

# NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

Outstanding Happenings of Week Gathered from Everywhere, Condensed for the Busy Reader.

General Felix Houston Robertson, 88, the last surviving general of the Confederacy and the youngest man to hold that rank in either the southern or northern forces in the Civil war, died at his home in Waro, Tex., Friday.

Seven planes, Quebec, April 25.—All parts necessary to the recon- structing of the transatlantic mono- plane Bremen were on Greenly Is- land today and the plane was expected to be in the air again headed for New York before the end of the week. The New York City relief plane, stocked with spare parts and supplies at Lake Ste. Agnes, arrived here at 11:10 this morning. The plane was piloted by Brent Bal- chen, one of Commander Richard Byrd's transatlantic crew, and Major James Fitzmaurice, the Irish mem- ber of the Bremen crew who came out to civilization's edge on the first relief plane to get aid for his Ger- man comrades, Baron von Huenfeld and Captain Koch.

Washington, April 21.—Harry F. Sinclair goes free. He has lost Teapot Dome. He faces nine months in jail for contempt of the United States senate and for contempt of court. But it took 12 jurors, who were above the average, less than two hours to acquit him today on the charge of criminally conspiring with Albert H. Fall to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil case. The unusually hard-boiled, cold, poker-faced oil millionaire went with relief, Mrs. Sinclair who stood figuratively at his side throughout his greatest ordeal, was hysterical and evidently did not say about the raving crowds who hovered around her in the court- ous corridor when she threw her arms about her husband's neck, cry- ing, "Oh my dear, my dear," as he came out of the chamber with the foreman's "not guilty," to vindicate him.

Kansas City, Mo., April 22.—Tom Mix, hard riding hero of the films, has "landed" a \$3,000,000 two- year contract, which his representa- tive, John D. Hill, said last night, was among the largest in history of moviemaking between star and pro- ducer. The deal, Hill said, was con- summated here by agent Mix and C. W. Brown, vice president of F. B. O., a large booking office and producing corporation. Mix, who appeared in vaudeville here last week, is working eastward to New York where he had planned to sail for Argentina June 4. He was under contract with an Argentine concern to produce pic- tures in that country to be distrib- uted by the F. B. O. corporation. That contract is abrogated by the new one and Mix will return to Holly- wood on the completion of his vande- ville tour in June to begin work on the first of eight pictures.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 22.—More than 125,000 homeless families in southeastern Bulgaria today endured misery, cold and deprivation in terror as intermittent earthquakes continued to rock the already de- vastated region. The government and volunteer agencies devoted every effort to tending the more than 850 persons injured in the region around Philippopolis. The utmost was being done to supply refugees with food. The death toll was vari- ously estimated at between 150 and 300. The devastation at Philippo- lis, industrial capital of Bulgaria, alone presented a task of reconstruction which seemed almost hopeless. More than a score of villages scat- tered through the fertile countryside around Philippopolis in what is Bul- garia's choicest granary were in a fearful predicament. Three-fourths of the city was destroyed.

New York, April 23.—The whole- sale price of cigarettes was reduced to \$6 a thousand by three leading manufacturers today. The cut amounts to 15 cents a thousand on the American Tobacco company's "Lucky Strikes" brand and 10 cents each on the "Camel" brand of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company and the "Chesterfield" brand of Liggett and Myers. The first effect, other than to arouse in the mind of the man in the street the belief he will be able to buy these brands at the rate of two packs for a quarter, was to cause a precipitate break in the prices of tobacco company issues on the New York exchange. Stocks of Liggett and Myers and American Tobacco company dropped \$9 to \$12 a share. The Reynolds company "B" issue showed a loss of \$3, while the stock of Lorillard and company, which announced no reduction, slumped \$6.75 per share.

Washington, April 22.—Four ma- jor pieces of legislation, three of them directly in opposition with the administration's program, will be up for decision this week in congress. Flood control and farm relief bills already passed by the senate in forms opposed by President Coolidge are expected to reach a final vote in the house by Saturday with admin- istration forces exerting every effort to revise the flood measure to meet objections raised at the White House. Tax reduction, another piece of legislation over which strong party differences exist, faces its

## German-Irish Air Heroes Cross Atlantic



A non-stop flight from Europe to North America, the first ever made, was accomplished by Captain Hermann Koehl, chief pilot, Col. James Fitzmaurice and Frederick Eghenfried Gunther von Huenefeld, who landed safely on Greenly Island in Belle Isle Straits, near Labrador, in the Junpers mono plane Bremen. Lack of fuel caused by strong headwinds and fog made the landing on Greenly Island necessary. Mil- lions of people waited anxiously for news of them while their fate hung in the balance on Friday, April 13.

first show down in the senate during the week when the finance commit- tee acts on the revised house revenue bill. The fourth major measure to come before congress during the next six days—the Swing-Johnson Boulder Canyon dam bill—will be called up in the senate in the face of a threatened filibuster by the senators from Arizona.

Detroit, Mich., April 21.—Cap- tain George Hubert Wilkins, veteran Arctic explorer, and Lieut. Carl R. Eielson, Alaskan pilot, have flown across the "top of the world" from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen, in a brief message to the Detroit News today, Wilkins reported the successful accomplishment of the 2,290 mile flight across the Arctic by pack in these words: "Reached Spitzbergen after 20 1/2 hours flying. One stop five days' account bad weather." Later it was learned the stop was at Boedmansoerpe (Dead Man's Island) 25 miles from Seal- land whence Wilkins sent out his radio message. It was Wilkins' third attempt to span the Arctic wastes and word of its successful culmination came after fear had been ex- pressed that he was lost after leaving Point Barrow. He was last heard from at Point Barrow early this month, when his radio sent out a fragmentary message about plans for a take-off shortly.

Streams swollen by almost unpre- cedented rains wrought destruction as they flowed to the sea Monday through parts of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. While the menace in Arkansas was subsiding for the time, at least, rivers were rising in the other states, with the probability that flood crests would not be reached before Wednesday. Thousands of dollars damage to highways, crops and prop- erty, but no loss of life was reported. Cotton crops suffered severely and unofficial estimates placed costs of replanting in the hundreds of thou- sands of dollars. Several towns in Georgia and Alabama were nar- rowed or overflowed in their bottom lands. Transportation and commu- nication facilities were crippled through great areas of the southern coastal plain, washouts stranding trains and making automobile traf- fic impossible between many points. Small tornadoes visited Brunswick and Sylvester, Ga., causing heavy property damage but taking no hu- man toll. Windstorms at many other places added the pelted rain to destroy growing crops.

Washington, April 23.—Senate and house seemed bent today on locking horns with President Cool- idge, the one over the foreign pol- icy and the other over a domestic is- sue. Nicaragua and control of the Mississippi floods were the hubs of the two warring political wheels. In the senate the Nicaraguan word- battle raged mightily with the Blaine rider to the naval appropriation bill, aimed at recall of the marines from Nicaragua, undergoing momentary revision by acceptance of proposals to modify its language before a vote was taken. As it lay on Vice Pres- ident Dawes' desk tonight it was but a patched and tattered ghost of the original Blaine idea of demanding that the boys be out of the Nica- raguan trenches by Christmas, exact- ly what its effect would be in its new guise, agreed to by Blaine, no- body seemed to know, although such authorities as Borah held it would have none. In the house, Madden of Illinois, chairman of the appropri- ations committee, shouting "you may pass this bill; but not over a veto," led the forelorn hoe crusade of ad- ministration stalwarts to force the principle of state contribution to the Mississippi flood control project in the senate bill. He was met by Nel- son of Missouri, with an equally ve- hement thunder of denunciation of White House intervention with "a mandate" to congress that it must accept presidential views or get nothing.

### More Sophisticated

"Dearest," he said rather sadly, "it doesn't seem like the same old smile you used to give me."  
"No, Jack," she returned, "this is a new one. I've been studying at a school of dramatic art."

## COST OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT FOR YEAR 1928

Washington, April 21.—The de- partment of commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the state of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927. The per capita figures for 1927 are based on an estimated population of 2,877,000.

### Expenditures

The payments for operation and maintenance of the general depart- ments of North Carolina amounted to \$18,142,100, or \$6.31 per capita. This includes \$2,071,304, appropria- tions for education to the minor civil divisions of the state. In 1926 the comparative per capita for op- eration and maintenance of gen- eral departments was \$5.75, and in 1917, \$1.96, the increased per capita for 1927 being principally due to in- creased payments for operation and maintenance of highways. The pay- ments for operation and mainte- nance of public service enterprises in 1927 amounted to \$4,952, interest on debt, \$6,125,268; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$22,501,890. The total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public ser- vice enterprises, for interest and out- lays were \$48,779,210. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above \$24,544,295 was for high- ways, \$1,206,586 being for main- tenance and \$20,327,607 for con- struction.

### Revenues

The total revenue receipts were \$55,826,832, or \$19.54 per capita. This was \$11,549,512 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent im- provements, but \$10,952,378 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the pro- ceeds of debt obligations. Special property and other special taxes rep- resent 21.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 21.8 per cent for 1926, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of prop-

### OBITUARY

William Franklin Greer was born January 23, 1850, and died April 5, 1928, aged 77 years. He was married to Martha Ann Isaacs July 11, 1872. They had ten children, seven boys and three girls, all are living and were present at the funeral. They are Henley, Monroe, Charlie, Andy, John, Fimore and Cicero. Mrs. John Isaacs, Mrs. John Oliver and Mrs. Alfred Thomas.

Mr. Greer joined the Baptist church at Zionville, December 25, 1880, and for 48 years lived a con- sistent, Christian life.

Like all men, Will Greer had his weaknesses, but he possessed cer- tain qualities that were so positive and noticeable that they are worthy of being mentioned. Whatever he undertook to do he did well. He was one of the best farmers in the county. His fences were well built, his crops were well tended and his farm clean and attractive. Being a man of great energy he had a con- tempt for idleness and laziness. Although for many years a cripple, he did as much hard work as any man. No man ever lived who was more honest than Will Greer. What- ever he promised to do, he did. He was one of the few men who never lost the fine art of being a good neighbor. He knew when to visit and his fine sense of humor made him one of the most interesting con- versationalists to be found. The clean life that he lived is worthy of emulation. He was as free from dis- sipation as any man who ever lived in this community. This clean life as a background made him a man of great courage. He was positive in his convictions and stood for the right even though he had to stand alone. It is a great heritage to have had such a man as a citizen, as a father, and a husband. No man need fear the future who lived the life that Will Greer lived.

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erty and special taxes collected was 168 per cent from 1917 to 1926, but there was a decrease of 3.1 per cent from 1926 to 1927. The per capita special property and other special taxes, were \$2.68 in 1927, \$2.81 in 1926, and \$1.20 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 11.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 11.1 per cent for 1926, and 20.4 per cent for 1917.

Business and non-business licenses constituted 50.1 per cent of the to- tal revenue for 1927, 43.1 per cent 1926, and 19.4 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and of sales tax on gaso- line, while those from non-business licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for fishing privileges. The sales tax on gasoline amounted to \$8,495,701 in 1927 and \$7,150,516 in 1926, an in- crease of 18.6 per cent. This in- crease in the gasoline tax repre- sents the greatest item of increase

in business and non-business licen- ses.

### Indebtedness

The total funded or fixed debt outstanding June 30, 1927, was \$153,419,200. Of this amount \$94,949,600 was for highways. The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) was \$147,981,294, or \$51.44 per capita. In 1926 the per capita debt was \$42.03, and in 1917, \$3.85. The increased per capita net debt reported for 1927 was due to bond issues for highways and schools.

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