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Seemed Sure as to Might Happen at Session of Naval Conference Today.

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From Japan, Britain and United States Ready to Defend Positions.

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GOES ON TRIAL ON ASSAULT CHARGES

Prof. T. B. Mauney, of Candor High School, Faces Serious Charges in Court at Troy.

ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Mrs. F. F. Sanders Charges That She Was Assaulted by Mauney Two Days After Her Marriage.

Troy, N. C., July 14.—(AP)—Trial of T. B. Mauney, principal of the Candor High School, on charges of criminal assault brought against him by Mrs. F. F. Sanders, began here today.

Prof. Mauney pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Sanders maintained she was assaulted two days after her marriage.

The occasion she charged was when she called on the principal at the office for permission to continue her studies.

She was formerly Miss Myrtle Pools. She married a Candor barber.

About a dozen women faculty members were among the defense's character witnesses, while students were secured as witnesses for both sides.

The jury was selected after an all-day questioning yesterday of 38 veniremen from a total panel of 100 called.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 9 to 14 Points on Covering and Fresh Buying.

New York, July 14.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 9 to 14 points on active covering and fresh buying inspired by a sharp upturn in Liverpool reports of showers in the eastern belt, and talk of probable large figures on domestic mill consumption for the month of June.

October sold up to 17.95 and January to 18.25 or 13 to 17 points net higher, and within 2 or 3 points of last Tuesday's high record on the new crop positions. These prices attracted realizing but the market was steady and within 4 or 5 points of the best at the end of the first hour.

After easing off about 10 to 15 points from the opening advance, prices firmed up on the report of the Census Bureau showing domestic consumption of 962,630 bales for June, compared with 518,607 last year. These figures were said to be the largest for the month of June on record, and were within 32,000 bales of the record for any month. October sold up to 18.00 and January to 18.30, making new high prices for the season on new crop positions, and net advances of about 20 to 22 points. These prices attracted heavy realizing, however, and most of the gain was lost with October selling back to 17.81 late in the afternoon, or within a point of yesterday's closing quote.

Cotton futures opened firm: July 17.58; Oct. 17.90; Dec. 18.12; Jan. 18.22.

CLOSING FIGURES

January 18.15; March 18.35; May 18.51; July 17.55; October 17.81; December 18.06.

ROBINSON GUILTY

Found Guilty of Assault With Deadly Weapon.—Verdict Was Directed by Judge Webb.

Charlotte, July 14.—(AP)—Conley E. Robinson, young local attorney, was acquitted of a charge of assault with intent to kill, but found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in superior court here today. The latter offense is a misdemeanor and does not involve loss of citizenship or his license to practice law. The verdict was directed by Judge James E. Webb, of Shelby.

Later Judge Webb announced that he would not sentence Robinson until next week.

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Read J. C. Penny Co's. Economy News in this paper that spells success, value, quality and low price. You will find enumerated a number of good values for men, women and children.

The annual July and Birthday Sale of Belk's Department Store started this morning with a big crowd throughout the store. New specials will be coming in every day by express, and there will always be big bargains for you.

You will find many low special values in dresses and millinery at the Gray Shop from \$4.95 to \$19.50. Coats at \$10 to \$15, former prices \$25 and \$30.50. There are just 25 coats in the lot and every coat is worth at least double the price. Hats now \$1.95, were \$6.95. See big ad, today.

BOBBY HOLDS LEAD BY PLAYING UNDER PAR AGAIN TODAY

St. Andrews, Scotland, July 14.—(AP)—Bobbie Jones played his second round of the British open golf championship in 72, one stroke under par, giving him a total for the two days of 140, and maintaining his lead in defense of the title he holds. He was a stroke over par for the first nine, but clipped two strokes off coming home.

The champion faces the final 36 hole test tomorrow with an advantage of six strokes under par for the classic St. Andrews course. He was five under par with his record equalling 68 score yesterday, and added another today, Bobby's score of 140 for 36 holes compared with par 146 for two rounds.

LOWER PART OF BODY IS FOUND

Upper Portion of Youth's Body Thought to Have Been Eaten by Fish.

Wilmington, July 13.—Lower extremity of the body of Trop Woodcock, drowned July 4th in Elmore's Inlet while swimming with a party of four others, has been found and buried in Atkinson, N. C. The body was intact from the hips down, but no trace was found of the remainder which is believed to have been devoured by a shark or a mammoth fish.

Finding of the remains of Woodcock leaves but one body unaccounted for, that being Leon Barnhill, Hamstead, which has not been seen since the five persons sank below the surface when caught in a treacherous offset. The others were found the day after the drowning.

Careful search is being kept up for evidence of Barnhill's body and the remainder of that of Woodcock. Finding of the lower limbs of Woodcock bears out the statements of persons who said they saw evidence of human internal organs in the water several days after the bodies disappeared.

Remains of Woodcock were found in the vicinity of the place where the drowning occurred.

INVEIGH AGAINST SUNDAY SALE OF GAS

Methodist Conference Appeals for Stopping Sabbath Dealings in the Country.

Goldsboro, July 13.—Sunday sale of gasoline in rural sections should be stopped, states a 1,000 word resolution approved today by the district conference of the M. E. Church, South.

The paper, signed by former Sheriff R. A. Stevens, secretary of the conference, says the body is in favor of a state-wide law forbidding sale of gasoline on Sunday.

"We believe that the State of North Carolina, which derives its authority of enacting and enforcing law from God Himself, should see to it that His command to observe a day set apart by Him be kept holy and respected," the resolution reads.

"It is therefore through a sense of Christian duty that we again proclaim against the sale of gasoline on Sunday from rural filling stations the same as is prohibited in most towns and cities on Sunday. The open Sunday has no rightful place in any Christian community."

CARPENTER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Falls From Top of 85-Foot Dam and Catches on Way Down.

Norwood, July 13.—Carl Clinton, carpenter at Hydro, fell from the top of the 85-foot dam under construction at that place. He was caught by some steel as he was coursing downward, thereby badly tearing his clothing and cutting into several ribs, by which he was suspended until aid could reach him. He was taken to Albemarle Hospital for treatment. Although the cutting steel caused some pain, its timely aid prevented the young man being crushed to death when he reached the ground below.

COL. A. D. WATTS IS CRITICALLY ILL

Little or No Hope For Recovery of Statesville Man Held Out at Sanitarium.

Statesville, July 13.—Col. Alston D. Watts, former collector of internal revenue for North Carolina, tonight was reported in a critical condition with physicians holding out little or no hope for his recovery at a sanitarium here.

His illness took a turn for the worse this morning and he has grown steadily weaker, reports from the bedside said.

Can Interstate Commerce Commission Refuse Petition of the P. & N.?

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 14.—That the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot very well refuse the petition of the Piedmont and Northern for the extension of its lines to Greensboro and Winston-Salem, and that the P. & N. is acting wisely in proceeding with work of acquiring its right of way, pending the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is the opinion of a number of officials connected with the State Corporation Commission here.

One of the reasons for the belief is based upon some of the testimony brought out at the recent hearing of the P. & N. petition before an examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission in Charlotte. At this hearing it was brought out that in the order of the L. C. C. some time ago, permitting the Georgia and Florida railroad to extend its lines from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C., the commission, in its order, called attention to the fact that by so doing the Georgia and Florida would be able to connect with the Piedmont

Liquor, Not Oil, Produced From Well In Sampson County, Officials Say

Clinton, N. C., July 14.—(AP)—Although oil was not produced from an oil well begun near here early last month under partial financing by local people, officials charge that liquor was produced from a 100-gallon moonshine still within 300 yards of the drilling machinery, and A. Orr, member of the firm promoting the well and two of his employees have been arrested, charged with operating the still. Sheriff Med Morrison, of Sampson

county, holds warrants for other men connected with the scheme, two of whom, Wherry and Marion Carver, the promoters "geologists," are missing. Orr, together with Jackson and Jeter, employees of Orr and Wherry, promoting the concern, have been released in \$500 bond each.

FRIGHTENED WOMAN LEAPS FROM WINDOW

Effort Made to Enter Home of Colored Jeweler at Siler City.

Siler City, July 13.—An attempt to rob the home of Tod Edwards, colored jeweler of the place, about 10 o'clock Monday night, so frightened one of the grown daughters that she jumped or fell from one of the upstairs windows. Possibly fatal injuries were prevented when a neighbor coming in response to cries for help appeared just in time to catch the girl as she fell.

Members of the family declare that the marauder had entered from the rear of the house and was coming along the hall when they first heard him. Tod and his wife were at church at the time, but they were summoned, and a large assembly of neighbors, armed with clubs, hogs guns, and other dangerous and deadly weapons searched the premises. Tod is of the opinion that the would-be burglar surreptitiously joined this group and assisted with the search.

It is believed that the purpose of the attempt was robbery. Tod is treasurer of his church, and the congregation had held a big rally Sunday, resulting in over \$300 being turned in to the treasurer. He feels that the would-be burglar expected to find this money in the house.

In entering the house, a large hole was ripped in one of the back screens.

GREENSBORO MAN KILLED BY FALL

Fall From Church Tower Proves Fatal To 61-Year-Old Contractor.

Wilmington, July 13.—William M. Roach, 61 years old, Greensboro contractor, died this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in Walker Memorial Hospital from injuries received earlier in the day when he fell from the tower of the First Presbyterian Church, now under construction at Third and Orange streets. He never regained consciousness.

The body will be forwarded to Greensboro tomorrow morning on the train leaving Wilmington at 4:35 o'clock for funeral and burial. It will be accompanied by W. C. Holtz. Funeral arrangements will be made after the body has reached Greensboro.

The contractor, who was inspecting work on the heights of the structure lost his balance, falling to the floor after a distance of 25 feet below. His fall was not broken and the crash broke his body in several places. Death was attributed to compound fracture of the skull and hemorrhage of the brain.

Mr. Roach, who was a widower, leaves a son, William Roach, Jr., and a daughter, Miss Louise Roach, both of Greensboro.

25 DEATHS CAUSED BY HEAT WAVE IN EAST

Three Others in New England Towns Killed in Electrical Storms.

New York, July 14.—(AP)—Twenty-five persons in cities in the East were killed by the heat in the last 24 to 36 hours, it was shown by compilations made here today.

Three others in New England towns were killed in electrical storms which brought only temporary relief to the heat-blanketed sections yesterday. Although predictions were for slightly cooler weather today, forenoon temperatures gave little indication of the relief.

In New York where five persons have died since the heat wave appeared, the temperature at 10 o'clock was 80, and climbing, and the humidity was holding at 75.

The Southern Railway will run a special excursion to Savannah, Florida and Cuba on July 21. Round trip fare from Concord to Savannah \$16; to Miami \$26 and to Havana \$50.75.

EARTH TREMORS IN HOLY LAND CAUSED \$1,000,000 DAMAGE

Hebrew University One of Hardest Hit, Damage There Alone Being Estimated at \$50,000.

NARROW ESCAPES ARE NOW NOTED

Gov. Symes Escaped Death Only Because Tremors Caused Train to Fall to Left Instead of to Right.

Jerusalem, July 14.—(AP)—Examination of the wreckage of Government House, badly damaged in Monday's earthquake, revealed that a stone from a partially wrecked tower hurled through the roof of the chapel, destroying a picture of the former German emperor in Biblical robes.

One of the worst damaged buildings in Jerusalem if not in the entire Holy Land affected by the quake, is the Hebrew University. Its library and chemical laboratory suffered most. The damage to the university is estimated at \$50,000. A tentative estimate of the losses suffered by public and private buildings in the earthquake area has been set at \$1,250,000.

Some narrow escapes from death when the earth trembled have been reported. A train on which Governor Symes, government secretary was traveling, was derailed by the shock in Yermut valley. It was thrown to the left against an embankment. Had it been thrown to the right it would have fallen down a 300-foot precipice.

A chance postponement of a class from 3 to 4 o'clock in the girls' school at Essat saved the pupils and teachers, for in the interim the school was demolished.

A prominent mausoleum architect after an examination of the Temple area placed the total damage there at less than \$5,000. He denied a report that Kubbett Es-Sakhara, or dome of the rock, was damaged by the disturbance, saying that a minor crack visible in the mosaic work is probably due to early deterioration.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Mt. Pleasant, July 11.—Mr. and Mrs. John Herion, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Thelma Seaford, of Charlotte, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Seaford.

Miss Beulah Burleson, of Albemarle, returned to her home Sunday after spending a week with the Misses Katherine Barringer and Geneva Hahn.

Miss Lena Hahn arrived Friday evening from Boone, where she had been attending summer school. She will be at home for only a short time. Miss Hahn expects to attend the next session of summer school in Salisbury at Catawba College.

Brown McAllister is home for the week-end from summer school at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Link and children were visitors in Concord Friday.

Russell Huffman, of Hickory, and Kenneth Conrad, of Lexington, former students of M. P. C. I., are here attending the summer school for church workers.

Ralph Taylor, a graduate of M. P. C. I., spent the week-end here with friends.

Miss Rosalie Faggart was the week-end guest of Margaret Lentz. "Rae" Houzer, of Dallas, N. C., spent a few hours here Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Sullivan, a student of M. A. S., is here attending the summer school for church workers.

Miss Sarah Goodman and Earl Hendly, of Landis, spent the week-end with Miss Goodman's grandmother, Mrs. Luther Ritchie.

Paul A. Lentz, of Salisbury, spent a few hours here Saturday afternoon.

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, of Durham, and Miss Mary Lee Barnhardt, of Salisbury, were visitors here Friday.

Miss Salome Shirey is home from Lenoir-Rhyne summer school.

Mrs. P. K. Drey, of Landis, was the guest of Mrs. E. M. Drey last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hahn, of Salisbury, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hahn Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Patterson and daughter, Virginia Lee, from Nebraska, are visiting Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher.

Stern Charge Made to Jury. Charlotte, July 11.—"Fast living" by the younger generation caused Judge James L. Webb to advocate a 9 o'clock curfew law in charging the Mecklenburg Grand Jury today.

The jurist admonished the jurors to be on the lookout for any merchant selling cigarettes to boys or girls under 17 years of age and scored the practice of youth in taking "wild joy rides" at night.

Condition of Colonel Watts Critical. Statesville, July 14.—(AP)—The condition of Col. A. D. Watts, former collector of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, and former state revenue commissioner, who has been ill for some time at his home here, was said to be critical this morning. Attendants at his bedside said the end was apparently a matter only of hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foil spent Sunday in High Point.

SMITH'S PLANE ALL SET FOR TAKE OFF; WEATHER IMPROVING

Little Silver Monoplane, "City of Oakland," Fueled and Provisioned in Readiness For Flight.

WEATHER NOT SO GOOD AT FIRST

Later in Day Pea Soup Fog Started Lifting and Conditions Were Thought to Be All Right for Trip.

Municipal Airport, Oakland, Calif., July 14.—(AP)—The silver-winged monoplane "City of Oakland," manned by Pilot Ernest L. Smith and Navigator Emory B. Bronte, took off here at 10:40 a. m. today for a 2,400-mile flight to Hawaii.

The start came after Smith had once tried to get off on the first trial, the plane leaped down the runway but soon slowed up and pulled to the right of the runway, coming to a halt and turned around and started taxiing back to the head of the runway. Then it stopped. Mechanics swarmed about yelling at Smith asking what the trouble was.

Municipal Airport, Oakland, Calif., July 14.—(AP)—Loaded with fuel and provisions, the little silver monoplane "City of Oakland," today awaited only her pilot, Ernest L. Smith, and her navigator Emory N. Bronte for the takeoff on a flight to Hawaii.

Two hours before the time of the scheduled takeoff at 9 a. m., Pacific Standard Time, the pea soup fog which had hovered over the airport began to lift and the breeze was coming in faint puffs from the northwest and west. Field attendants said the takeoff could be made under those conditions.

Smith and Bronte slept last night at the home of Flight Manager Capt. Wm. Boyle and their assistants had the preliminaries so well in hand that the two aerial adventurers had only to tumble out of bed and into the plane and go.

In the absence of inviting weather few were at the field as the hour for the start neared. This was in great contrast to the scene on June 28th when Moffat and Hagenberger hopped off on their successful flight to Honolulu.

MACON PLAYER KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY BALL

Raymond "Pete" Mann Instantly Killed by Fast Ball Thrown by Tom Farrell.

Macon, Ga., July 13.—Raymond "Pete" Mann, third baseman of the Macon baseball team was killed instantly this afternoon when he was struck over the heart by a pitched ball in the Macon-Asheville game.

Farrell was in the box for Asheville. The first two balls pitched to Mann were wide but the third hit him.

Pete Mann is a brother of John Mann, playing in the Texas league.

Pete Mann was next to the last man in the batting order. The score was 0 to 0 in the last half of the third inning.

Tom Angley, the catcher who was the third inning singled and was taking a big lead off first.

Catcher Luebke was signalling for wide ones so that Angley could be caught on first. Two balls had been pitched but efforts to catch Angley napping were futile. The Macon third baseman got set to sacrifice on the next pitched ball according to spectators but it was an inshoot and tried to step into the ball. It struck Mann just below the heart and the player dropped to the ground, dying instantly.

Mann came here last summer from Terre Haute, Ind., where his parents reside. He was considered one of the best third basemen in the South Atlantic league.

The coroner's jury exonerated Farrell, in connection with the death of Mann.

The verdict of the jury read "Raymond Mann came to his death by being innocently hit by a ball pitched by Tom Farrell of the Asheville team."

THE STOCK MARKET

Operators for Advance Had No Difficulty in Bidding Up Their Favorite At Will.

New York, July 14.—(AP)—Operators for the advance had little difficulty in today's stock market in bidding up their favorites at will. Improving prices for copper and larger exports following a distinct upturn for better in the steel industry were regarded as bearing out predictions that business in the last half of the year would soon mend. Brokers reported that public participation was the largest in two months or so.

The Bonnet Shop, operated by the Misses Brackens, has moved into new quarters at the Corl Building, North Union street. The shop was formerly on East Depot street.

WEATHER

Generally fair tonight; Friday partly cloudy, probably local thundershowers in afternoon.