

EXPLOSION IN WILKINSON DISTRICT DESTROYED BUILDINGS

Shattered windows and otherwise injured structures but not injured anybody...

SAW NO ONE AT SCENE

Placed Under Windows of Rooms Occupied by J. C. Cropsy and M. Tiegelman...

DEATH RATE IN JULY

7.5 Per 1,000 Representative for the Month. An increased incidence of diseases during the month...

Page to Speak at Opening of the Wilkison Boulevard

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Youth Agrees to Pay Girl \$2,000 in Seduction Case

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CHARLES A. LEVINE MAY START HOME TOMORROW MORNING

London, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Charles A. Levine, first trans-Atlantic airplane passenger, may attempt a westward crossing to America tomorrow if weather conditions are favorable, he said today.

BETTER DISTRIBUTION NEEDED IN STATE

This Greater Problem That Production, Says Dr. Henry Mace Payne. The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Sept. 5.—The development of better distribution facilities and the increasing of home consumption is of more importance in North Carolina at present than efforts toward increasing productivity, especially in the field of minerals, but in agriculture and industry as well, according to Dr. Henry Mace Payne, consulting engineer of the American Mining Congress, and one of the country's foremost mineralogists, who has just paid a visit to Raleigh, following a tour of the state.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Sheriff Sam Willis dined at a grill room about three days before he was shot, with his wife, Mrs. Ethel Willis, and Henry S. Townsend, who are now on trial for the murder of the officer, Mrs. Kate Medlock testified today as the case went into its ninth day.

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They were all in a jovial mood, the witness said. She quoted the sheriff as saying to her, "If you can't find me, call Henry Townsend, he is next to my wife."

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LOYAL TO ACCUSED SWEETHEART



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Bowie Was Appointed as Emergency Judge After Legislature Gave Governor Right to Name Such.

DEAL APPOINTMENT FINDS MUCH FAVOR

Widespread Approval Expressed Over Appointment of Deal to Superior Court.

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WIDOW BUILDS ODD STRUCTURE

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