined the youngster sharply. He quivered and

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Reduced Week-End and Sunday Fares to West Point.—Adv.