

PITTSBURGH SCENE OF FIRE WHICH HAS CAUSED BIG DAMAGE

Blaze Started at Atlantic Refining Company's Plant and Has Been Burning for More Than 15 Hours.

FOUR CITY BLOCKS NOW IN RUINS

Thousands of Gallons of Oil Have Been Destroyed.—Several Business Houses Also Burned.

Pittsburgh, June 16.—A score of city firemen were trapped at the Atlantic Refining Company's storage yards when a big oil tank, burning since yesterday, collapsed this afternoon.

All ambulances in the city were summoned to the scene. Persons watching the progress of the fire were burned when they were caught under the shower of oil.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 16.—Burning fiercely throughout the night, and resisting the efforts of all available firemen and fire fighting apparatus, the fire at the Atlantic Refining Company's plant was not yet under control this morning.

The blaze had consumed thousands of gallons of oil and gasoline stored at the plant, covering four city blocks along the Allegheny River, and burned a number of other buildings including the Pattern shop of the United Engineering & Foundry Company, and the garage of the Pittsburgh Steel Company.

The fire was burning early today at an estimated rate of 250 barrels an hour, and firemen had thrown up dirt barriers in an effort to keep the flames from reaching a gasoline reservoir containing thousands of barrels of fuel.

Firemen attempting to rescue those trapped found it difficult to get near the yards because of the intense heat and intense fuming.

DRUG AGENTS' REPORTS FOR THE PAST 22 MONTHS

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Salisbury, June 16.—Capture of 2,874 plants, 22,179 gallons of liquor, and 2,934,496 gallons of malt liquors, together with 200 run running automobiles, constitutes the cream of the activities of the Federal prohibition agents operating in North Carolina during the past 22 months, according to a report compiled by State Prohibition Commissioner A. B. Coltrane, and submitted to Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

Ten prohibition agents were injured in the performance of duty during the period, but none were killed.

The total appraised value of property seized and destroyed was \$751,595.55, while the total appraised value of property seized and not destroyed was \$111,623.60.

It cost approximately \$200,000 a year to enforce the prohibition law in this state, according to this report. Fines and money derived from the sales of automobiles totaled \$130,000, leaving the net cost at around \$70,000.

TAXIS AS WEAPONS IN DUEL. Drivers Attack Each Other Vehemently in Chicago Loop.

Motor cars were used as weapons by two taxi drivers, who blocked traffic in the loop in Chicago Friday, when they staged a duel because one taxi had taken a fare the other was waiting for.

The duel ended when both were placed under arrest.

One taxi, traveling along the street, drove up to a hotel entrance where the other company maintained a stand and obtained a fare before the other cab could approach the entrance.

The driver immediately drove his car into the street cab, hurling it crosswise with the other and blocking traffic.

The first cab driver turned his car and returned the blow. Further action was halted by a traffic officer.

Two girl passengers of the first cab were uninjured although they remained in the cab during the melee.

WANT BAPTISTS TO AID IN RAISING BIG FUND To Be Used in Prosecution of the Men Charged With the Murder of Baptist Minister.

Richmond, June 16.—Appeal to all Baptists in Virginia to contribute toward a fund now being raised by the State Baptist Mission Board to engage counsel to assist in the prosecution of E. O. and L. C. Garrett, prominent Cumberland county officials, charged with shooting to death the Rev. E. E. Pierce in front of his home at Cumberland county house on June 5th, was sent to the pastors of all Baptist Churches in the state today by R. D. Garland, secretary of the Mission Board.

Mr. Pierce was pastor of five Baptist churches in Cumberland county.

THE BOLL WEEVILS

Live Specimens Received at State College From Several Counties.

Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—Live boll weevils have been received by Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology for the State College, and Department of Agriculture, from counties as far west and north in the state as Cleveland, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Lee, Harnett, Lenoir and Beaufort, it was announced tonight.

Weevils have been sent in from counties north of these but specimens should soon arrive, it was stated.

"A number of cowpea pod weevils on young cotton are causing much concern among farmers who suspect this weevil of being the cotton pest," Mr. Sherman stated.

"However, the cotton boll weevil should soon be appearing in all parts of the cotton growing area and with its appearance will come the old questions, 'What shall I do?' 'Shall I poison?' 'What method of poison shall I use and when?'"

"The general problem of boll weevil control is given in extension circular 124. The dust poison method is fully described in extension circular 137 just issued to North Carolina farmers.

Both of these circulars may be had from local county agents or by writing to the editor, Extension Service, Raleigh."

"Mr. Sherman said he believes the dust poison method is the best for actual use in killing the weevil.

"We considered the dust-poison method as the standard and only poisoning method which is justified in being used by our farmers to depend upon and its limitations and difficulties are plainly discussed in the circular," he continued.

"This is in line with resolutions of Southern Agricultural Workers at Memphis in February, and with news item of United States Department of Agriculture in March.

In accordance with those pronouncements other poisoning methods, including the adaptation of the Florida Method, are being tested and studied in this and other states."

"The question of when to begin dusting is so discussed in our circular as to allow latitude of judgment according to abundance of early weevils, but cautions against it where not needed or when not profitable. It aims at economy and effectiveness. Some farmers may use other methods, or may dust earlier than we indicate, but that is on their own choice. In giving advice for general adoption we feel that we must be conservative. Improvements are, of course possible, and hoped for, as time goes on."

AGRICULTURAL WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Extension Service of Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh, June 16.—A summary of agricultural work in North Carolina, giving some reasons why this state has advanced in the value of her agricultural products, and showing the record of those to whom this phase of the State's activity has been entrusted in the way in which Director B. W. Kilgore characterizes the eighth annual report of the extension service of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

The report has just been received from the printer and is now being distributed. It contains a total of 218 pages, is illustrated with various half tones illustrating different phases of extension work, and contains summaries of results secured by the various extension workers of the college and department.

Continuing, Mr. Kilgore said: "Organized agricultural work is carried on in 67 counties where white farm agents are at work, in 53 counties where organized work with women and girls is being conducted, and in 16 counties where negro local agents are employed.

In addition to these the Extension Service also reaches the remaining counties in which Director B. W. Kilgore characterizes the eighth annual report of the extension service of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

"In 1922 some kind of agricultural work was conducted in every county of the state. Some of these demonstrations were with crops and soils, some of them showed the proper use of fertilizers and lime, others had to do with holding a weed pool, and some of the more important were demonstrations in boll weevil control.

"The proper feeding of hogs and the co-operative marketing of these hogs furnished an interesting phase of extension work last year. The establishment of cream routes to creameries and the bringing in of pure bred cattle also formed an interesting phase of extension work.

The growing of certified potatoes in Western North Carolina for use in Eastern North Carolina was a demonstration which gives much promise for the future. Of course, the club work with boys and girls is always one of the main activities. Last year club work was done more on an organized basis than ever before and entered largely into the community life in many counties of the state."

Mr. Kilgore states that practically every phase of farming in North Carolina was covered by some kind of extension service last year. He states that the farmers have used the extension service as never before and that they are beginning to realize the importance of having these public servants available in each county.

Mr. Kilgore's report summarizes all the work that was done last year and shows the plans and organization of this phase of agricultural work.

Policeman Killed; Slayer is Lynched. Miami, Fla., June 15.—Charles R. Bryant, town marshal of Homestead, near here, was shot to death this afternoon in a pool room in the negro quarters of Homestead when he attempted to make a liquor raid singlehanded. Thirty minutes later a negro known as "Gray Eye" Simmons, his alleged slayer, was bound to a tree by a crowd of white men and riddled with bullets.

The best remedy when you are feeling depressed is to look around and find somebody who is more depressed.

THE FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

Oregon City Selected as 1925 Meeting Place by Delegates to This Year's Convention, Meeting in Asheville.

SEVERAL CITIES WANTED MEETING

Officers Were Chosen During the Afternoon Session.—Several Prominent People Heard During the Day.

Asheville, June 16.—Portland, Oregon, was selected as the next meeting place for the National Federation of Music Clubs at the meeting of that organization today. The next meeting will be held in 1925, and will be known as the 14th biennial of the Federation.

The offer of Portland was made by Mrs. Petri of that city, who stated that Portland is willing to put up a guarantee of \$20,000 for the expenses of the meeting, and offered its symphony orchestra, auditorium and tours on its scenic highways free.

Los Angeles and San Francisco also made bids for the 1925 meeting. The plan of Portland that the great Northwest needs the National Federation biennial to stimulate interest in music there prevailed.

Mrs. Leo Schweiger, of St. Louis, president of the Musicians Fund of America; Andreas Dippel, of the United States Opera Co.; and C. M. Tremain, of New York, head of the National Bureau for Advancement of Music, gave addresses at the morning session.

NEGROES CHARGED WITH ROBBING MAIL POUCHES

Opened Parcel Post Packages at Gastonia and Helped Themselves to the Choice Goods.

Gastonia, June 15.—Jess Moore and Mary Davis, local negroes, are held in jail without bond awaiting trial at the next term of federal court in Charlotte on charges of having robbed United States mail sacks which contained parcel post packages in transit from night station at the local southern-passenger station.

For several weeks postoffice authorities had been missing small lots of packages, and with the aid of United States Postoffice Inspectors Purdum and Garrison the above named negroes were placed under arrest.

The officers came to Gastonia last Friday and by use of dummy packages the suspects were caught. Moore was, up to the time of his arrest, daytime mail messenger of U. S. S. at the South station. Mary lived at the home of Moore, and it is alleged that she was a confederate of the accused negro.

Several lots of parcels were found in secured places at the home of the two negroes, and also in the upstairs department of the station. The negro man admitted that mail sacks were opened and choice goods were taken. Broken packages were then rebound and left to go on to their owners. Some packages were rifled of only part of their contents, the rest untouched.

Charges against the two will be pushed by authorities at the next term of federal court in Charlotte. The arrest clears up a matter that has been troubling Postmaster Sate for some time.

Summer Course of the State College. Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—The State College Summer School will present Miss Emily Rose Knox this evening in her third annual violin recital during the summer term. Miss Knox, a native of Raleigh, is recognized as one of America's leading woman violinists, has just recently returned to her home from a concert tour.

Miss Knox will have as her accompanist Miss Sue Kyle Southwick, of the music faculty of St. Mary's School.

Class work at the Summer School is now well under way, it was stated at the college today, although late comers continue to register. The registration offices have given out no figures as to enrollment, but it is stated that the attendance will compare very favorably with that of last year, when 927 were registered.

Coincident with the beginning of class work, the long list of entertainment and special amusements and attractions to be given during the term has started. The morning hours are occupied with class routine, but the afternoons and evenings are given over largely to various forms of amusement. These include plays and games under the direction of the department of physical education; lectures on popular subjects by well known men, story telling circles, sight-seeing trips to places of interest in and near Raleigh under the direction of Col. Fred A. Olds.

New Charges Against Sinclair. Los Angeles, June 16.—Charges of inciting a riot and addressing an unlawful assemblage, preferred recently against Upton Sinclair, author, were dismissed yesterday in the Los Angeles police court, and a charge of vagrancy substituted. The trial on that charge was set for June 27th.

Planes Land for Fuel. Pittsburg, Kans., June 16.—The seven army planes in flight from Mt. Clemson, Mich., to San Antonio, Texas, reached here at 10:30 this morning and landed to take on gasoline and oil.

\$48 Per Acre North Carolina's Crop Average During Last Year

Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—North Carolina crops last year averaged \$48.00 per acre, while those of Illinois brought \$20; Iowa \$21; Minnesota, \$30, and Nebraska, \$14, according to a report made here today by the Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture.

The report, comparing North Carolina's crop values with those of the mid-western states, was made at the request of mid-western interests, following a speech made during the spring at a bankers' meeting in the midwest by Angus W. McLean. Mr. McLean painted the picture of North Carolina in glowing terms but there were some who doubted the accuracy of his figures, so the department was asked to issue a report on the subject.

"Considering both crop and livestock values," the report said, "improved acre of farm land including pasture, North Carolina had practically \$61.00 as an average, Illinois \$33.50, Iowa \$41, Nebraska \$26.50, and Minnesota \$28."

Taking up the subject of diversification the report declares that, "Illinois and Iowa are more of one crop states" than North Carolina. The largest acreage, added the report, was devoted to corn in North Carolina, this being 38 per cent. Wheat crops took up ten per cent. of the acreage, hay over 12 per cent., oats 3 per cent., cotton 24 per cent., and tobacco 8 per cent.

While "these figures should be of considerable interest and gratification," says the report, "it is undoubted that in some sections we devote too much acreage to tobacco and cotton which results in such communities buying the food and feeds they should raise on an economic basis."

Mid-western farmers have the advantage over those of North Carolina, according to the report, brought about by the use of "hand labor and commercial fertilizers" in the latter state and "the apparent profits per acre over the mid-western farmers" is offset. The contrast between the shapely fields of the western farmers and the "patches" which are cultivated in this section is pointed out in the report which attributes this to the necessity in North Carolina for using terraces which interfere with the best methods of improvement of land and the lack of organic matter in the soil, which compels the North Carolina farmer to use turf grasses to improve pastures.

"The big problem in the south," concludes the report, "is one of an economic nature of which our farm labor should be more evenly distributed throughout the year, and more livestock should be used to convert essential crops as raw products into meats as finished products. Our soil will never become really fertile until this course is followed."

WOMEN COMPLETE MEET AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Officers For Federation of Business and Professional Women to Be Chosen Today.

Wilmington, N. C., June 16.—Today's program of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, meeting at Wrightsville Beach, includes business sessions at 10:30, at which officers will be elected, constitution read and revised, resolutions, committee report and delegates to the national convention elected.

The executive committee meets for a short while at 3 p. m. The business men's clubs co-operate with the local organization to provide automobile facilities for a run down to Fort Fisher, 20 miles from the city. Tea for visitors at the hotel rooms, given by various women's organizations. The final feature will be dancing and moving pictures at Lamma, the garden by the sea.

POISONED CABBAGE IS CAUSE OF TWO DEATHS

Entire Negro Family Made Ill After Meal—Calcium Arsenate Believed Responsible.

Wilson, June 15.—A few days ago Jesse Ward, janitor at the Wilson negro graded school, his wife and six children became nauseated and began to vomit after eating heartily of cabbage, and soon the old man died in agony.

Another member of the family died last night, two are out of danger and four have been removed to a hospital.

While the cases have not as yet been diagnosed, the physician in attendance says every symptom has the appearance of arsenical poisoning.

It is the opinion that calcium arsenate, which had been applied to a potato patch, may have been sprinkled on the cabbage nearby, which caused the death of father and child and the prostration of the others of the family.

Discovery of Mississippi. Prairie Du Chien, Wis., June 16.—Prairie du Chien is to be the scene tomorrow of a great historical pageant to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi river by Marquette and Joliet.

As Prairie du Chien is located within sight of the place where the French explorers obtained their first glimpse of the Mississippi and the great west, it was deemed especially fitting that the celebration should take place here. In the pageant the events of June 17 of two centuries and a half ago will be re-enacted and the canoes of the explorers again will be seen floating from the Wisconsin river on into the Mississippi river as they did of old.

Enjoy Picnic. The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant Church motored to the spring near Art and Architectural building, was formally presented to the university today by the donor, Cyrus McCormick, President John Grier Hibben received the building for the university. Other speakers at the exercises were Professor Bossange, the director of the School of Architecture, and Professor Allan Marsquad, chairman of the department of art and archeology.

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RIWANIAN MEET

A Most Interesting Programme.—Several Matters of Interest Taken Up.

An unusually fine musical program was the feature of the meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Friday evening at Y. M. C. A.

The program, which had been arranged by team No. 1, under Albert Palmer, captain, consisted of vocal solos by Mr. Alan D. Prindell, of this city; and a number of piano selections by Miss Ruth McLinn, of New York, who with her hostess, Miss Constance Cline, were guests at the meeting.

The numbers rendered by both these artists were most enthusiastically received by the Kiwanians, who voiced their appreciation in repeated encores.

The matter of the hard-surfaced highway across lower Cabarrus County, connecting Charlotte and Albemarle, was again brought before the club by Major Will Foil, who reported that his committee went to Albemarle last Tuesday to have informal conferences with citizens of that place.

A number of Albemarle people, he said, assured him that they are in favor of the hard surfacing of the Concord-Albemarle road, and saving the money it would cost to hard surface the 40 or 42 miles from Albemarle to Charlotte.

The difference in the distance from Albemarle to Charlotte over the two routes was definitely stated in a letter from Mr. Pridgeon, chief engineer of the Highway Commission. From the main square in Charlotte to the main square in Albemarle, by way of Concord is 46.35 miles, said the letter; while the distance from Charlotte to Albemarle by the lower Cabarrus route, after the elimination of a number of curves will be about 40.75 miles, making a difference of only 5.6 miles in the two routes.

The National Highway from Charlotte to Concord is being hard surfaced now, continuing Major Foil and the city of Concord is paved to the eastern corporate limits, so the only additional hard surfacing needed to have the Albemarle-Concord-Charlotte route completed, is the stretch from the eastern limits of Concord to the western limits of Albemarle. This link could be paved with permanent hard surface almost \$500,000 cheaper than the proposed southern Cabarrus route.

The distance from Albemarle to the Cabarrus County line on the lower Cabarrus route is about 18 miles, while the distance from Albemarle to the Cabarrus County line on the Albemarle-Concord highway is only 11.5 miles, so that the saving to Stanly County in hard surfacing the latter route would be the cost of 6.5 miles approximately—a considerable sum.

This matter is not yet settled, but will be taken up at a joint meeting in Albemarle with the Lions Club on next Thursday a week, June 28th, at which time Major Foil urged all who are interested in this matter to be present at the meeting in Albemarle.

Rev. L. A. Thomas was a guest at the meeting. The attendance prize, given by Team No. 1, was drawn by Julius Fisher.

Wheat Condition Better on June 1 Than on June 1 Last Year.

Raleigh, June 16.—An average condition of 87 per cent, 4 per cent, better than a year ago, 2 per cent, better than a 10-year average, was the June 1 condition of the North Carolina wheat crop, according to a report issued today by the co-operative crop reporting service of the North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture.

The condition estimated is based on about 500 crop reports received from all sections of the state.

On the basis of information received the report says that "the North Carolina crop has a much better prospect than usual * * * For four years the weather conditions have been such as to result in poor fields. This year's prospect is the best of the four years."

The largest part of the wheat acreage, according to the report, is in the Piedmont area stretching between Granville and Rutherford counties. This is in the red clay country where the tobacco and cotton crops are grown to the smallest degree and where the greater diversification and live stock are found. The condition in this commercial wheat area averaged the same as for the entire state. The average price for the state is about \$1.35 which is slightly less than a year ago.

Acreage planted in wheat is estimated in the report at 600,000 acres yielding slightly less than 10 bushels per acre, according to the June 1 reports.

Dun's Weekly Review. New York, June 15.—Dun's tomorrow will say: Most of the tests by which business trends are measured show a diminution of buying in primary channels but a gain in retail distribution. These are seasonal phases and do not mark any unusual or unexpected change in the general situation. Close observers of conditions have not anticipated that the noteworthy industrial expansion of the first quarter of this year would continue indefinitely, or that the rise of prices would go on unchecked and the recent slowing down process, with reaction in prices, has not been surprising. The chief interest now centers on the probable course of events after the passing of the summer and there is a disposition in many quarters to await a clearer insight into the future. This attitude is reflected by the increased conservatism in the placing of advance orders, as well as by the policy of avoiding burdensome accommodations of merchandise.

Weekly bank clearings \$6,419,830,000.

State Highway Commission Meetings. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 16.—Announcement has been made at the State Highway Commission that a meeting of the district engineers will be held here on June 18. Only routine matters will be handled, it is stated.

The State highway commissioners will meet here June 29 and 30. Two days before this meeting, on June 27, a number of projects will be let to contractors for construction.

Eligible for Postmaster at Weldon. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 16.—Richard A. Brice was certified today by the civil service commission as eligible for postmaster at Weldon, N. C.

On June 26th the Southern Railway will sell at public auction at 10 o'clock a. m., a car load of poles. See ad. in today's Tribune.

Mr. Charley Culp and Mr. Charlie Lippard left Friday night for Washington, where they will spend several days.

SHOTS FIRED WHEN TOWNSHIP SHIPS APPEAR OFF ATLANTIC CITY

Several Rummers Were Seen About 200 Feet From the Shore, and the Government Boats Gave Chase.

BOTH SIDES FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS

Government Boats Tried to Surround Rummers, But They Were Not Successful in Their Effort.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 16.—A running fight in which several volleys were exchanged, occurred early today between rum runners and government boats. Many bullets whistled over the board walk, driving the night owls to cover.

Shortly before midnight two government boats from Barnegat patrolling the Inlet waters, sighted several runners about 200 feet from shore attempting to make a landing. The government craft calling on the smugglers to stop, attempted to surround them.

The runners escaped in the fog after putting on full speed, sweeping so close to shore they almost touched bottom, and then dashing in single file out to sea. Both sides exchanged shots freely.

The sea fight could be seen clearly from the board walk section of the street. Three seconds after bullets began to fly the board walk, astray with midnight promenaders, was deserted. No one ashore was hit.

MILL MEN TO ADJOURN MEETING DURING DAY

N. C. Cotton Manufacturers in Session at Winston-Salem, Discuss Many Matters.

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, June 16.—Following an address by A. B. Block, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, in which he discussed the relations between his organization and the cotton mill men, the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers Association in its annual summer convention here, went into executive session when the state mill rules were discussed pro and con. An open business session will follow, when officers will be elected. Adjournment is expected to be taken not later than 2 p. m. today.

Bernard M. Come was elected president. The other officers chosen included: Vice President, E. C. Dwell, Charlotte; S. E. Patterson, Ronoque Rapids; J. M. Gamewell, Lexington; Hunter Marshall, Jr., Charlotte, re-elected secretary-treasurer, as was George W. Forrester, of Atlanta, traffic manager.

After a lengthy discussion the association voted to reject all proposed changes in the Carolina mill rules as requested by the New Orleans cotton exchange.

Selection of the next convention city was left with the executive committee.

GIRL WOUNDED BY GUM "SHOT."

"Indian Princess" in School Play Victim of Strange Accident.

When 13-year-old Marie Davis, playing the role of an Indian princess in a school performance at the Matthews County court house in Norfolk, Va.,