

Three Burned to Death In Raleigh Garage Fire

Mrs. Isaac Simpkins, Her Four Year Old Child, and a Negro Nurse Lose Their Lives in Blaze.

FAMILY TRAPPED IN THE GARAGE

And Efforts of Firemen and Others to Make Rescue Failed.—Fireman Suffered Two Injuries.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Three persons were burned to death, another burned seriously, a fireman injured, and a number of automobiles destroyed in a fire which destroyed a garage here today. The garage, was operated by Isaac Simpkins and was located on East Morgan street.

The dead are: Mrs. Isaac Simpkins, her four-year-old son and a negro nurse, Isaac Simpkins was badly burned when he attempted to rescue the building by using his wife after having dropped from a second floor window with his daughter, Corral Beck, a fireman, fractured his arm in two places when a sudden burst of flames from a window caused him to lose his balance on a ladder and fall.

Simpkins and his family lived in an apartment over the garage, and were trapped by the fire which started by an explosion, according to the fire department. The flames spread rapidly. Rushing to a window, Simpkins urged his wife, holding her small son in her arms, to jump. She refused. The man caught his daughter and jumped. He rushed back into the building in an attempt to rescue his wife, but was driven back by the flames. He was so badly burned hospital officials stated, that he is not expected to live.

Simpkins, his clothes burning, was standing beneath the window where his wife had appeared when the firemen arrived. "Jump, mother jump," he called. The only answer was a scream. He pleaded with the crowd to save his wife and child. Beck was attempting to reach the window when the flames caused him to fall.

TWO BILLS IN SENATE AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN

Bills Were Introduced by Senator J. R. Baggett, of the Twelfth District. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—Two bills directed against the Ku Klux Klan introduced by Senator J. R. Baggett, of the twelfth district, now are being considered by the senate. One of these measures would make it a felony for any person to appear at his premises disguised so as to destroy identity.

The Baggett measure, according to the Senator, would render the Ku Klux Klan innocuous or outlaw it, and also is aimed at any organization the members of which cover their faces. The highwaymen, vegemans, murderers and other criminals usually go masked.

"When I meet a masked man now," he said, "I do not know whether he is looking for me or somebody else, but I should like to see a law enacted that would have a right to stop by any means a man who is in the act of committing a felony."

The measure, if passed, would not prevent Klansmen, or members of any other organization, masking in their halls, but the member could not go to and fro in his head-covering without subjecting himself to danger of a penalty of servitude for a period ranging from a minimum of one year to five years and could not carry a gun.

FAITHFUL DOG STAYS AT MASTER'S STORE

Representative Sanders Cannot Induce Bruno From Cold Store Entrance. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Representative Billy Sanders, of Johnston county, walked down Fayetteville street last night and saw a dog lying under a piece of crepe on the Dublin and Ferrall store, which is closed on account of the death of Joseph Ferrall Wednesday.

The Johnson man was moved to compassion as the dog lay shivering on the tile entrance to the store room which Mr. Ferrall had come and gone many years. Mr. Sanders called in every known dog tongue, then he called Senator Vest's tribute to the faithful brute. It got on the sound man's heart. He reported it to his police. But all the folks in town could not lead that dog from under the crepe lying in honor of his master, and there it remained all night.

Business Failures in the United States During 1922 Set New High Record. New York, Jan. 4.—Business failures in the United States established a new high record in 1922. Practically all totaled 22,469, the report showed, 11.4 per cent more than 1921 and 16.9 per cent more than 1920. As compared with the boom year of 1919, the 1922 failures were four times as great.

Last year's liabilities, however, totalling \$646,255,433, were 14 per cent less than in 1921, but 51 per cent greater than those of 1920, more than five times 1919's liabilities and 81 per cent in excess of 1914. Assets of 1922 failures were \$364,692,438, which totalled 56.3 per cent of the liabilities. The number in business in the country was 2,074,617, a gain of 1.2 per cent over 1921.

Holes Out in One For Seventeenth Time of Career. London, Jan. 5.—Alexander Herd, open champion in 1902 and still a redoubtable player, holed out in one yesterday for the 17th time in his golfing career. Herd, setting a mark which experts assert has never been even approached by another golfer.

MRS. LILLIAN KNOX GIVES \$5,000 BOND

Agreement on Amount of the Bond Ends Habeas Corpus Proceedings in the Case. (By the Associated Press.) San Augustine, Texas, Jan. 6.—Permanent bond of \$5,000, pending the meeting of the grand jury in March, was agreed upon this morning for Mrs. Lillian Knox, 38-year-old widow of Hiram Knox, millionaire lumber man, whom she is charged with slaying.

The fixing of the bond ends the habeas corpus proceedings before Judge H. V. Stark in the First District Court here.

PROHIBITION REPORT

December Was Record Breaker for Prohibition Officers in North Carolina, Figures Show. (By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Jan. 6.—December was a record breaker for the prohibition agents of the state, according to a report issued today by Prohibition Director H. A. Kolthoff. The report shows a total of 120 illicit distilleries and 137,192 gallons of intoxicating liquors, including spirits, malt liquors and wines, were nabbed by six federal agents in the state the last month of the year 1922. This is a much larger total than captured during any previous month of the year.

Sixteen automobiles were seized and confiscated, their value being placed at \$2,983,200. One hundred and eighty-five prosecutions were recommended, and 84 arrests made. The total appraised value of property seized and destroyed amounted to \$72,084,225. No officers were injured in the performance of their duties.

THE MORHOUSE PARISH HEARINGS CONTINUED

Dr. Charles Duval and Dr. John A. Langford Most Important Witnesses Called So Far. (By the Associated Press.) Bastrop, La., Jan. 6.—Dr. Chas. W. Duval and Dr. John A. Langford, pathologists, in a report submitted at today's session of the hearing of the land depositions in Morhouse parish, which Governor Parker attributes to the Ku Klux Klan, expressed the opinion that the bodies of Watt Daniels and Fletcher Richards were subjected to some "specially constructed device designed for inflicting punishment."

The report was based on an autopsy performed on the mutilated bodies of the two men. The bodies were found in Lake LaFouche after a mysterious dynamite explosion on the night of December 21, four months after they were kidnapped by a masked band.

APPEAL TO SELF-RESPECT OF DRUNKS IN DES MOINES

Police Will Give Them Photos Taken While They Are "Lit." Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6.—Chief of Police John B. Hammond has assembled his first collection of "See your self when you're drunk" photographs, he announced today, and will begin distribution of the souvenirs to men arrested for intoxication as soon as the city legal department gives its approval of the chief's novel plan for reducing prohibition law violations. The number of pictures or names of these photographed were kept secret by the chief.

Want Railroad to Coal Fields

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 5.—Business men of North Wilkesboro and this city today were looking forward to future developments which are expected to take place at the regular annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here on February 15, in regard to the proposed railroad across the Blue Ridge into the coal producing areas. At a meeting held here this week, this project was brought before business men of this city and a delegation from North Wilkesboro at which many speakers stressed the importance of such a line.

Condition of J. Bryan Grimes Better

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The condition of J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, who has been suffering from pneumonia for the past several days, was somewhat improved this morning, according to reports from his home.

Will Meet Monday

Washington, Jan. 6.—The first formal meeting of the British debt commission with the American funding commission will be held Monday, it was announced today by Secretary Mellon.

HOOPER OFFERED ANOTHER JOB

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 6.—President Harding today tendered Secretary of Commerce Hoover the place as Secretary of the Interior which Albert H. Fall will vacate March 4, but after a conference it was decided that Mr. Hoover would retain his present position.

KIWANIANS TO WORK FOR NEW HOTEL HERE

Local Club Will Conduct a Campaign for New Hotel.—New Officers Assume Duties.

A movement for the erection this year of a modern hotel in the city of Concord is under way, and a program arranged by team No. 3, J. Lee Crowell, Jr., captain, were the features of the Kiwanis meeting at the Concord Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening.

Buxton Robertson officiated at the installation of new officers, performing this duty in an impressive and fitting manner. The officers who will guide the organization through the coming year are: President, Dr. Tracy N. Spencer; vice president, Jacob O. Moore; district trustee, John B. Sherill; directors, Gus Kennett, Charles Cannon, Fred Shepherd, Albert B. Palmer, R. Morrison, King, Caleb W. Swink and Lee Crowell, Jr.

Tracy Spencer was ushered to the President's chair and presented with the President's button by the immediate past president, Albert Palmer. In his inaugural remarks, President Spencer reviewed briefly some of the achievements of the Kiwanis Club since its institution here, calling attention to the members to some facts with which they were not familiar in connection with the hotel tuberculosis inspection and the meat and milk inspection in this city which was inaugurated by the Kiwanis Club.

"Kiwanis is responsible for the slaughter of twenty-four tubercular cows in Cabarrus County," said Tracy Crowell, who was giving milk for consumption within the city. "This milk, within itself, was one only dangerous, but it was being mixed with hundreds of gallons of other milk and delivered throughout our city. The milk from one of these cows was served to us the night we discussed tuberculosis eradication and voted to ask for the appropriation. If we have saved a child from the ravages of tuberculosis our organization has been worth while, if we never accomplish anything else."

"You possibly are not aware of the fact also that Kiwanis is responsible for the condemnation and destruction of over four tons of inedible meat that otherwise would have been served on our tables."

"The school bonds were, in my opinion, defeated until Kiwanis and Rotary put a shoulder to the wheel—and right here I want to express appreciation for what the Rotary Club has accomplished, and thank them for the assistance they have given us, and assure them that we stand ever ready to help them in any worthy cause. I wish every Rotarian could be made an honorary Kiwanian, and I recommend that these Clubs have more joint meetings in the future."

Concluding his remarks, President Spencer said there were several matters which had been started by the Kiwanis Club in 1922 which should be completed this year, and he made several recommendations as to the running of the Club.

The matter of a new and modern hotel for Concord was brought before the attention of the Club by Albert Palmer in a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The resolution recites the fact that the hotel facilities of this city are unsatisfactory and inadequate; that Concord is losing trade because of the lack of hotel facilities; that the impression made upon the traveling public by the lack of hotel advertisement for the city; and that our city is being advertised from Maine to Florida by tourists as the city without a hotel, and asks that the President appoint a committee of three Kiwanians to co-operate with a similar committee from the Rotary Club and one from the Merchants Association in formulating plans for the erection of a modern hotel during the year 1923.

Albert Palmer was named chairman of the hotel committee, with Caleb W. Swink and W. A. Foll, as the other two members.

The entertainment feature of the meeting was the singing by a quartet from the Music Lovers Club of this city, composed of Misses Elizabeth Woodhouse, Mary and Adeline Morrison, and Mrs. Gales Plekard, the accompaniment being rendered by Mrs. J. F. Reed. The music was heartily enjoyed by everyone present, and a vote of thanks was tendered the ladies composing the quartet.

Much amusement was created during the reading of a number of questions which had been given to various members of the Club by Lee Crowell. Each person holding a slip was told to read what was on the slip, and give his answer or opinion on the subject. Some of the replies were highly entertaining.

PLAN WOULD MAKE LIQUOR BUYER GUILTY

Bill Designated to reach Purchaser of Liquor Presented in Congress. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 6.—A bill designed to help break up bootlegging by making the buyer of outlaw liquor equally guilty with the seller, was introduced today by Representative Upham, democrat of Georgia, who recently charged in the House that public officials do not do their duty when they preach in regard to prohibition.

FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR ROAD BONDS APPROVED

Langley Committee Will Make Such Recommendation to South Carolina Legislature. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 4.—Approving a proposal for a 50,000,000-dollar road bond issue, the Langley committee, appointed at the recent state-wide highway conference here, today voted to recommend a program calling for the building of a state system of permanent highways, which would connect every county seat.

The committee endorsed a resolution to provide for a sinking fund to retire the bonds, and for the maintenance of the highways on a three-cent gasoline tax on gasoline, all of which should go to this program, a 100 per cent increase in the motor vehicle license fees, and probably a tax on lubricating oil used in motor vehicles. It was estimated that the three-cent gasoline tax and the higher license fee would bring in a total annual revenue of \$2,000,000. The proposed scale of licenses would be approximately the same as the present North Carolina scale, according to information given the committee.

Recommendations of the Langley committee will be submitted to the good roads conference, which has been called for next Thursday, for approval, and if the committee report is adopted, the plan will be set before the general assembly.

SYRIANS ARE TOLD TO QUIT MARIETTA

Marietta, Ga., Jan. 5.—Circulars were distributed here today calling for a mass meeting Sunday afternoon to make some action relative to the bombing of the home of a Syrian resident here several nights ago, followed by notices, warning all Syrians to leave the city.

Leading Syrians stated later they would sell their property and leave the community.

Civic leaders have denounced the bombing and warning, and it is believed some action will be taken at the mass meeting regarding threats against the Syrians.

The Marietta woman's club passed resolutions yesterday deploring the act and asking that naturalized, law-abiding foreigners in the community be accorded all the rights and privileges of American citizens.

Instruct Rowan Farmers on Fighting Boll Weevil

Salisbury, Jan. 4.—Information about the boll weevil and instructions on how to fight the pest were given Rowan farmers at a meeting at the courthouse today. Despite the very inclement weather 175 farmers were present. This was one of a series of meetings being held over the state by representatives of the state agricultural extension service.

New Charters Granted

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The Secretary of State has granted the following charters:

The Salisbury Ice Cream Company, Salisbury; to manufacture and sell ice cream; capital stock, \$50,000; paid in \$25,000; incorporators, W. E. Sedley, Statesville; L. M. Sipe, Joe Sipe, Salisbury.

A. T. Strickland Company, Perrells Township, general mercantile business, capital stock \$20,000; paid in \$11,200; incorporators, F. O. Moses, Tarboro; G. R. Strickland and A. T. Strickland, Middlesex.

Weather Outlook For Next Week

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 6.—The weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

South Atlantic States: Considerable cloudiness, occasional rains, normal temperatures.

GOVERNOR TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE TUESDAY

Joint Session of General Assembly Will Be Held to Hear Message From the State Executive.

NO SESSIONS TO BE HELD MONDAY

Both Houses Adjourned Until 8 p. m. Monday After Holding Very Short Sessions This Morning.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Governor Cameron Morrison today was invited to deliver the biennial message to the North Carolina General Assembly in session here on next Tuesday at noon before a joint session of the House and Senate in a joint resolution unanimously adopted by both houses.

The resolution was brought out in the House by Representative R. A. Donahou, of Allegheny county, and upon its passage was sent to the Senate, which today unanimously concurred in its adoption.

The House was in session less than 20 minutes. Two bills were introduced. Both referred to local problems. Representative J. H. Dillard, of Cherokee county, asked permission to redesignate the committee to which his bill of yesterday asking for a repeal of the Bart waterpower act, was sent. With the consent of the House, the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee No. 1.

The Senate session was even shorter. No bills were introduced. Both branches adjourned until 8 p. m. Monday night.

THE COTTON MARKET

There Was a Continuation of the Buying Movement at the Opening Today. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 6.—There was a continuation of yesterday's buying movement in the cotton market at the opening today. First prices were steady at an advance of 4 to 11 points in consequence, with March selling at 23.75 and May at 27.00. As on previous days, there seemed to be considerable cotton for sale around the 27-cent level, leading to reactions of 10 or 15 points, but buying was encouraged by bullish week-end reviews of the trade situation, more available Manchester advices, and bullish overnight reports from the Southern spot markets. This gave the market a steady under-tone, although the week-end realization was promoted by continued nervousness over political conditions abroad.

Cotton futures opened steady; January 23.65; March 26.75; May 26.38; July 26.70; October 24.80.

SAYS WIFE TRADED BABY TO MOTHER FOR BEDSTEAD

Husband Offers Tale as Part of Defense to Her Charges. York, Pa., Jan. 5.—Before a local Alderman, Clarence Kuhn, of Emigsville, stated that his wife traded their ten-month-old baby to her mother for a bedstead and other articles of furniture. It was part of his defense against a charge of non-maintenance and intolerable treatment. He also faced a charge of assault and battery, as did his mother, all growing out of the differences between the pair. He was held for Court on the non-maintenance charge. His other cases being held under advisement.

AUTOPIY SHOWS LIONESS IS HYDROPHOBIA VICTIM

France Yields First Known Case of Rabies in Wild Animal. Paris, Jan. 5.—An autopsy on the body of a lioness, which died of a mysterious disease soon after its arrival from Abyssinia, has disclosed that death was due to hydrophobia. The case has stirred medical circles, inasmuch as it has been generally accepted that wild animals are immune from rabies. Efforts are being made to determine whether the beast was bitten by a mad dog or whether it ate the flesh of a rabid animal. The autopsy was performed at the Pasteur Institute.

BOY OF EIGHT A FINANCIER AND HIS FATHER KNOWS IT

Promised Nickel a Day for Keeping Toy Locks It in Trunk. Bloomburg, Pa., Jan. 5.—Jack, eight-year-old son of Charles Hunsicker, shows signs of becoming a financier. He was given a toy for Christmas and his father, expecting it would be broken within a day or two, told the boy he would give him a nickel for every day he kept it. The youngster locked the toy in a trunk in the attic, and every day is demanding a nickel.

REV. EDGAR TIFTS DEAD

Noted Presbyterian Preacher and Educator Victim of Pneumonia. (By the Associated Press.) Johnson City, Tenn., Jan. 6.—A special to the Staff from Banner's file, North Carolina, tells of the death there this morning at 10 o'clock of Rev. Edgar Tifts, a Presbyterian minister there for 15 years.

Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He was President of Lees McCrae Institute, and the Plumtree School for boys. He had charge of the Grandfather's Orphanage where 75 children are being educated and given every opportunity. Recently he contracted one of the most modern hospitals to be found in the state of North Carolina. In addition to this work he supervised five Sunday schools. The funeral will probably be in charge of Rev. Jamison McMillan, of Johnson City, and is scheduled for Sunday.

TO OWNERS OF MATURING WAR SAVINGS STAMPS. All War Savings Stamps due January 1, 1923, both registered stamps and those not registered, will be accepted for deposit by this bank as cash. A New Interest Period Beginning in our Savings Department. All deposits made on Savings Accounts on or before January 10th bear interest from January 1st at four per cent, compounded quarterly. To those having funds for deposit this offers an excellent opportunity to secure the maximum interest return. CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY. CONCORD, N. C. CHAS. B. WAGONER, President. A. F. GOODMAN, Cashier.

BASKETBALL Greensboro High vs. Concord High Y. M. C. A. 8 P. M. Admission 25c

Florida Village is Again Quiet After Race Clashes (By the Associated Press.) Rosewood, Fla., Jan. 6.—Rosewood and the surrounding territory was quiet today following the racial clash of Thursday night in which two white men and four negroes met death as a result of a search for negro wanted in connection with an attack on a young white woman. Posses had been searching throughout the day and night for Jess Hunt, an escaped negro convict, believed to have attacked the young woman, had disbanded today and no further trouble was expected. The negro population of Rosewood who fled yesterday when their section of the town was virtually destroyed by fire, still were in hiding in the woods or had left this section of the country. Arrangements were being made at Summer place here for the funerals of C. D. Wilkinson and Harry Andrews, the two white men slain in the clash with the negroes.