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WEEKS ACCEPTS CALL OF BAPTISTS

NEW MINISTER IS NATIVE OF MISSOURI AND GRADUATE OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Called to the pastorate of the Abbeville Baptist Church a week ago, the Rev. Howard L. Weeks of Darlington announced from the pulpit of the Methodist church last night where he was conducting union services, that he had decided to accept the call to preach here and that he would be ready to begin his duties October 15. Mr. Weeks preached in the Baptist church a week ago and again yesterday, making a most favorable impression.

The Rev. Mr. Weeks is a native of Missouri. His father was a Virginian and his mother a Kentuckian. Grown to young manhood, Mr. Weeks received his academic training at Westminster College at Fulton in his home state. Following his graduation he taught school for a time and while thus engaged he felt the call to preach and entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he graduated in 1898.

Mr. Weeks' first pastorate was at Canton, Mo., his work there being very successful in more than one sense. It was here that he met and married the young lady, who is now Mrs. Weeks. His next pastorate was at the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg, Miss., where he remained eight years. Here he was instrumental in causing the erection of a splendid new church building.

For his third charge, Mr. Weeks went to the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, Ohio, from which place he came to Darlington where he has been very successful in his work for the past five and a half years. It will be seen from the above record that Mr. Weeks has only held four pastorates previous to coming to Abbeville during his 23 years of ministry. He is yet a young man and comes here with the accumulated experience gained in three states.

In the new minister's family there are his wife, one son and one daughter both of whom will be in college this fall and winter.

BANDITS ACTIVE

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 27.—Frank J. Pearson, postmaster at Ruby, Ariz. 35 miles west of here and his wife were killed and his sister-in-law seriously wounded yesterday by seven armed bandits, believed to have been Mexicans, according to reports received here early today. The shooting took place in the postoffice after which the store which Pearson conducted in connection with the postoffice was looted.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The civil service commission announces a competitive examination at Abbeville postoffice September 24 to fill the position of clerk-carrier. Examination blanks can be obtained at the local postoffice or from the secretary of the fifth civil service district in Atlanta.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN

Mr. Brack Worley died Saturday at his home in Monroe after a short attack of pneumonia. Mr. Worley has worked on the Seaboard and is well known to our people who hear with regret of his death.

BUYS DELCO-LIGHT

The Rapley Country Club, after a satisfactory test, has purchased the Delco-Light plant installed some time ago under trial. The lighting system has proved in every way pleasing, and adds greatly to the attractiveness of the club house.

ANOTHER MAN ARRESTED ON SWINDLING SCHEME

Zebulon W. Davis, Wealthy Ohio Manufacturer, Charged With Using Mails to Defraud.

Canton, O., Aug. 27.—Zebulon W. Davis, wealthy Canton and Cleveland manufacturer, was arrested here today by Deputy United States Marshal D. J. Conner on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Davis, through his attorneys, waived a reading of the affidavit when arraigned before United States Commissioner Julius Whiting, Jr., and was released on \$25,000 bond for his appearance in the federal court in Chicago.

Davis bond was signed by five millionaire manufacturers of Canton.

Davis, who does not look his 75 years, declared he will be vindicated in the case. He admits having executed for negotiations notes to the amount of \$36,000, but believes the \$500,000 worth of notes bearing his alleged signature which were found by federal authorities in Milwaukee may be some notes nearly 20 years old which were issued when Davis was associated with C. W. French in the Canton, Akron, and Youngstown belt line railroads. It was in connection with the project that Davis lost \$2,500,000. The Canton manufacturer's attorney says that if the notes are not these then they are forgeries. Denial that he has been involved with John W. Worthington or French in any deal is made by Davis.

Ten More Millions In Notes Found

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Another \$10,000,000 was added today to the total of notes seized by federal agents investigating the alleged "swindling" headed by Charles W. French. John W. Sawken, who Wednesday found \$9,050,000 in notes in a Cleveland safety deposit vault, brought the \$10,000,000 additional to Chicago.

The notes are on the Ideal Tire & Rubber Company, of Cleveland, which is in the hands of a receiver.

McCOMB'S BEANS

Magistrate Taxes Credulity With Tale of Production

The tale of Jack and the Beanstalk may not be all true but at least one hears few doubters openly express the opinion that it is all soap material, that is lye. But Magistrate McComb told a tale of cornfield production that brought incredulous expressions from several hearers.

Sitting in the shade of the small oak in front of the court house on the iron bench that has been the rendezvous of most of the town's leisurely magistrates and others since the tree grew large enough to make a respectable shade, the magistrate waxed eloquent about beans and other things. He says that he has a patch of beans, out beyond the Southern depot, three quarters of an acre in size. The beans are planted with corn, any at the end of the rows the shade of the trees has retarded the development of the corn and beans. But notwithstanding this hindrance, the magistrate, who is noted for his veracity, says he has already picked and sold \$75 worth of beans and all is not over yet. Besides that he has sold twelve or fourteen dollars worth of roasting ears.

As the Magistrate finished the relation of his honest story two hearers who were occupying seats on the same bench, spoke straight out the opinion that the magistrate was prevaricating, misrepresenting the facts and came near saying he was a straight out liar, and that the boll weevil would get him if he didn't watch out.

A PLEASANT VACATION

Mr. John M. Garrison left last week for Hot Springs where he will spend a six weeks vacation. Mr. Garrison will be joined at Memphis by his daughter, Miss Beatrice Garrison.

SWINDLING TRUST INVOLVES BANKS

OBJECT OF CONFIDENCE GROUP WAS TO DISPOSE OF WORTHLESS NOTES THROUGH SMALL BANKS IN WEST AND MIDDLE WEST

Chicago, Aug. 27.—A small brown book of twenty closely typewritten pages came to light today bearing the newest plan of Charles W. French and John W. Worthington, alleged swindler's to form a \$500,000,000 corporation whose tentacles were to reach into every corner of the United States, Canada and England.

Efforts to lend their plan prestige through the use of J. P. Morgan's name in London were revealed, but a prompt denial from Mr. Morgan seemed to have ended that part of the plan.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—With stocks bonds and certificates of deposit with a face value of nearly \$30,000,000 piled on desks, tables and lying in heaps on the floor, Col. John V. Clinkin, assistant United States district attorney, and government agents today began the task of identifying the thousands of exhibits which comprise the case against the alleged \$50,000,000 "swindle trust," headed by Charles W. French and John W. Worthington.

Signed notes and certificates of deposit totalling \$9,000,000 arrived from Cleveland this morning along with approximately \$7,000,000 more in unsigned papers.

Federal agents are searching for a code book, which will reveal the secret notations in an elaborate prospect list surrendered Wednesday at Milwaukee by Alva Harshman, another of those under arrest.

The financial failure of at least 48 banks in the middle west would have resulted had all the operations of Charles W. French and John W. Worthington been carried to a successful conclusion, was declared today by John V. Clinkin, assistant United States district attorney. The statement was made after an examination of \$21,000,000 in spurious securities and fraudulent notes seized from various enterprises sponsored by the alleged heads of the "swindling trust" and the mail robbery group who with associates are being held here. Not only financial institutions were to be involved, but some of the biggest financial men were listed as prospects. Hundreds of prospective victims of the machinations of the financial wizards were found in the possession of Alva Harshman, French's secretary, according to the assistant district attorney.

Among the names listed was found that of Coleman Du Pont, United States senator from Delaware and wealthy manufacturer of explosives. Scores of other names prominent in the financial world were found in this "ledger of lambs."

Elmer L. Gerber, brought here from Cleveland last night, after his arrest, there led to the recovery of some \$15,000,000 in securities, is to be questioned today. An alleged confession made by him may prove part of the basis for the government's case, was indicated.

The arrest of Z. W. Davis, Ohio, banker and wealthy manufacturer of Akron, who is said to be involved in the case, was expected today and he will probably be brought to Chicago for questioning.

The prime object of the alleged confidence group was to dispose of millions of dollars worth of notes through many small banks in the west and middle west, according to a statement of Owen T. Evans, made public today by Mr. Clinkin. Evans, former national bank examiner, was arrested with Worthington in connection with mail thefts and has turned government witness. According to Evans, all the negotiations that he had handled were strictly legal and notes he disposed of had security back

DAIL TURNS DOWN BRITISH PEACE

IRELAND UNANIMOUS IN REFUSING TERMS OFFERED, BUT IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT.

London, Aug. 27.—The British government's peace proposals were laid before the Dail Eireann, which rejected them unanimously, but is willing to negotiate on principle of government by consent of the government, Eamonn de Valera says in his reply to Mr. Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

The letter proposed that Great Britain and Ireland appoint representatives with plenary powers to negotiate details on this principle.

"We have not sought war nor do we seek war, but if war be made upon us we must defend ourselves and we shall do so," says Mr. De Valera's letter. "We long to end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland," he adds.

The letter of Mr. De Valera, which bears the date of August 24, reads: "The anticipatory judgment I gave in my reply of August 10 has been confirmed. I laid the proposals of your government before the Dail Eireann and by a unanimous vote it has rejected them.

"From your letter of August 13, it was clear that the principle we are asked to accept was that the 'geographic propinquity' of Ireland to Great Britain imposed the condition of the subordination of Ireland's right to Great Britain's strategic interests as she conceived them, and that the very length and persistence of the efforts made in the past to compel Ireland's acquiescence in a foreign domination imposed the condition of acceptance of that domination now."

"We cannot believe that your government intended to commit itself to the principle of sheer militarism, destructive of international morality and fatal to the world's peace. If a small nation's right to independence is forfeited when a more powerful neighbor covets its territory for military or other advantages it is supposed to confer there is an end to liberty. No longer can any small nation claim the right to a separate existence. Holland and Denmark can be made subservient to Germany, Belgium to Germany or to France, Portugal to Spain.

"If nations that have been forcibly annexed to an empire lose thereby their title to independence there can be for them no redress to freedom.

"If our refusal to betray our nation's honor and the trust that has been reposed in us is to be made an issue of war by Great Britain we deplore it. We are as conscious of our responsibilities to the living as we are mindful of principles or of our obligations to the heroic dead.

"We have not sought war nor do we seek war, but if war be made upon us we must defend ourselves, and shall do so, confident that whether our defense be successful or unsuccessful no body of responsible Irish men or Irish women will ever propose to the nation the surrender of its birthright.

"We long to end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland. If your government be determined to impose its will upon us by force, and antecedent to negotiations, to insist upon conditions that involve a surrender of our whole national position and make negotiation a mockery, the responsibility for the continuance of the conflict rests upon you."

"On the basis of the broad guiding principle of government by the consent of the governed peace can be secured—a peace that will be just and honorable to all and fruitful of concord and including to amity.

"To negotiate such a peace the Dail Eireann is ready to appoint its representatives and, if your government accepts the principle proposed, to invest them with plenary powers to meet and arrange with you for its application in detail."

PRESBYTERIANS CALL W. E. DAVIS AS PASTOR

Not Yet Known Whether He Will Accept.—Has Been at Clemson Since 1918.

At the congregational meeting of members of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the Rev. Watson Emmet Davis of Clemson College Presbyterian church was extended a call to preach here. Mr. Davis preached here some time ago, and although it is said he was not seeking a change, he made such an excellent impression that he was the most popular man under consideration Sunday.

A committee composed of A. B. Morse and Major J. D. Fulp will go to Clemson tomorrow to urge him to accept.

Mr. Davis is a native of South Carolina, having been born at Salters. He is an alumnus of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in the class of 1915 and of the Columbia Theological Seminary, class of 1918. He married Miss Catherine Moore of Columbia. He has been preaching at Clemson since 1918 and is very popular with the young men there.

It is not known whether Mr. Davis will accept the call to the Presbyterian church here, though it is hoped he will do so.

BAPTIST MINISTER HELD UNDER BOND OF \$1,000

Atlanta, Aug. 27.—Rev. J. J. Watkins, pastor of the Bellwood Avenue Baptist church, is being held in \$1,000 bond as the result of an automobile accident occurring Thursday afternoon near the corner of Lee street and Avon avenue, when C. J. Miller, seventy-three years old, of 557 Lee street, was seriously injured. Mr. Miller sustained a broken leg, internal injuries and severe bruises about the body. He was removed to the Grady hospital immediately after the accident, but later was sent to his home.

It is said by the police that Mr. Miller was alighting from a College Park street car at the corner of Lee street and Avon avenue when the automobile, driven by the Rev. Watkins, passed, striking Mr. Miller and hurling him several feet. Mr. Watkins was taken to police headquarters by officers who arrived on the scene within a few moments.

D. R. Miller, son of the injured man, was an eye witness to the accident.

SPEEDERS FINED.

Three automobilists were fined in police court Saturday and Monday morning for speeding. They paid \$10 each.

Jack Zimmerman, negro, forfeited a bond of \$5, exacted when he was caught at a disorderly house. Noah Speller and James Jennings were beating a ride on a train and when hauled up they they did not have the \$5 tax imposed so they are engaged for ten days to help beautify the streets.

TAKING A REST

Rev. C. E. Peele left Saturday for a visit to relatives in Rock Hill, where he will take a much needed rest. Mr. Peele has been preaching for the past three weeks, his last meeting being at Gilgal church where he held a successful meeting and made a most favorable impression on the people of the congregation.

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BOMB EXPLOSION SHAKES THEATRE

PLAYHOUSE EMPTY AT TIME IN CHICAGO—POLICE SAY EXPLOSION WAS DUE TO LABOR TROUBLES—NO GREAT DAMAGE.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—A bomb explosion in the Columbia theater shortly after midnight shook the entire business district. The theatre was empty at the time, not yet having been reopened for the season. Several persons were reported, however, to have been injured by flying glass. According to the police, the explosion was due to labor trouble.

The explosion took place at 12:10 a. m. The bomb had been placed at the entrance to the stage door in an alley. The force of the blast shattered the heavy steel door and broke hundreds of surrounding windows. The interior of the theatre itself was not damaged.

The Columbia theatre is a burlesque house on what is known as the Columbia "wheel." Recently it had been covered with "unfair" notices as a result it was said, of trouble with the musicians' union.

The headquarters of the Columbia wheel is in New York and it operates a chain of theaters in a score of cities, most in the East.

The theatre is located in the heart of the business district, a half block from the city hall and the sound of the blast attracted thousands. A special detail of police was called in order to clear the streets and aid the firemen in keeping back the crowd.

After a hurried investigation it was announced that the bomb apparently a steel cylinder had contained black powder. Parts of the casing were found imbedded in the walls of surrounding buildings. The damage to the theatre was declared slight.

As a result of the explosion a guard of police was placed about the Columbia and several other theatres.

WIN AND LOSE

Abbeville and Whitmire Divide Honors in Baseball.

Abbeville won the opening game of the series with Whitmire Friday afternoon, the score being 3 to 0. The batteries were: Abbeville, Swetenberg and Cely; Whitmire, Watson and Millwood.

Saturday afternoon the Whitmire team reversed the result, the score being 3 to 1 for the visitors. Rinehart and Millwood were the batteries for Whitmire while Milan and Cely did the hurling and receiving.

Bailey and Thomason were the umpires. Music was furnished by the Hatch Concert band.

The first game was one of few hits the Whitmireites getting only two with blank runs, while the home team made three runs off of four hits and one error.

The games Friday and Saturday were the last for the home diamond. The team will play return games with Whitmire Friday and Saturday of this week, after which winter quarters will be the order. The team has had a very successful year.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

Coach Neil Swetenburg announces that the high school football team will start practice Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Practically all of last year's team will be available for the team this year and it is anticipated that Abbeville will put out a winning team.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton prices were climbing again this morning. October futures closed at 16 cents, and 15.50 was being offered for spots. None was sold.