

OPEN NEW BRIDGE ACROSS RIO GRANDE WITH FORMAL RITES

(By Associated Press) PAREDO, Tex., Feb. 22.—Governor Pat M. Neff of Texas, Governor C. Lopez de Lara of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, Governor Arnalfo Gonzalez of Coahuila, representatives of Governor Caro of Nuevo Leon, prominent highway engineers of Mexico and Texas and leading exponents of a national system of highways of the United States and the sister republic were here today for the formal opening of the new steel and concrete bridge across the Rio Grande.

Prominent business and professional men of Mexico and Texas also came to witness dedication of the bridge, which will constitute a great international gateway for commerce between the two republics.

Advantage was taken of the occasion to promote more friendly relations and social intercourse between the two countries by the Laredo chamber of commerce. Following the dedicatory exercises it also was planned to name a joint international commission of engineers and highway commissioners charged with devising a constructive plan to bring about completion of the American highway across Mexico to the national capitol. Under preliminary plans adopted at a meeting here last June this highway would be completed within two years after beginning of actual work.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 22.—The "last brick of the causeway has been laid," County Engineer C. C. Washington stated today in announcing the completion of reconstruction of Galveston's connecting link with the mainland of Texas.

Official opening of the reconstructed portion will be celebrated March 2, Texas independence day, when Governor Pat Neff has been invited to visit the city.

URGES WOMEN TAKE INTEREST IN SCHOOLS

A challenge to women to take a deeper interest and shoulder a greater responsibility in the work of the public school was given by Mrs. E. A. Gould, of Peru, in addressing the civics department of the Woman's club Tuesday afternoon at Morrison-Reeves library.

"What," she queried, "do you know about the physical, mental and spiritual training your boys and girls are receiving in the schools?" The necessity of a broad and careful training in the schools was pointed out as essential if the standards of citizenship are to be raised. She added "it is woman's work to raise the standard of citizenship." The fact that the proper sort of home training was not given to every child necessitated special care in the training provided them in school, as every child should receive an equal chance, she said.

Touching on the future of women in politics, Mrs. Gould urged that they not work alone but enlist the services of the men in their communities in working with them in their work. Cooperation, she said, would bring the greatest success in their undertakings.

ELECTRIC POWER OFF; CURRENT IS CROSSED

Power from the municipal plant suddenly failed Wednesday at noon due to a very peculiar circumstance. It was necessary to switch from the new turbine unit to the old equipment, a procedure that required about an hour.

In non-technical language the new turbine needs the kick of a cocktail on an empty stomach before dining in order properly to do justice to the work that lies before it. Now somehow somebody put some homebrewed hooch full of fusil oil and methyl alcohol into the cocktail mixture, and the new turbine turned a somersault and landed under the table.

Technically, as Mr. Weldon, the plant superintendent, explained the occurrence, the exciter current became crossed in the switchboard when the men went to switch the current on at noon. The exciter was reversed in the process and it was necessary to shut down the entire plant and start anew.

Some damage was done to the switchboard and this with the time necessary to get the auxiliary machinery into play, was the cause of the delay.

MAN WHO CAUSED RIOTS IS ACQUITTED

(By Associated Press) MANILA, P. I., Feb. 22.—The supreme court acquitted Artemo Mojica, a member of the Manila police force, of a homicide charge in connection with the killing of Crisp Macasig, Dec. 14, 1920. The court held Mojica was justified by the threats made by Macasig.

The shooting of Macasig was followed by riots the next day when nearly a hundred constabulary left their barracks, shot and killed eight persons, including three American members of the Manila police force, and wounded a dozen others.

Seventy seven constabulary soldiers are serving prison sentences, many of them life terms, as the result of the riots.

Germany, Hungary to Take Part In Art Exhibition

(By Associated Press) VENICE, Feb. 21.—Germany and Hungary for the first time since the war, will participate in the biennial Art exhibition to be inaugurated here in April. The German commissioner will be Dr. Hans Posse, director of the museum at Dresden, and the chief German artists exhibiting are Max von Lissner and Louis Corinth. The Hungarian commissioners are Ceza Paur and Paul Malovsky. Oskar Kokoschka and his school represent the foremost among the Hungarian exhibitors.

England, Belgium and Spain also will participate officially. Frank Brengwijn is the British commissioner. A special place has been reserved for United States and Argentine artists in the center of the exhibition building.

Body of Governor of Colorado to Lie In State

(By Associated Press) DENVER, Colo., Feb. 22.—The funeral of John F. Shafroth, former United States senator from Colorado and twice governor of this state, will be held at the family residence here at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Services at the residence will be attended only by relatives and a few close friends. It was announced, but at the request of Acting Governor Karl Cooley the body will lie in state at the state capitol for two hours tomorrow. The services at the cemetery will be attended only by members of the family.

DOWNTOWN CHURCH IS SLIPPING FAST, SAYS M. E. MINISTER

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 22.—Religion is moving out to the suburbs. The "downtown church" is slipping fast.

These were the high spots of the address here today before the Council of Cities of the Methodist Episcopal church of Rev. William S. Mitchell, D. D., pastor of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, Philadelphia, Pa. The shift of city population with the encroachment of business and the entrance of new racial elements is making residence less desirable in the vicinity of the downtown church, he said.

With the exodus from the downtown church, said Dr. Mitchell, there has been a corresponding influx to suburban and residential places of worship. This has drained the downtown church of its financial resources as well as leadership, and places the outlying churches in a position where they should support their more centrally located religious gathering places, reversing the situation that existed here-tofore.

To remedy this "inevitable shifting" of church interest and to preserve those churches which have become, in many cases, landmarks, Dr. Mitchell suggests the necessity for developing the "service possibilities of the downtown church for the religiously unemployed of the residential and suburban churches." This plan would give to the downtown churches the advantage of leadership and personal help that is not now being utilized in the suburban churches because of the marked over-supply of talented and capable workers in each congregation.

MISSIONARY SESSION LUNCHEON FRIDAY

The Federated Missionary societies of the city will meet in an all-day session at the First English Lutheran church Friday. The morning session opens at 10 o'clock and the afternoon assembly at 1:45 o'clock.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock. Each woman is asked to bring sandwiches and one dish and leave her basket in the dining room. Coffee will be served by women of the church.

The program follows:

Morning Session.
10:00—Song, "All Hall the Power of Jesus Name;" delections, Mrs. Robert Wilson; business; "From Survey to Service," Mrs. Ruth Brown.

11:15—Address, "The Church Militant," Mrs. Elsie Castor Chrisman, Dayton, Ohio; solo, Mrs. William Klemke; noontide prayer.

12:30—Luncheon.

Afternoon Session.

1:45—Song, "The Kingdom Coming;" Devotions, Mrs. George Burbanck; Ladies' chorus, First English Lutheran church; "The Kingdom and the Nations," Mrs. A. H. Backus; business; offering; solo, Mrs. Willis Beebe; reading, Mrs. Frank Tillson.

2:15—Address, Miss Kate Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.; benediction.

RICHMOND HONORS GEORGE WASHINGTON

Mayor Lawrence A. Handley was scheduled to speak at the high school at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the course of a community service program celebrating Washington's birthday. Schools of the city were closed all day Wednesday, as were the banks.

Officers at the court house were closed in the afternoon in recognition of the holiday. The sheriff's office, the county clerk, the county auditor and treasurer and the abstract workers all took a half day off. His office closed at 11 o'clock. The county superintendent's office also was closed at noon.

The county recorder, Harry Fisher, also closed shop at noon.

Downtown the only trace of a holiday was an occasional flag displayed on Main street. A few business firms and public buildings displayed flags.

PUBLIC RESPONDING TO PLEA FOR PARK

The "save the ball park" movement got under way Wednesday and the promoters believe that within the next week they will be able to determine with a fair degree of accuracy what the future holds for Richmond baseball fans.

Persons interested to the extent that they will pledge themselves to buy one or more tickets for the Coliseum entertainment, are asked to call phone 2239.

There were a number of responses to the call for assistance Wednesday, many of the fans pledging themselves to take blocks of 10 or more tickets. A list of ticket subscribers will be published later in the week.

Handley To Be Chief Speaker at School Session

Mayor Lawrence A. Handley is to be the chief speaker at the meeting of the Joseph Moore Parent-Teachers' association Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the school. Miss Florence Williams, art supervisor of the schools will also speak.

A special musical program will be given. All members and their friends are urged to attend the meeting.

INDIAN GIRL GOES TO WORLD STUDENT CONGRESS IN CHINA



Miss Ruth Muskrat.

Miss Ruth Muskrat of the Cheyenne tribe will be the Indian delegate to the World's Christian Student Federation conference to be held in Peking, China, in April. She is being sent by the national board of the Y. W. C. A.

SAYS FRENCH ACTION IS ACT OF HOSTILITY TOWARD ARGENTINA

(By Associated Press)

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 22.—The feeling here with regard to the alleged refusal of the French government to permit the Hamburg-South American liner Cap Polonio to call at Boulogne Feb. 17 to pick up Argentine passengers for the voyage to Buenos Aires, is voiced by LaNacion. The newspaper says that while the action of the French government surely was not premeditated, "it is an act of hostility" toward Argentina from a nation with which she is united by ties of friendship that have been proved many times.

LaNacion asserts that it never could be accused of being Francophobic, but that it must characterize this action as a "product of the obfuscation" of the minds of the French authorities. Adding that the incident is a blow to the resumption of commerce with South America, the newspaper declares France is unable to eliminate her rival (Germany) with measures such as this. It was necessary not to forget that the war was over, especially where third parties were concerned; the world was tired of the contrarities it provoked.

The Hamburg-South American offices here issued a statement saying that France had not refused entry to German ships from Argentina with cargoes of cereals and wool for France.

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Short News of City

Supper at First M. E.—A thirty-cent supper will be served at the First M. E. church, Fourteenth and Main streets, Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Community games and other entertainment will be held following the supper. The public is invited.

Cafeteria Supper Thursday—A cafeteria supper will be served at Reid Memorial church Thursday evening from 5:30 until 7 o'clock. Everybody will be notified and a meeting of the lads will be held Thursday evening, Mar. 2.

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