

# NORRIS PRODUCES NEW SHOALS BILL

### PROPOSES COMPROMISE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

Washington—Further indications of a determination to force a vote on Henry Ford's bid for Muscle Shoals at this session of Congress was given by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, leader of the Ford supporters.

During the Muscle Shoals hearing of the senate agriculture committee, Senator Harrison urged more speed in the proceedings, pointing out that time was limited and at the present rate it would be difficult to bring the measure to a vote in the senate before adjournment. He insisted that the senate be allowed to accept or reject the measure, which has already passed the house.

Near the close of the session of the senate, Chairman Norris introduced another bill for the operation of Muscle Shoals. The bill was prepared by James T. Lloyd, Washington attorney, former representative from Missouri, who described it as a compromise between government and private ownership.

Mr. Lloyd said he offered the bill as a suggestion for solving the Muscle Shoals problem, and that he did not represent any special interests. The Lloyd proposal would create the federal chemical corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000, and with stock ownership limited to American citizens. It would lease Muscle Shoals for 50 years and make additions to the property from government plans at the government's expense.

Five directors, three appointed by the president and two by the secretary of agriculture, would control the corporation. None of the directors would be allowed to own stock, and the secretary of the treasury would have supervision over the corporation similar to his present control over banks.

Fertilizer and power would be produced and distributed, and the property held intact for the manufacture of explosives in time of war. During the first year the government would appropriate \$1,000,000 to defray expenses and after that the operating costs would come from profits from the sale of fertilizer and power.

### Disastrous Fire at Pine Bluff.

Hamlet.—The greater part of the town of Pine Bluff, winter tourist resort located 22 miles from Hamlet, toward Aberdeen and Pinehurst, was destroyed by fire when the flames, originating, it is thought, in the kitchen of the Pine Bluff inn, consumed most of the equipment of the volunteer fire department before it could be rescued and brought into use. The Pine Bluff inn, the famous "Mother" Parkers hotel, and two dwellings, one belonging to Rev. S. A. Ives, pastor of the Baptist church here, and the other to D. M. McLaughlin, were burned. The loss was estimated at about \$45,000.

### Expect Rate Cut By Other Banks.

Washington.—Reduction of the discount rate by the New York Reserve Bank from 4 1/2 to 4 per cent is expected to be followed by similar reserve banks at Boston and Philadelphia.

Secretary Mellon, among others, believes the reduction will do little to stimulate new business, inasmuch as he regards the general money supply as adequate and the present rates easy.

### Nine Killed at Chipley, Ga.

Columbus, Ga.—Nine persons were killed and 30 injured at Chipley, near here, when that section was struck by a tornado which visited South and Central Georgia. Two of the dead were white, both women. Property damage is estimated at several thousand dollars. Officials of the Red Cross here have gone to the scene, 30 miles distant.

### Red Cross Speeds to Stricken Areas.

Washington.—The Red Cross disaster mobile unit in charge of Henry M. Baker, national director of disaster relief, and Harry M. Richmond, left Washington for the South to direct relief in the tornado areas of several states. The unit will supplement relief work of Red Cross chapters in the stricken regions.

The mobile unit was dispatched on receipt of telephone messages from Southern division headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

### Five Are Killed By Gas Explosion.

Kansas City.—Five persons were killed and several injured by a gas explosion at the plant of the Interstate Refineries here. The burning gasoline spread to storage tanks and an hour later the fire was not under control.

### Shelburne Urges Baptist Seminary.

Danville, Va.—A new Baptist seminary to cost \$2,500,000 will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets this month at Atlanta. Dr. J. M. Shelburne of this city, chairman of the special committee appointed to make recommendations on the subject, announced.

The five cities which will be mentioned in the report as seeking the seminary are Richmond, Va., Birmingham, Ala., Macon, Ga., Jefferson City, Tenn., and Greenville, S. C. It was stated.

# LURS OF LURISTAN NATIVES OF PERSIA

### Ancient Province One of the Most Backward Regions.

Washington.—"News dispatches telling that Teheran troops have subdued the Lurs of Luristan open a vista of history which is almost as long and fully as alluring as the revelations of Tutankhamen's tomb," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Persia itself is the only land of Old Testament times which retains its identity, name and nationality to this day, and the Lurs are believed to be the aborigines of this ancient country.

### Persia Still Primitive.

"The laws of the Medes and Persians have become a synonym of immutability; Persia itself, almost roadless, primitive and isolated, is essentially unchanged. And the remote Luristan province, on its western border, corrugated by mountain ranges, is one of the most backward and unaltered regions of all Persia.

"Luristan nominally accepted Mohammedanism, but the Lurs pay scant attention to the Koran or to the prophet. Their religion embraces a philosophical belief in reincarnation and the practice of ancient heathen rites.

"The Eham of the Book of Esther included Luristan and the ruins of Susa, within the borders of the present province, yielded to excavators of recent years specimens of pottery bearing geometrical designs, reminders that some of our mathematicians, especially our algebra, came from Persia.

### Where Wine Came From.

"Some of our finest fruits and flowers, much of our jewelry, and the wine which no longer is ours, are Persian gifts to our civilization. A Persian legend attributes the discovery of wine to a queen's toothache.

"A slush had placed grapes in a jar to preserve them and they fermented, so the story runs. Thereupon his masterly marked the jars 'poison.' After sleepless nights with a throbbing pain, the queen determined to end her misery and swallowed a liberal portion of the 'poison.'

"She fell into a deep sleep, and when she awakened the pain had gone! Therefore the native will tell you, the Persian word for wine to this day means 'sweet poison.'

### Alexander's Last Campaign.

"A superstitious general might hesitate to invade Luristan. There Alexander the Great made his last campaign, offering up the enemy as human sacrifices to the spirit of his friend, Hephaestus. There, too, Antiochus IV attempted to loot the temples, was driven into the 'slamoful retreat' mentioned in Macabees, and shortly after that experience he lost his reason.

"Aside from its gifts of peaches, oranges, spinach and polo to western peoples, Persia has for America two modern points of contact. An American body of experts is trying to put the country on a sounder economic basis, and oil bids fair to overshadow all other products of the ancient kingdom.

### Herodotus Strikes Oil.

"Neither of these contacts is new, however, for as early as the reign of Shah Abbas, in the sixteenth century, Persia engaged British military men to train her army. And Herodotus made the first report on her oil when he wrote:

"Near Arderecia is a well which produces three different substances, for asphalt, salt and oil are drawn up from it in the following manner: It is raised by a balance beam, to which, instead of a bucket, half a wine skin is attached. Having dipped down with this, a man raises it and pours the contents into a reservoir. It is then poured from this into another and assumes the different forms; the asphalt and the salt immediately become solid, but the oil they collect and the Persians call it chandance. It is black and emits a strong odor."

# Roman Amphitheater in Heart of Philippopolis

Philippopolis, Bulgaria.—Archaeologists are stirred by the discovery of what is evidently a Roman amphitheater in the city square, Djumala.

The workmen were digging foundations recently for a new structure, when four meters below the surface of the square they came upon a flight of marble stairs of massive construction and surface worn smooth by the tread of many feet.

Officials summoned from the museum gave as their preliminary opinion that these marble steps, a little less than a meter wide, were the aisle of an amphitheater. The archeologists of the ethnological museum at Sofia will make further inquiries and possibly continue the excavation.

### New Method Used to Heal Severe Burns

London.—Disfigurement from injuries by burns is prevented by a new way of treating burns just tried at the London hospital.

The patient is left without dressings or bandages of any description, the places affected being simply washed with boracic acid, and stearate or zinc is applied.

Little medical attention is required afterward the burns being allowed to heal on their own.

# S. C. FACES WORK OF REBUILDING

### GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION ASKING AID FOR THOSE WHO LOST HOMES.

Washington.—National funds for the American Red Cross were made available for continuation of the extensive relief operations rendered by Red Cross chapters in the south's tornado belt. One of the most pressing needs of the homeless is for shelter. Several hundred tents purchased by the Red Cross are being set up and equipped for immediate occupancy. Ample Red Cross supplies are on hand to care for the homeless.

A telegram received from Joseph C. Logan, manager of the southern division, states that local authorities in stricken regions have placed the entire relief situation in the hands of the Red Cross. The Red Cross disaster mobile unit arrived at Columbia, S. C., and immediately began relief operations.

Columbia, S. C.—Their dead buried, injured cared for in hospitals and the needy provided for in concentration camps directed by American Red Cross relief workers, citizens of South Carolina grided themselves for the task of reconstruction after the series of twisting wind storms which swept the state Wednesday.

By executive proclamation Governor Thomas G. McLeod called upon the public to aid the sufferers from the tornadoes which killed 73 persons, maimed scores, less seriously injured hundreds, wrecked the homes of perhaps a thousand and damaged property with losses which may reach two or more million.

Realizing the immensity of the task, the executive urged that contributions be made "willingly and liberally" as "thousands of dollars will likely be needed to carry forward the work of relief." While the two daily newspapers in Columbia were designated by him to receive contributions, the governor added that the central relief committee would also receive funds.

The general fund, he said, will be disbursed by the central Red Cross committee. No expense will be attached to the administration of the relief fund, it was added.

Thirteen counties suffered from the windstorms, according to the proclamation.

Food and clothing were the principal needs, according to a statement made at headquarters of the central state relief committee. It was pointed out that the need for medical supplies is not so pressing in the scattered districts, most of the injured having been carried to hospitals.

### Bonus Bill Goes to President.

Washington.—Congressional action on the soldier bonus bill was completed with adoption by the house of the conference report on the measure, which now goes to the President.

The report, already approved by the senate, was given house approval by a viva voce vote.

During twenty minutes discussion which preceded action on the report Representative McKenzie, republican, Illinois, sharply criticized the house conferees for accepting a senate amendment which would confer the bill's benefits on female yeomen of the navy.

"Most of them received more pay during the war than they ever had before," he said. "Granting them a bonus simply gives the President just ground for vetoing the bill. It is a plain hold-up."

Representative Garner, Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee, replied that there was more reason to include female yeomen than field clerks, a great proportion of whom, he declared, came from offices of senators and representatives and never were near the firing line. He pointed out that Mr. McKenzie, in a bonus bill which he introduced, had included field clerks among beneficiaries.

Arriving at the White House, the bill was sent to the treasury department for compilation of an estimate of its cost in the form approved by the two houses and for preparation of a report by Secretary Mellon as to his views. It also probably will be sent to the veterans' bureau for a report from Director Hines relative to its administrative provisions.

Mr. Coolidge has given no indication.

### Men Held in Cuba Denied Freedom.

Havana.—The five leaders of the Veterans and Patriots' association arrested in Havana shortly after the revolt of soldiers in Santa Clara, were denied their freedom by the three judges who heard their habeas corpus pleas. They were remanded to the civil jail.

### Twenty Killed in Sumter County.

Sumter.—Further reports and more detailed information secured add to the severity of the tornado which passed over the northeastern portion of Sumter county. The list of dead and injured is practically unchanged. Late reports showed a total death list of 20. The list includes only one white man, Edward Dick, as previously reported, and 19 negroes. The devastation is equally complete in each section visited, although at some places in its path the wind seemed to hunch with a lighter hand than in others.

# MOUNT M'KINLEY IS SINKING INTO EARTH

### Alaska Residents Say Peak Drops Two Feet Annually.

McKinley Park, Alaska.—Tradition has it that Mount McKinley, the loftiest peak on the American continent, sinks about two feet a year from its official altitude of 28,300.

Residents of the region are convinced this happens. They point out there is an average of four earthquake shocks a year, and contend the mountain settles about six inches with each tremor.

By way of attempted confirmation, they refer to the Aleutian islands.

According to recent reports from scientific sources, no one can state the location or altitude of many of the small islands in the Aleutian archipelago. One day an island may appear well above water and the next day it may have vanished.

Numerous small islands, including Bogoslov, are reported to have disappeared without a trace. Bogoslov is recalled as the island which suddenly appeared while the crew of the coast guard cutter Bear looked on in 1906. For these topographical freaks the blame is placed on Mount Katmai and Pavloff volcanoes, which intermittently send out dense clouds of smoke and flame.

# Cyanide Gas Is Used to Rout Rats in Portland

Portland, Ore.—Cyanide gas is routing the enemy in Portland's campaign against rats.

H. S. Speer, commander-in-chief of the land and sea forces in the rat campaign, has driven the pests from their chief breeding places, the incinerator dumps and the fills in Dunsmuir park and Alameda.

William G. Huber, superintendent of garbage disposal, has reported that there was not a rat left in the dump or fills, where four years ago the city expended at one time \$300 on poison without effect.

"We must still be on our guard here," says Mr. Speer, "because occasionally a rat jumps from a garbage truck. Householders must learn to keep covers on their garbage cans. And the residents of South Portland must learn not to throw refuse in the gutters."

"We have splendid co-operation from Capt. Jacob Speier, the harbor-master, and from the dock commission. We have worked together to make our terminals rat-proof. An evidence of our effective effort came in our finding sacks of flour in terminal No. 1 untouched by rats after the fourth night in the same location.

"We are responding to a good many requests from residences. We applied the cyanide gas, from the tank which I carry on my back, to one of five rat-holes on a lawn and found the gas puffed out from the four other holes. The owner of the home reported the next week that there had been no further sign of rats on the lawn."

# Girl Recovers Following Operation on Her Heart

Baltimore, Md.—An operation on the human heart apparently successful in every way, and in which the organ was actually bared by the surgeon's knife, was described at the meeting of the American Surgical association here recently by Dr. Elliott C. Cutler of Harvard Medical school, who performed it. He told of having inserted his finger in an orifice in the heart to cure a valvular disease and that the patient is still living, eleven months later, and improved.

Doctor Cutler said that the patient was a fourteen-year-old girl. One of the orifices of her heart was so small that it was impossible for the organ to function. The child was threatened with death because of this situation.

The sack in which the heart is inclosed was opened. The organ itself was exposed. While it beat, the delicate operation of opening the orifice was performed. The sack was closed and the patient slowly recovered.

# Woman Keeps Record on Top-of-the-World Weather

Seattle, Wash.—Daily weather observations in the land of the midnight sun, as the United States' farthest north weather station, at Point Barrow, Alaska, are made by a woman.

Four or five times a year she sends a report to the outside world by dog team, coast guard cutter or trading schooner.

The forecaster and recorder is Mrs. Mollie Ward Greist, wife of the surgeon in charge of the Presbyterian hospital at Point Barrow. She has been the government's top-of-the-world weather observer since 1920.

### Bears 11 Tailless Pups

Silverton, Ore.—Patay, a spaniel at the Hazue kennels, has given birth to 11 bobbed-tailed pups. She is herself of the clipped-tail variety. If dogs are to be tailless, why bother with tails in the beginning? Not a one of the 11 pups was born with a tail. So far interviews with dog fanciers have not revealed a similar case in dog history.

### Goek Blind Through Study

York, Pa.—Hard study to fit him for entrance examination at the West Point military academy caused Frederick Flinkbaum, Jr., to become blind. The young man, who is an infantryman, will recover his sight after a long rest, surgeons predicted.

# FIRE HEROINE PASSES AWAY AT WILMINGTON.

Mrs. L. L. Byerly, 35, who was badly burned in the Princess theater fire, died at the Walker Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained while in an effort to rescue a friend thought trapped in the blazing structure.

When the fire started Mrs. Byerly escaped from the building but remembering a friend in the building, she returned to aid her in escaping. The other woman had been rescued by firemen before Mrs. Byerly returned. It was upon her return to the upper stories of the building that she was badly burned about the head and body.

# J. S. CARR DIES IN CHICAGO

### FORMER CHIEF OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS PASSES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME.

### Becomes Seriously Ill on Train While Traveling to Chicago From Durham Home.

Chicago, Ill.—General Julian S. Carr, former commander of the United Confederate Veterans, died at the home of his daughter here about 10:15 o'clock Tuesday night.

General Carr left his home at Durham, N. C., where he was a well known banker, Saturday to come to Chicago for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Flowers. On the train he contracted influenza and was seriously ill when he arrived here.

His condition grew worse and several specialists were called into consultation. They announced that he had contracted pneumonia and that his illness was complicated by a heart affection. It was stated at that time that he probably would not survive the night. He died at 10:15 o'clock.

Raleigh.—The announcement of the death in Chicago of General Julian S. Carr, former commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, brought sorrow and sadness to thousands of his old comrades and friends throughout Dixie. For years General Carr, a very wealthy man, had been the friend of the needy Confederate veteran, his widow or orphan. It is said that General Carr had never failed to aid a veteran or the family of a veteran when help was actually needed.

"The latch string is always hanging on the outside for my old comrades," the general was often quoted as having said. In addition to supplying the necessities of life to many of the old soldiers or their families, General Carr paid the college expenses of numerous sons and daughters of his old friends.

General Carr was always a conspicuous figure at state and general Confederate reunions. Perhaps many an old soldier will miss the reunion this year as the result of the death of General Carr. In former years all an old Confederate soldier had to do to be sure of attending a reunion was to let General Carr know that he was unable to pay his expenses. It is said hundreds of veterans went to the reunion every year at the expense of General Carr.

The general apparently was never any happier than when he was with the boys of the thinning ranks of gray. At the democratic convention held here several weeks ago he was frequently seen with locked arms with his old "pals," swapping stories of the battles in which they had participated 50 years ago. He always visited the Confederate soldiers' home here when visiting in Raleigh.

### Ten Per Cent Tax on Radio Sets.

Washington.—The senate gave approval to finance committee amendments to the revenue bill imposing a 10 per cent tax on radio sets, reducing automobile taxes, repealing the capital stock tax, and restoring to the bill the tax on drafts, checks and promissory notes.

All were adopted practically without debate or opposition in rapid order after more than two hours had been spent in discussion of minor proposals. Further contests are expected, however, on the radio and automobile rates.

Approval of these amendments left only vital provisions of the bill to be taken up. These include the income tax rates, reduction on earned income the corporation tax, estate and gift taxes, publicity of returns and the board of tax appeals. Proposals to tax incomes from tax-exempt securities also are to be disposed of.

### Collie Saves Lives of Eight.

Lamberton, N. Y.—The lives of persons were saved by a collie dog when the farm house of Leslie S. Morrison burned to the ground. The dog sacrificed its own life.

Morrison was awakened by the dog's barking at the bed clothes to find the house in flames. With the help of his wife, and his cousin, James Morrison, he carried five children, ranging in age from three to nine years, to safety. Two of them, Robert and Richard, had been overcome by smoke.

# SACRED CARVINGS FOUND IN BOTTLE

### All Appurtenances to Death of Christ on Cross Shown.

Washington.—Smithsonian Institution officials are puzzled by an antique, dug out of the ruins of an ancient castle in Piedmont, Italy, which has just been brought to their attention.

It is a bottle, in which there is a carefully carved replica of all the instruments used in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is a narrow-necked bottle, plugged with a wooden stopper. The carvings are prevented from coming out by a cross-arm of wood, to which they are fastened.

Not only the carving but the bottling itself is of skillful workmanship.

How the articles were carved, placed in the bottle and the container sealed is a mystery.

Many of the pieces contained are larger than the bottle's opening. The theory that the maker blew the bottle around the work after its completion is given little credence, because the wood is glued to the base of the flask. It is pointed out that had the molten glass been put around the carvings the paint on them, which is intact, would have been scorched.

The cross, of course, is the principal feature of the work. Atop it is a rooster.

The spear, the garment Christ wore, the disc with which His slayers gambled, the tools with which the cross was made, the ladder, the sponge from which the Savior drank, the hand which slapped Him and numerous other and less important articles all are faithfully depicted.

On the cross are the letters "I. N. R. I." which some authorities claim stand for the Latin words meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The artist's name is lettered crudely on the base thus:

"Maioceco Bortolozz of Torino, Italy, 1803."

# "Mah Jongg Queen" Who Introduced Game to U. S.



Mrs. Joseph Park Babcock, better known as "Mah Jongg," who introduced the popular game into this country, as well as having written most of the rules of the game. Mrs. Babcock, in Chinese costume, was photographed on the grounds of a hotel at Pasadena, Cal., just before an exhibition game.

# France Has "Demon Ray" to Wipe Out Her Enemies

Paris.—Upon the eve of the armistice France possessed a "demon ray," the most terrible annihilating force which the mind of man ever conceived, with which, scientists claim, the entire German army could have been killed and every man, woman, child and animal in the German cities wiped out. This was revealed in Paris following discussions of Grindem Matthews' invisible radio ray, with which the British arm is planning to guard London.

A noted French scientist, whose name is kept secret, discovered the "demon ray" accidentally while conducting laboratory experiments in the autumn of 1918. French authorities commended the invention on Apparatus for annihilating the death-dealing rays was being installed to annihilate the German army, navy and air forces when the armistice was declared.

The invention then was abandoned until the present, when it is believed it will be secretly reconstructed as a counter-weapon to the Matthews ray.

# Boy of 6 Killed Playing With His Mother's Pistol

New York.—Ernest, six-year-old son of Mrs. Maude Shine, found a shiny new toy under his mother's pillow and took it to play with while she slept. The toy was a loaded revolver. Several moments later a shot awakened Mrs. Shine and she rushed into the parlor to find Ernest on the floor, unconscious, a bullet in his chest. The revolver was discharged when Ernest dropped it heavily to the floor.

Mrs. Shine was released by Magistrate Barrett in Harlem court, to take charge of her boy's body, after putting up \$500 bond for appearance. There are two other children at the Shine apartment at 223 East One Hundred Third street. The father is employed nights.