

PALMER IS CHOSEN RECORDER OF CITY BY THE ALDERMEN

Named to Serve the City Two Years at January Meeting of Aldermen.

STREET MATTERS GIVEN ATTENTION

Several New Streets Will Be Opened if Requests Made to the Board Are Granted.

A. B. Palmer, of the law firm of Palmer & Blackwelder, is the new recorder of the city police court.

Only two names were presented to the board, these being Mr. Palmer and M. H. Caldwell, the retiring recorder.

Street matters claimed the greater part of the board's attention, several persons asking that new streets be opened or that present streets be extended.

One such case was that of South Church street, John A. Cline and City Engineer Smith asking that the street be continued to its present terminus at Corbin street.

W. H. Gibson, who recently purchased part interest in the old George W. Brown property, asked the co-operation of the city in developing this property.

Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Sides appeared before the board and asked for cement steps to their property on Guy street.

The board agreed to accept Cook street, given by John Groff. This street connects Cannon and Smith streets.

Company E. Concord's military unit was given \$500 for the year by an act of the board.

Cress and Childers and D. B. Tabbit appeared before the board and asked for permission to operate buses within the city.

C. A. Isenhour, member of the water and light board, appeared before the aldermen and explained that his board was anxious to get a better water supply for the city.

John L. Miller, city fire chief, appeared before the board and asked permission to co-operate with adjoining and nearby cities in the creation of a system whereby fire equipment in one city can be sent to another city in case of big conflagrations.

The police department asked that the city install telephones in various parts of the city for the convenience of the officers.

Some of the aldermen believe the North Carolina Public Service Co. can be compelled to pay its street assessments here.

The City Attorney was instructed to make inquiry and investigation and it is probable that his report will determine whether or not suit will be entered against the company by the city.

The South Spring street extension came up again, Frank Mund appearing before the board to make a complaint.

The matter was referred to the Mayor and street committee for settlement.

Gives Up Throne For Her



Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, who resigned his rights to his country's throne, is believed to have done so to return to Zibi Lambruni, former wife (above).

COACH ANDY SMITH DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Had Been One of the Most Noted Football Coaches in the Country For Several Years.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Andy Smith, coach of the University of California football team, died at 6:30 a. m. this morning in the University of Pennsylvania hospital.

Andrew Latham Smith was born and reared in Dubois, Pa. He attended Pennsylvania State College where he played in the varsity backfield in 1901, and then transferred to Pennsylvania.

After playing fullback on the Red and Blue varsity teams in 1903 and 1904, and being selected All-American the latter season, Smith graduated in the spring of 1905.

In 1909 he succeeded Assistant Metzger, the former Red and Blue captain who had charge of the University team for several seasons.

Weather Was Such That It Was Deemed Impractical to Have Contest.—To Play Soon.

The Y. M. C. A. team will not play Salisbury on the local court as planned tonight.

Long distance communications between J. W. Denny and Dunham, physical director of the Salisbury Y, finally resulted in a mutual agreement to call the contest off until some future date.

At first, Mr. Denny was of the opinion that local fans should have the game as scheduled and Mr. Dunham declared that he would have a team here at all costs.

The game, it is said, will doubtless be played at an early date, announcement to be made soon.

Many of the local fans were anxious to have the Salisbury five in the city since they are one of the best expert teams in this part of the state this year.

Charleston Banned at William & Mary.

Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 7.—The Charleston, the latest step to invade the college of William and Mary.

For many years the re-opening of the college after the Christmas holiday vacation with its gay round of social events has been the period for the introduction of something new in dancing.

Many Traffic Signs for Durham.

Durham, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The city of Durham has decided to join the growing number of other cities in this state and the country which have adopted the automatic traffic signal system.

The city council has voted to install the automatic traffic signals at the various intersections in the city, and the city manager has suggested the acceptance of a bid for the signals which is slightly less than \$4,000.

The aldermen worked before a large audience. The crowd was as large as that which was present when their efforts were in vain for just one demonstration of the Charleston was enough for officials.

A "dance after all," said one official, "should emphasize grace and beauty, and as the latest fad prevails, neither of these qualities it should hold no place on the program of college dances."

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SCORE OF PERSONS INJURED IN EARTH TREMORS IN ITALY

It Is Reported Several Hundred Houses Were Damaged by Shocks Which Contined 12 Seconds.

NO DEATHS SO FAR REPORTED

Relief Measures Are Underway in Stricken Areas—Mining District Damaged Most by Tremors.

Sienna, Italy, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A score of persons suffered minor injuries and several hundred houses were damaged by a strong earthquake shock lasting 12 seconds which rocked the countryside today.

A large section of Tuscany was affected, particularly the region around Monte Amiata.

The towns suffering most severely were Abbadia and San Salvatore, the center of the mercury mining district where three persons were badly injured and all the houses damaged.

Other towns affected were Pian, Gastagnaio, Radicefani, Castel del Piano and Arcibosso.

The first shock was felt at 10:15 a. m. After a lull the movements began again, but with less intensity.

The prefect here has sent several aides to the district to organize relief.

MAY DRILL FOR OIL IN LEE COUNTY FIELD

Expert Oil and Gas Men Submit Proposition to Mass Meeting of Citizens at Sanford.

Sanford, Jan. 7.—After more than 50 years of contemplating, the people of Lee county and surrounding territory will in all probability realize the dream that they have so long had, that of being a real oil and gas field.

Practical assurances were given a send-off on Tuesday night in the town hall here, when a mixed crowd of representative people gathered to hear the proposition that Marion Carver, well known and experienced oil geologist; A. C. Youngblood, and Mr. Dr., successful oil and gas well driller, had to offer.

After hearing the brilliant lecture by Mr. Carver on the earth formation, and the reason why he was led to believe that a two million dollar oil and gas field was actually here, they proceeded to appoint a trustee to handle any funds that might arise, this man being J. R. Jones, Sr., and a temporary chairman, W. A. Grabtree, to form a canvassing committee composing seven men to arrange a further meeting on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

COL. CHEATAM NAMED QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Will Succeed Major General Hurt Who Died Several Days Ago.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Col. B. Frank Cheatam was selected by Secretary Davis today to succeed the late Major General Wm. H. Hart as quartermaster general of the army.

Col. Cheatam is now executive officer for the Assistant Secretary of War McNider. He is a native of Tennessee and had a combat regimental command in France during the world war. He is a graduate of the Army War College and the army general staff school, and commanded a regiment of Tennessee volunteer infantry in the Philippines during the Spanish war.

Florida representative termed Colonel Mitchell "a Napoleon without thorns" and said "a crown of thorns has been placed upon his brow."

Mr. Green declared Mitchell was the outstanding hero of the American air service in the world war.

With the filling of his will in Middlesex Court it was revealed that Miss Grace I. Woolley of Malden already had started a course in cookery to fulfill its provisions. She is a graduate of Boston University.

To carry out the letter of the legacy the \$1,000 must be used "for her education in domestic science and in developing skill as a homemaker and companion."

Mother and Daughter Pow-Wow

CONCERT LUNCHEON Miss Kathryn Riggs Washington, D. C.

HARPIST Miss Dorothy Mallard New York

SOLO DANCER WONDERFUL PROGRAM Tickets: Mothers and Daughters \$1.00

rathers and Sons, Admission Concert 50c Sale at Kidd-Frix Co. and Y. M. C. A.

Evelyn Nesbit Attempts to End Her Life



Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, tried unsuccessfully to kill herself by drinking poison in Chicago. This photograph shows her on a stretcher in a Chicago hospital.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARS ATTORNEY GENERAL

He Is Asked About Facts in Inquiry About Delay in Prosecuting Aluminum Company.

OTHER OFFICIALS WILL BE HEARD

Case Against the Company Developed Month Ago But So Far Nothing Has Been Done in Matter.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—With Attorney General Sargent as the first witness, the Senate Judiciary Committee began today inquiry into the failure of the Department of Justice to bring contempt proceedings against the Aluminum Company of America, in which Secretary Mellon is a large stockholder.

Beside Mr. Sargent, Assistant Attorney General Donovan and Chairman Vernon W. Van Fleet, Secretary Otis B. Johnson and Chief Examiner Millard Hudson of the Federal Trade Commission, were called as witnesses in the inquiry which is expected to cover a wide range affecting both the Justice Department and the Trade Commission.

At the outset, Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, read from a letter written by the then Attorney General Harlan F. Stone to the Trade Commission in which it was held that the Aluminum Company had violated provisions of the consent decree of 1912.

Among other things the decree forbade the shipment of defective material to competitors. Letters from agents of the company and from competitors charging shipments of defective materials then were read into the record.

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VERDICT RETURNED AT HOLMES TRIAL

J. A. Holmes and Wife Found Guilty of Murder in Second Degree—Both Sentenced to Prison.

Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Verdicts of second degree murder were returned today in the trial of Mrs. Sarah Solomon, Holmes and J. A. Holmes, her husband, in connection with the death of Mrs. Holmes' first husband, A. D. Solomon.

They were given sentences of from 15 to 20 years each in state prison. The jury was out 10 1-2 hours before reaching the verdict.

The Solomon case was the second of widespread interest in North Carolina during the past few months. The first was the trial and acquittal of W. B. Cole, charged with the murder of W. W. Ormond.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes denied the charges of poisoning Solomon throughout the trial.

The verdict was returned at 9:30 a. m. at the convening of court, and sentence was immediately pronounced by Judge Michael Schenck.

Attorneys for the defense moved to set the verdict aside, but the judge refused this request. Appeal was then noted, with bonds placed at \$10,000. Both were remanded to jail when unable to make bail.

LIVERPOOL ALARMED AT THREAT OF RETALIATION

British Cotton Exchange Men Believe Such Move Would Hurt America Most.

Liverpool, England, Jan. 7.—Members of the Liverpool Cotton association showed little alarm today over the proposal made in Congress yesterday by Representative McKeown, democrat of Oklahoma, for retaliation against the British rubber monopoly by increasing the price of American cotton abroad.

Liverpool cotton men believe that such a move would hurt America more than England.

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FIRST HEAVY SNOW OF WINTER COVERS ENTIRE STATE NOW

All Sections of State Feel Effects of the Snow and Sleet Which Began Falling Thursday Night.

ASHEVILLE FEELS STORM'S MOST

Snow Is Said to Be Piled Up in That City—Sleet Falls With Snow in All Parts of the State.

Charlotte, Jan. 8.—(AP)—All North Carolina today was blanketed under snow and ice.

Marking the first white of the winter, the downfall began generally over the state early last night and was still descending fitfully this morning.

Asheville was reported deepest in the slump, with snow piled up there. The mountain city had been visited by blizzards earlier in the winter, but that of last night and today was the heaviest by far.

At Raleigh the capital grounds were covered with ice, and Fayetteville Street bore its burden of winter.

Winston-Salem, further north than its neighbors, also encountered the elements and was coated. Charlotte to the extreme south, had its first snow and sleet of the season, but was buried two inches deep today. Greensboro also had its share.

High Point, Concord, Salisbury, Gastonia, Kinston, Durham, New Bern and Goldsboro reported similar experiences during the night.

Better English Trade Advice Followed by Steady Opening Today. New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Distinctly better trade advices from Liverpool and Manchester were followed by a very steady opening in the cotton market today.

First prices were 5 to 17 points higher on covering and fresh buying, March selling up to 20.08 and July to 18.97. These figures evidently attracted a good deal of realizing by recent buyers however, while there also was a good deal of selling here to undo old straddles between New York and Liverpool at the increase in the difference. This checked the advance and caused quick reactions of 15 or 20 points, but the British trade news steadied prices at the declines and the market was about unchanged at the end of the first hour.

Cable advices received in the trade report a better business in cotton goods at Manchester and an increased spot demand from spinners and export in Liverpool.

Cotton futures opened steady: January 20.25; March 20.08; May 19.60; July 18.96; October 18.23.

Two Men Electrocuted in Arkansas Prison

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The state of Arkansas exacted the toll of two lives for murder at daybreak this morning when Tyrus Clark, Sulphur Springs bank robber and slayer of L. M. Stout, banker, and Aaron Harris, negro, slayer of Deputy Sheriff Scott Streeter, of Ashley county, were executed in the electric chair.

The Zbysko brothers, Stanislaus and Windek, have never come together in a real wrestling match. Years ago, however, they met in a tournament in Paris, where both defeated all comers in the preliminary bouts and were contestants in the final, but Stanislaus refused to wrestle his younger brother and forfeited his title to Windek.

Probably rain or snow tonight and Saturday, rising temperature Saturday, and in west portion tonight. Strong east winds, diminishing Saturday.

RIVER SEINE STILL 'SING; CHANGE IS PREDICTED SUNDAY

Cement and Sand Bag Barricades Being Placed at Points All Along the Quays.

FLOODING IS NOT HALTED IN CITY

Situation in the Suburbs Is Growing Graver, With Many of the Houses in Danger.

Paris, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The River Seine continues to rise. Provided there is no rain during the interval, and there is every probability there will be, the river is expected to cease its upward trend Sunday.

Workmen are busily engaged in marking cement and sand bags barricades at all vulnerable points along the quays. These, however, cannot prevent flooding by infiltration of water in the city at a lower level than the water. The outlook consequently is regarded with anxiety, the population in such quarters within distance of the river.

The situation in the suburbs both up and down stream is growing graver. While the water mark is well below previous record levels, the damage undoubtedly will be far greater than that of previous floods for thousands of houses have been built on the banks of the river since 1810, most of them after the war when the housing problem became acute.

Most of the houses are of a flimsy character. Some of the rivers in the provinces again are rising, notably the Saone in the vicinity of Lyons. Generally, however, the situation shows improvement.

In Belgium the flood conditions in the north, notably in the Escaut valley, are as bad as ever. King Albert and Queen Elizabeth yesterday visited some of the affected districts.

With Our Advertisers. Don't fail to attend the big clean-up shoe sale at Ivey's.

Ten year loans on C. J. Harris, Farm Loans. A. F. Hartzell is local agent for the Thies-Smith Realty Co., of Charlotte. Consult Mr. Hartzell.

Columbia steds for sale by York & Wadsworth Co. Get them now. Read the new ad of Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. in this issue.

Monte Blue and Patsy Ruth Miller in Hogan's Alley at the Concord Theatre today and tomorrow.

Goodyear All Weather Tread tires are safer on all kinds of roads. For sale at York & Wadsworth Co.

Buy your wool dresses now at the J. C. Penney Co. for \$9.90. Beauty has been woman's heritage as far back as creation. Visit Ehrh's Beauty Salon.

See Mother and Daughter Pow-Wow ad on first page today.

Good Whisky Cheap Appeals to Jurist. Chicago, Jan. 7.—Selling good whisky at reasonable prices was termed "sufficiently meritorious in these trying days" to warrant mitigation of sentence at the trial today of Charles S. Young, Aurora, Ill., saloons proprietor, and his bartender.

"I would say that this is more their attorney argued after guilty pleas to violating the dry law were entered. It is harder to sell good whisky five years after prohibition than it was during the first year."

Young was sentenced to 60 days in prison and the bartender was fined \$200 and costs.

Evelyn Sorry That She Is Recovering. Chicago, Jan. 7.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who swallowed poison Tuesday after a prolonged New Year party, continued to improve today but said she was sorry she would recover.

Meanwhile, there were reports that Harry K. Thaw, her divorced husband, would be in Chicago next week and this led to rumors of attempts at a reconciliation. Thaw's attorney said they expected him here shortly but were not specific as to the date, and the conference was on business matters only.

Gets Ten Years For Sending President Threat Through Mail. San Francisco, Jan. 7.—William F. Wolf, found guilty in the United States district court yesterday of sending printed matter indirectly threatening the President, through the mails, was sentenced today to 10 years in a federal penitentiary.

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