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GREATEST DAMAGE IN SAN BERNARDINO

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Los Angeles, Cal., July 23.—The entire tier of Southern California counties was rocked by an earthquake of from 11 to 20 seconds' duration at 11:25 o'clock last night. San Bernardino, which received the greatest damage was caused, being a second heavy tremor at 1 a. m.

Three men were injured seriously at San Bernardino when roofs fell in, all of them having been in reports of damage. Much damage was caused to property, buildings on streets running east and west being the greatest sufferers.

San Bernarino was the extreme northern point from which earthquake reports were received, and San Diego the farthest south. The shocks extended eastward to the Arizona line. No serious damage was done here.

In San Bernarino the Hall of Records, a building the court house group, was badly damaged, tons of rock being sent hurtling from the walls.

The falling debris crashed through roof of a rooming house adjoining, critically injuring George Fisher, who was sleeping. Other roomers were thrown in panic and rushed into the streets partially clothed. Plain glass windows in a number of places were shattered.

Walls and sidewalks at numerous buildings and sidewalks were cracked. Telephone communications were cut off, owing to the pandemonium. Street lights went out when a number of wires were down.

Chimneys on residences throughout the city tumbled over. Several thousand bricks were knocked out of the Santa Fe machine shops, and there was other damage to that plant. A fall of dust from falling bricks hung over San Bernarino for five minutes after the last shock.

At the southern California state hospital at Patton, where approximately 100 patients were confined, the shock caused the building, in one wing, to crash down. The patients were terrified, but were quickly attended to. Several smaller buildings were damaged. No one was injured.

PROTESTS INCREASED ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURE

McDonald Says These Form the Beginning of Another Race for Armaments.

London, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The House of Commons today moved a resolution deprecating the increasing expenditures in military preparations which the asserted the beginning of another race for armaments. He urged the government to take immediate steps to call an international conference for the limitation of armaments.

THREE MEN INJURED WHEN BOILER EXPLODES

Boiler at Plant of S. Hilton Lumber Co. in Wilmington Exploded Today.

Wilmington, July 23.—Three men were injured, none seriously, when a boiler at the plant of the S. Hilton Lumber Company's shingle mill here exploded at 8:20 this morning. The building was wrecked and a portion of the boiler exploded several hundred yards into the Cape Fear River. Leaks were blamed for the explosion.

Number Thirteen is Unlucky for This Man.

Raleigh, July 22.—Please don't give me a license with a 13 on it. Last year you gave me No. 213 and my wife got killed. Please give me something else.

The note to the automobile license department accompanied an automobile driver's check for his new tag. The odds of it is apparent without comment.

President Ends Visit to Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, July 22.—President Harding concluded his visit to Alaska today by exactly two weeks from the territory and tonight the marine transport Henderson, carrying the presidential party, steamed out of the harbor bound for Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle.

Severe Earthquake Tremors Are Felt.

Washington, July 22.—An earthquake of severe intensity and of two or three minutes' duration, estimated to have covered 1,000 miles from Washington, was recorded today on the Georgetown University seismograph. The disturbance continued from 6:29 a. m. with the greatest intensity between 10 o'clock and 10:30 a. m.

Pres. Castle Granted a Divorce.

Paris, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pres. Rene Castle-Tremain, the divorcee, was granted a divorce here today.

ESCAPING INSANE CONVICTS RECAPTURED

Escaped Last Night From Insane Hospital at Chester, Illinois.

Chester, Ill., July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fifteen of the forty-one insane convicts who last night escaped from the state hospital for criminal insane here had been recaptured this morning.

Acting concertedly in contradiction to the frequently expressed theory that insane persons cannot act in unison, the frenzied madmen escaped by battling down a section of steel mesh wire fence after killing one of their own guards and seriously wounding two guards. The superintendent of the institution sustained a fractured arm in attempting to hold back the convicts.

The dead convict is William Jackson, negro, convicted in Chicago on a murder charge. It was asserted today that he was stabbed to death by fellow convicts in a general fight preceding the escape, and not by guards as previously reported. One of the guards injured is not expected to recover.

BIG LOSS TO TOBACCO IN GREENVILLE SECTION

Early Reports Place the Damage at One-Half Million Dollars.

Greenville, N. C., July 23.—Many acres of tobacco were reported to have been damaged by a severe rain and hail storm in this part of the state yesterday and last night. The storm crossed over an area of approximately 15 miles, according to reports received here, damaging cotton and corn as well as tobacco crops. No official estimate of the loss had been made today but reports indicated that it would be high.

Much Damage in Wayne County Also.

Kinston, July 23.—Farmers reaching here today from Wayne County say tobacco, corn and cotton crops were badly damaged in a section of that county last night by a terrific hail and rain storm.

THE AMERICAN GUNBOAT PAMPANGA FIRED UPON

While Patrolling the West River in China Protecting American Interests.

Canton, July 22 (By the Associated Press).—Previous to the recent capture of Wu Chow by the constitutionalists, the U. S. gunboat Pampanga while patrolling the West River protecting American interests was fired on by artillery and rifles at Dosing by W'wangsi troops, although the ship was flying two large American flags. It is the first time in the history of the West River that an American gunboat has been fired on.

The Pampanga in self defense was forced to return the fire of the attackers. Some difficulty was experienced in maneuvering the ship. The action lasted about ten minutes. There were no American casualties.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Speakers Bring Messages of Progress of Baptist World Since Close of War.

Stockholm, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Baptist World Alliance in session here, offered congratulations to King Gustav today upon the fact that during his reign full recognition of religious liberty had been granted in Sweden. It voted to lay a wreath on the grave of Gustavus Adolphus.

Speakers from every section of Europe brought messages on the progress of the Baptist world since the close of the war.

Washington, Montreal and Shanghai are applicants for the next session of the Congress.

CRISIS APPROACHING

In the Turkish-American Treaty Negotiations.—Trying to Harmonize Views.

Lausanne, July 23 (By the Associated Press).—The Turkish-American treaty negotiations are approaching a crisis. By Thursday of this week when Ismet Pasha says he must leave for Angora it will be known whether the treaty will be signed or the negotiations broken off. Each delegation has sent lengthy dispatches to its government seeking to harmonize its views on the divergent points if this is possible.

The Morse Ship Frauds Trial.

Washington, July 23.—After abandoning their plans to call Attorney General Daugherty to the witness stand, defense attorneys in the Morse ship frauds trial made an expected shift in the line-up of their witnesses and announced that Charles M. Schwab would appear tomorrow.

At the same time it became known that ill health had been given by the Morse counsel as their reason for not going through with their plan to question the attorney general.

Is a Local Political Embroglio.

Manila, P. I., July 23 (By the Associated Press).—The split between Governor General Leonard Wood and Manuel Quezon which resulted in the resignation of all the leading officials of the Philippine government has developed into a local political partisan embroglio with the democratic party supporting Governor Wood and the collectivist party opposing him, according to leaders here today.

MR. JOHN C. LESLIE DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK

Manager of New York Office of Cannon Manufacturing Co. Dies at His Home.

Mr. John C. Leslie, manager of the New York office of the Cannon Mills, died suddenly at his home at No. 9 East 80th Street, New York, according to a long distance telephone message today received here about 9 o'clock by Mr. Jos. F. Cannon, of this city. He had just returned from a trip to Lake Placid, where he spent last week with his family, who had been spending some time there. Mr. Leslie planned to spend this week in New York and return to Lake Placid next week for a further stay. So far as is known he had been in his usual health.

Mr. Leslie, who was about 58 years of age, was a native of Concord, the son of the late Milas B. Leslie. His early life was spent in Concord, and he was engaged with a number of businesses here before leaving Concord in 1890, among them being the mercantile establishments of Martin Thayer and Cannon & Fetzer. In 1890, he left Concord, going to Charlotte where he opened a mercantile business, with Mr. B. F. Rogers, known as Leslie & Rogers. After several years in Charlotte he moved to Albemarle, where he was made Secretary and Treasurer of the Wicasset Mills, of the Cannon Manufacturing Company. This position he held until the Cannon Mills opened an office in New York, in 1900, when he was transferred to that office. For a number of years before his death he had been the manager of the New York office, which was the main selling office for the Cannon Mills. He was a man of splendid business ability and held a position of great responsibility.

Mr. Leslie is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Emma Ross Leslie, of New York City. Five sisters, all of Concord, also survive, as follows: Mrs. W. L. Bell, Miss Bettie Leslie, Mrs. Laura Leslie Ross, Miss Lena M. Leslie, and Mrs. A. H. Jarrett.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

KILLS WIFE AND TWO BABIES, SLASHES SELF

Ophir Dugger, Columbia, Tenn., in Fit of Melancholia, Slaughters Family.

Columbia, Tenn., July 22.—Mrs. Ophir Dugger, aged 36, her two children, a boy of four and a girl of two, are dead and Ophir Dugger, the husband and father, is dying in the Kings Daughters Hospital here tonight as the result of a sudden fit of melancholia on the part of Dugger today.

Dugger, according to the sheriff, who made personal investigation, used a razor to cut the throats of his wife and two children and then turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting wounds from which he is dying.

The tragedy took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jacobs, at Carter's Creek, Mrs. Jacobs is a sister of the slain woman.

According to Jacobs, Dugger, who came to this section recently with his family from Plainsville, Texas, had been in Nashville for a week searching for work. He returned from that city only a few days ago and stated that he had been unable to secure a job, working only one day of the week in Nashville. Jacobs stated that Dugger had brooded over his inability to secure employment and that this is believed to have affected his mind and resulted in today's tragedy.

After cutting the throats of his wife and two children, Dugger used the same razor to inflict three ugly wounds upon himself, slashing his throat, cutting his abdomen across and also slashing his left arm. He was removed to the hospital here, where tonight attending physicians stated that he was not expected to survive the night.

YEGGMEN WRECK OFFICE BUILDING IN HIGH POINT

Thieves Attempt to Blow Open Safe in Office of W. A. Davis.

High Point, July 23.—The office of W. A. Davis, local wholesale feed dealer, was wrecked about 4:30 this morning by thieves attempting to blow open his safe.

The attempted safe cracking was evidently the work of a novice. Dynamite or other high-explosive was used. The yeggmens were afraid to return for the \$7,000 inside the safe. The office was reduced to debris and the ceiling was blown away from the walls of the office.

Family of Cats Develop Rabies at the Same Time.

Monroe, July 22.—Six cats all developing rabies at the same time a few days ago has taught their owner, Rev. K. W. Hogan, of Buford township, that one cat is a plenty for any family. Some weeks ago Rev. Mr. Hogan's family milk cow developed rabies and the entire family of seven has taken the pasture treatment. The cat experience on top of the other trouble is more than the minister cares to endure again and he will in the future get along with fewer cats.

Federal Agents Make a Big haul.

Federal Agents D. F. Widenhouse, T. M. Halliburton, J. L. Moore and L. G. Trexler made a big haul in the western part of the state last week. They captured ten men and three large distilleries, and seized four automobiles, a coop of chickens, a crate of eggs, two pistols and 51 gallons of whiskey. Seven of the men were bound over to court, and warrants have been issued for the other three. This was a big week's work, and the best part of it is that the men were captured along with the stills and liquor.

Parks-Bell Co. Offer Specials For Thursday Afternoon.

The Parks-Bell Co. in a page ad. today offer many bargains in their big Twelfth Anniversary Sale now going on. Among these specials are many for Thursday afternoon. Read the ad. and see what they have to offer.

Don't forget to secure a ticket for each 1.00 worth of goods purchased at this store, as the tickets are good on a chance at ten big prizes to be given away.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

Gastonia, the county seat of Gaston county, is the center of the textile industry of the state.

Gaston county has within its borders more than one hundred active cotton mills.

Winston-Salem is the center of the State's tobacco products industry. This city is also the greatest in population with Charlotte as a close second.

Charlotte is the state's leading industrial center.

Asheville, in the "land of the sky," is the tourist center of North Carolina and one of the leading tourist cities east of the Mississippi. Every summer, thousands from many sections of the country visit this mountain city.

Pinehurst, with its many golf links, is the mecca of winter golfers and sportsmen. Polo, golf, tennis and many other sports form a continuous program through the fall, winter and early spring months.

High Point is the center of the furniture industry of North Carolina and is fast becoming one of the important furniture manufacturing centers of the south.

THE TIME TO BEGIN FIGHTING THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Cotton Grower Urged to Watch Their Cotton Closely From Now On.

Raleigh, July 23.—The time to begin fighting the boll weevil by poisoning the cotton with calcium arsenate will soon be at hand, and cotton growers are strongly urged to henceforth watch their cotton closely, and when ten per cent. of the squares are found punctured, an application of dust should be made.

Dr. R. W. Leiby of the boll weevil laboratory declared in a statement issued here tonight. The ten per cent. point was reached in many cotton fields in the southern counties of the state where a full investigation is due this year. Dr. Leiby said he thinks, about July 20th.

The entomologists of the state's curculio and boll weevil laboratory here are keeping a close watch on the development of the weevil. Dr. Leiby stated. He said they are breeding each day several hundred weevils from fallen squares collected in cotton fields in the southern counties of the state.

"These weevils," continued Dr. Leiby, "are the progeny of the overwintering weevils that attacked the squares soon after the cotton began squaring in early spring. They are now emerging in numbers from squares which have not been collected, or which have been over looked in the field, and puncturing the squares very rapidly so that in some fields it will not be long before ten per cent. of the squares will be punctured. When the grower finds after examining several hundred squares in different parts of a field should again be examined and if the infestation still runs over ten per cent, a third and fourth application should be made at intervals of five nights."

A series of four applications of the dust poison when made according to directions will keep the percentage of punctured squares low and the cotton will meanwhile mature the early and mid-season forms bolls.

The entomologists working here at the boll weevil laboratory have many pairs of weevils in cages, the females of which deposit an average of about six eggs per day in as many squares. They find that the eggs hatch between three and four days after they are laid, and then the square drops from the plant when the grub is more than half grown or about eleven days after the egg is placed in the square. Approximately twenty days are required at this season of the year for a grown weevil to develop from the egg. Extensive poisoning experiments are also being conducted both in the laboratory and in the field, which prove beyond a doubt that the dry calcium arsenate when dusted upon the dew-moistened plants will kill the weevils within several hours after they drink the poisoned dew. The drinking of the dew, Dr. Leiby explained, is a habit of the weevil.

"Dr. Leiby stated that an appreciable number of the larger cotton planters in the southern counties of the state are prepared to dust to hold the weevil in check, one well known company manufacturing cotton dusting machinery having sold 20 dusting machines in two counties. Many other cotton farmers will use mule drawn and saddle back two-row dusters, while still others will use hand dust guns."

The general impression now prevails among those who are not prepared to dust that the entomologists have over emphasized the possible damage by the weevils this year in sections where the injury is due to be full unless precautions are taken," Dr. Leiby stated. "This has always been the case for the first year when the weevil is present in full force, and such mistaken farmers will have to lose a crop before they accept the advice of the entomologists."

Dr. Leiby pointed out that the apparent lull in the activity of the weevil is to be expected at this time of the year, but that meanwhile many punctured squares in the cotton fields of the southern counties of the state are quietly furnishing food for numerous grubs which will develop into weevils.

In recent weeks, Dr. Leiby said he has not failed to find punctured squares in every cotton field he has examined, although the owners of these fields in many instances declared that they had been unable to find any work of the weevils. Here, and there, however, Dr. Leiby asserted, there are big cotton growers who are waiting to begin their weevil fight by dusting according to the approved methods when the time arrives.

Hottest in 38 Years.

New York, July 23.—The warmest July 21 since 1885, directly caused three deaths in the metropolitan district yesterday, and an elderly woman, trying to keep cool, fell from a window and was killed. Many persons were overcome, including one on the beach at Coney Island. No relief is in sight.

The temperatures reached 94 at 3 p. m.

THE COTTON MARKET

Prices Forced Off From 32 to 45 Points.

—Reports of Some Good Rains in Southern Texas.

New York, July 23.—An active and weak market characterized the opening session on the new cotton exchange this morning. Reports of some good rains in southern Texas, in connection with weak Liverpool cables induced heavy commission house and local selling which forced prices off 32 to 45 points at the start. Pressure continued after the opening with July selling at 26.00, October at 23.07, and December at 23.70, or 47 to 63 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened easy: July 26.25; October 23.50; December 22.80; January 22.60; March 22.8.

New Board Room Opened With Smash

New York, July 23.—The opening of the new board room of the cotton exchange today witnessed the heaviest business in many weeks with a smash in prices that carried the level of the leading positions off 60 to 70 points, or \$3 to \$3.50 per bale, under closing prices last Friday.

BUSINESS MEN WARNED TO PAY LICENSE TAX

Penalty of 20 Per Cent. Will Be Levied After August 1st Under the Law.

Raleigh, July 22.—Warning to professional men of the existence of chapter 96 of the revenue act requiring the payment of a license tax prior to June 1 has been issued from the office of Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton.

"A large number of licenses for the practice of certain professions and carrying on of certain businesses have been issued, but there appears to be a large number of parties liable for this tax who have not made application and received the necessary license," it was stated at Commissioner Doughton's office.

"Unless these applications are received and tax paid prior to August 1 the penalty of 20 per cent as levied in the revenue act will be added to all taxes after August 1. The department, therefore, urges all liable for the tax to make their applications prior to this date."

HELL'S KITCHEN GROUCH HAS HIS LAST QUARREL

Stabbed to Death With Screw Driver After Abusing Children.

New York, July 19.—Bravely, frequent and violent, go to make up daily life in Hell's Kitchen, but no man can appropriate unto himself all the quarrels of the neighborhood; each must have his share.

Carmine Discullo, who cooked when he was not fighting, was known in a district noted for its toughness as "a most quarrelsome man." Day in and day out he fought with his neighbors.

Today he chased Mrs. Margaret Daly, a cripple, about the tenement in which he lived. Later he chased a band of kids and slapped their faces.

Then he enjoyed his last quarrel. Three men, remonstrating at his actions, dragged him into a doorway and stabbed him to death with a screw driver. That is the way Hell's Kitchen acts when it is mad.

Tonight the police are looking for the man who killed him. They are detaining as a material witness the father of one of the boys he slapped. The father, in whose rooms two revolvers and a box of cartridges were found, asserted he was upstairs blowing a whistle when the stabbing occurred.

Prominent Cotton Men of England Visiting Charlotte.

Charlotte, July 21.—Arno S. Pearce, general secretary of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association, with headquarters at Manchester, England; Arthur Foster, chairman of the finance council of the Empire Cotton Growing corporation, and the chairman of the finance council of the North Lancashire Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' association, with headquarters at Preston, England; and F. A. Tomlinson, managing director of the newly established Manchester Raw Cotton Company, limited, were in the city for several days.

Messrs. Pearce and Foster were in Charlotte in 1919 when they stopped here with other noted figures of the British textile world and others en route to New Orleans to attend the first world's cotton conference.

With Our Advertisers.

Lancaster tires, "the tires of greater mileage," are sold here by the York & Wadsworth Co.

Hiram Johnson Will Not Commit Himself on Arrival

P. V. NEESE FALLS OUT WINDOW AT SALISBURY

District Manager Business Men's Insurance Company in Serious Condition.

Special to Greensboro News.

Salisbury, July 22.—P. V. Neese, district manager of the Business Men's Insurance Company, of Greensboro, with headquarters in this city, fell from his office window on the second floor of the Wallace building to the cement pavement on Innis Street this morning. He was severely injured about the head and this evening the Salisbury hospital reports him as being in a serious condition.

R. B. Doughty, one of Neese's agents, and T. J. Cates, special agent with the same company, were arrested by policemen shortly after Neese fell from the window, they being reported as having been in the room just before the accident.

Cates was soon released on a small bond but Doughty is still being held because of his condition. Both Neese and Doughty are reported as having been badly under the influence of whiskey. Business associates of Neese have been looking after him for several days and this morning he was turned over to Doughty to look after for the day and both are said to have gotten badly under the influence of booze before the accident occurred.

NOT GUILTY, SAYS JURY

Alleged Women Floggers at Lumberton Acquitted and Released.

Lumberton, July 21.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the Superior Court jury at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon on each of the three counts of kidnapping, secret assault and assault with a deadly weapon against Mike Lawson, John Hedgcock and Julie Brodard, charged with being leaders of a band of 18 hooded men who took Mrs. Hattie Purvis and Mrs. Mary A. Watson from the home of the former at Proctorville on the night of April 14th last, and gave them a severe flogging on their naked flesh. Only one ballot was taken. The jury was out 50 minutes.

Solicitor T. A. McNeil announced that a nol pros with leave would be entered in the charge of burglary in the first degree, contained in the bill of indictment, and that charge was dismissed and the defendants, who had been in jail since Friday of last week, when they were arraigned, and prior to that time for more than two months under \$15,000 bond, were free men.

This ended the most sensational and the hardest fought case in the history of Robeson county. Since the case was called at 10:45 last Tuesday morning, the court room had been packed every moment of the trial, and every inch of the ground had been closely contested by an able array of counsel on each side.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

To Hold Its Annual Meeting at Junaluska Beginning July 26.

Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 21.—The School of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will hold its annual summer school beginning July 26 and continuing through August 9, is the next event of importance on the program of Methodist activities at Lake Junaluska. It is announced by Rev. A. C. Zumbrunnen, D. D., Ph. D., Secretary of the Home Cultivation Department of the Board of Missions, under whose auspices the school will be conducted. Dr. Zumbrunnen is dean of the School of Missions.

The school will be conducted in the new Mission Building, completed last year by the Board of Missions at a cost of \$150,000. The evening platform meetings will be held in the auditorium on the lake front.

Lake Junaluska offers four valuable things," declared Dean Zumbrunnen, "namely, information, inspiration, recreation and association, and these points will have special emphasis and include a carefully prepared four years' course of study on such subjects as Bible Study, History of Missions; the Philosophy of Missions; Missionary Pedagogy and the study of Mission fields.

"Inspiration will have a prominent place in the school. This is the purpose of the morning prayer meeting and the platform meetings each night, when the best inspired speakers that could be secured will have charge.

"In the field of recreation which will be stressed, Junaluska has much to offer in the way of rowing, swimming, fishing, tennis, golf, horseback riding, and mountain climbing. This year there will be a special director of recreation who will have charge of the program in this respect."

The announced purpose of the school is to help train an adequate missionary leadership, for the 65,000,000 with whom the Methodist Episcopal Church is working in home and foreign mission fields.

The curriculum is as follows: The Child and America's Future; The Missionary Message of the Bible; Social Aspect of Foreign Missions; The Mission Study Class Leader; Why and How of Foreign Missions; Dramatics and Pageantry; Outlines of Missionary History; The Missionary: The Principles of Teaching Missions; The Missionary Program and Organization of the Local Church and the International Aspect of Foreign Missions.

A Missionary Pageant will be the closing feature of the school.

Sea Going Tug Goes Down.

Wilmington, July 23.—The tug Juno of Wilmington, went down in 10 feet of water off the Beaufort Bar last yesterday afternoon during a thunderstorm, according to long distance telephone messages received here today.

James Copeland, engineer, of Wilmington, was lost, but the body has not been recovered.

State Library Today on Leviathan From a Trip to Europe.—Later May Have Something to Say.

WILL MAKE SPEECH WEDNESDAY NIGHT