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FORTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF AMERICAN AND ENGLISH NAVIES PERISH WHEN MONSTER DIRIGIBLE ZR-2 COLLAPSES

ONLY FIVE MEN OF 49 ON BOARD SHIP KNOWN TO BE SAFE

Aircraft Buckles At Height of 1,000 Feet And Falls in Humber

Name of Maurice Lay Included In The List of Dead — Thousands See Men Drop or Jump From The Falling Mass.

Hull, England, Aug. 24. — Seventeen officers and men of the United States Navy and twenty-seven officers and men of the British Navy met death today in the collapse of the great dirigible ZR-2 over the city of Hull.

Every one of the Americans on board the ill-fated craft perished as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight.

Only five men of the forty-nine who were making the trial trip in the dirigible prior to the vessel being turned over to the United States Navy are known to have been saved.

Americans on Airship

The American officers who started the trip included: Commander Louis H. Maxfield, Lieutenant Commander Emory Coil, Lieutenant Marcus H. Esterly, Lieutenant Commander Valentine N. Bieg and Lieutenant Chas. G. Little.

The American enlisted men who went up with the craft from Howden were: C. I. Aller, Robert Coons, L. E. Crowel, J. T. Hancock, William Julius, M. Lay, A. L. Loftin, A. I. Pettit, W. J. Steele, N. O. Walker and George Welsh. (Maurice Lay, Greensboro boy, was one of the riggers selected for the crew to bring the dirigible to the United States. Advices from Hull, England, evidently mean that the young man lost his life when the airship collapsed.)

General Maitland Lost

The British losses include the famous air veteran Brigadier General E. M. Maitland and all the other officers on board except Lieutenant Wann, the commander of the ZR-2.

Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Pulham, the big aircraft had been afloat for 34 hours, at times in bad weather, and was returning to the Pulham airdrome at the time of the disaster, which constitutes the most terrible of its kind in peace times.

While flying at about 1,000 feet over Hull, spectators say the ZR- seemingly buckled amidships and plunged downward over the city and into the Humber River. One theory of the cause of the disaster is that while the ship's rudders were being tested the giant craft took a sharp turn, which caused her frame-work to buckle and that the explosion of a gasoline tank completed the tragedy of the air. The actual cause, however, never may be known. A rumor had been afloat for some days that the ZR-2 was structurally weak, but this was stoutly denied by all in authority.

Thousands Saw Disaster

Tens of thousands of spectators saw several men climb outside the balloon and drop from the falling mass, which was enveloped in smoke, and others jumped into the Humber as the crippled craft came over the water. As the dirigible struck, the wreckage above water was burning, and there was slight chance for any of the men caught inside to escape.

Tugs immediately put out into the stream and brought ashore the five survivors, who were taken in ambulances to hospitals. Among these was the American quartermaster, N. O. Walker, who died soon after reaching the hospital from burns he had received. A rescue tug pulled another American out of the water. He was dead. Inside of his coat was the name "Commander Maxfield." Early reports were to the effect that Lieutenant Esterly had been saved. Unhappily, this report proved to be without foundation.

It was a moment of terror for the populace when the disaster occurred. People in the streets rushed madly to cover fearing that the massive wreck would fall upon and crush them. The terror gave way, however, to horror as the wreck plunged into the middle of the river near the corporation pier.

Thrilling Descent

During the fall of the airship three members of the crew were observed making a thrilling parachute descent. They came down into the river, where they were rescued by small boats. All who jumped from the falling craft lost their lives. They had no chance for escape, for the water was covered with burning gasoline and the heat from the burning wreckage was so intense that even the rescurers experienced the greatest difficulty in approaching for some time. Barges, trawlers and small boats thronged around the debris, willing to render any possible assistance.

Immediately after the disaster telephone messages came from distances of fifty miles reporting that the people had felt an earthquake shock.

Bravery of Rescurers

One member of the rescuing party said that when they got alongside the burning airship the pilot of the tug asked for volunteers to board one part that still was almost intact. Jumping upon the wreckage, the rescurers ripped open part of the fabric, while arts of the debris were pulled away by means of ropes. The task was a hazardous one, because one of the ballounettes was still filled with gas and another explosion was feared.

Among the wreckage an American Naval man was to be seen hanging by his coat to a girder in the frame of the airship. It is believed he was dead, owing to the peculiar position of the body, which was not recovered. Another rescuror said one was hanging on to the tail of the ship, apparently uninjured, while another was found floating in the water. Both of them were saved. While the rescurers were at work the balloon began to turn over and the rescue party had to return to the tug.

Story of Disaster

When first seen from Hull, the ZR-2 was approaching the city from a southeasterly direction over the Humber toward Hull. When sailing on an even keel above the city, according to some eye-witnesses, a huge cloud of smoke burst from the tail of the aircraft. It was thought the ZR-2 was sending out a smoke screen as an exhibition but, to the horror of thousands of spectators, it was seen that she had broken in two and was taking a tremendous nose dive, which apparently would bring her down into the thronged streets.

Then there came a loud explosion and a great crash, followed by another explosion, which was accompanied by the breaking of glass in the windows on land, the whole being reminiscent of war times, when German airships bombed Hull and explosions shook the whole town. Today's concussion was so great that it wrecked windows over an area of about a mile square.

Big Ship Buckled

Some spectators assert that the airship began to buckle before any flame or explosion was seen or heard. The broken halves of the ZR-2 reached the water nearly a mile apart. The general opinion of the public of Hull is that the commander of the airship accomplished a remarkable feat of bravery in diverting the descent of the vessel so that it fell into the water instead of in the crowded streets.

LOCAL MASONS TO STAGE BIG MASONIC PICNIC

Friday, September 2nd, is The Date—Will Be Held At Surles' Pond

Palmyra Lodge No. 147 A. F. & A. M., will stage a big Masonic picnic for the local Masons on Friday, September 2nd, At Surles' Pond. The program will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon and last until sunset. Every Mason is requested to bring a well filled basket. There will be bathing, boating, fishing; music, singing, speeches, something doing all the time. Every member of the lodge will be expected to bring his family and not to forget the children as there will be special amusements for them. Late in the afternoon a picnic supper will be served. The grounds are being prepared for the occasion and a splendid time is expected. The program in detail will be published later.

MORRISON SEES NEED FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Asheville, Aug. 24.—The special session of the general assembly will be called notwithstanding the fact that many cities are cutting down their budgets, Governor Morrison stated today. It is his opinion that the actions should be called together to make necessary legislation to care for the school fund deficit regardless of municipal finances or, rather, the lack of them. Governor Morrison considers the school deficit a debt the state should be prompt to pay and will urge such action.

Don't tell everything you know or you won't be able to come back for the encore.

SOLDIERS AND POLICE ON DUTY AT KNOXVILLE

They Patrol Streets in Effort to Prevent Another Attempt to Take Negro From Jail

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 20.—A company of national guardsmen under command of Adjutant General Brumit and virtually the entire police force was ordered on duty tonight to patrol the vicinity of the Knox county jail, to prevent, if possible, a recurrence of last night's attempt by a mob to storm the jail, where Frank Martin, a negro charged with attacking a young white girl, and several other important prisoners are held.

Feeling continued tense throughout the day and the authorities announced tonight they were prepared for any eventuality.

Analysis of stains found on Martin's underclothing today revealed they were caused by blood, but whether of human or animal origin has not been ascertained.

AGRICULTURAL CREDITS MEASURE GETS THROUGH

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Senate put aside the anti-beer bill long enough tonight to adopt the conference report on the agricultural credits bill already agreed to by the House and sent it to the President for his approval.

The difference between what it costs and what it saves is the supreme test of any proposition.

Not a few democratic postmasters are willing to concede that "Billy" Cox would have made exceedingly good as president of the United States.

NEGROES ROBBED BENSON STORES

School Board Advertises Bonds, Watermelon Market Closes Good Season

Benson, Aug. 22.—At an enthusiastic meeting held in the town hall, plans were laid to hold the Benson community fair on October 7 and 8 this year. Directors were elected as follows: Claud Stephenson, Willow Springs; Victory Penny, Benson; Walter Blackman, Bentonsville; E. Tart, Benson; J. S. Johnson, Four Oaks; E. D. Meddling, Benson; J. Alvin Barbour and J. M. McLamb; W. T. Lee and A. W. Morgan, Four Oaks. The following officers were elected: President Rev. A. T. Lassiter; vice-president, W. T. Lee; secretary, S. P. Honeycutt; assistant secretary, Mrs. W. T. Martin; directors' chairman. The meeting was addressed by Sec. Riddle of the Harnett county fair, who urged all present to encourage exhibitors to also place their exhibits at the Harnett fair, and S. J. Kirby, county demonstrator, who made several helpful suggestions for the development of the fair.

Saturday morning five negroes claiming Kinston as their rendezvous, hit town via freight car route and between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. rivaled the operations of Ali Babba and the Forty Thieves. The plan of action was to go into a store and while one of the band engaged the clerk in talk regarding a suit of clothes or other articles, the others would take what they could get. In case a store had three clerks, three of the band would engage the attention of the clerks while the other two operated. They would conceal the purloined articles in their shirts and trousers. They had made quite a haul and were at the depot waiting for the one o'clock train, when one of the merchants happened to miss a pair of trousers belonging to one of the suits he had in stock. Investigation showed that much other merchandise had disappeared. He immediately notified Detective Dixon, who found three of the negroes at the depot and took them into custody. The other two were not located. In police court the same afternoon, the accused denied the charges, although they had been caught with the goods. Judge Canaday bound them over to Superior Court.

The school board is advertising for sale $12,000 of the $20,000 bonds it was authorized to issue under the terms of the recent election. The bonds will be sold in the open market. The school improvement work will not be started until late in the fall. Specifications for these improvements have already been prepared, but no contracts will be let until the bonds have been sold.

T. T. Lanier, one of the best known educators in this section, who was superintendent of the Benson High School for a number of years, has signed a contract with the trustees of the Coats graded high school to superintend the work there for the coming term

There is more general complaint of red spider in cotton through this section this year than ever before. This, no doubt, is mainly due to the exceedingly dry season. Although effective measures have been taken to combat this pest, it ravages will be keenly felt when picking time comes.

The local watermelon market has closed after a successful season, considering the fact that it did not open until late in the season. This is the first season Benson had had a market.

GREAT STRIDES MADE IN TAR HEEL INDUSTRY

State's Factory Products' Increased 226 Per Cent. From 1914 To 1919

Washington, Aug. 24.—The census of manufacturers in North Carolina, issued by the census bureau today, shows large increases in the number of factories, persons employed and value of products between the years of 1914 and 1919. The per cent in the increase of factory products was 226, the value figures jumping from $289,412,000 in 1914 to $943,808,000 in 1919. There were 5,507 factories in the state in 1914 and 5,999 in 1919, while persons employed had increased from approximately 146,000 to 175,000; proprietors increased in number from 5,050 to 6,075, and persons paid salaries from 8,541 to 11,688.

Capital of North Carolina manufacturing establishments increased from $253,000,000 in 1914 to $669,000,000 five years later, and the payrolls, salaries and wages jumped from $56,000,000 to $150,000,000 annually. Value of materials used in manufacturing were $169,942 in 1914 and $526,906,000 in 1919, an increase of 210 per cent. The percentage increase in capital invested was 163.6 per cent.

The census of manufacturing in 1919, like that of 1914, excluded the hand trades, the building trades and the neighborhood industries, and took account only of establishments conducted under the so-called factory system. The word "establishment" as used in the census reports may mean more than one mill or plant, provided they are owned or controlled and operated by a single individual partnership, corporation or other owner or operator, and are located in the same town or city.

The reports were taken for the calendar year ending December 31, 1919 or the business year of the establishment most nearly conforming to that calendar year.

The best way to teach boys the decimal and percentage system is to let 'em figure baseball averages.

One of our exchanges advised us of the fact that if some of the modern ladies would run or office, they would surely make good--as they have so little to conceal and produce so much favorable evidence.

Davis Pleads For A Part of His Millions

Former President of Automobile, Cement and Stove Company Broke

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Begging the return of "at least a little of the millions—to be exact, $2,500,000," alleged to have been obtained from him by John W. Worthington, Chas. W. French and their associates, a letter from Z. W. Davis, former president of the Winton Automobile Company of Cleveland, forms the latest link in the evidence against a band of alleged swindlers now under federal indictment, federal agents said today.

The letter was intercepted by government officials. It was addressed to French at a Chicago loop hotel, where a suite maintained by French was raided yesterday. Federal officers said they recovered securities valued at a million dollars in the raid.

Davis was a former president of the Diamond Portland Cement Company and the Globe Stove Company. The letter addressed to French said.

"Please do not take what I am writing to you as a whine. I am not in the habit of crying after I have lost. If I were the only one to be considered I would not care.

"But there are some others who are entirely dependent on me for a livelihood. It is for that reason that I am now forced to beg you to return at least a little of the millions—to be exact, $2,500,000—which you and your associates have taken away from me in the last two years."

Worthington, French, Owen T. Evans and Alva Harshman are under indictment. Davis also is under indictment, but has protested that he was made a dupe by the leaders of the ring.

Preparing For Legion Meet In The Mountains

Headquarters of Convention Will Be At Carolina Terrace

Preparation for the third annual convention of the American Legion have about been completed and the stage is set for the convening of that organization in Hendersonville Friday August 26. A program consisting of numerous addresses, reports, business projects, music, entertainments and the like, has been thoroughly prepared for the opening.

In connection with the American Legion, the Auxiliary Units will be represented at the annual convention. The Auxiliary Units consists of the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of the veterans of the World War or those soldiers who served for their country in that struggle.

Mrs. E. W. Burt, department commander of the Woman's auxiliary has sent out a number of bulletins appropos of the representation of the different units at the convention. Previously it was announced that August 10 was the latest date or which fees to local units could be paid which would count in determining the representation at the convention. It has since been decided that all fees turned in prior to August 20 may be regarded as eligible members from which to select the delegates.

Representation to the American Legion Convention is based upon the membership, allowing three delegates for chapters having a membership varying from 15 to 75. After seventy-five, one additional delegate is permitted for each fifty or fraction of fifty. In the woman's auxiliary two delegates are allowed for the first 25 members and one additional representative for each fifty or fraction of fifty members.

Department Adjutant Cale K. Burges announces that department headquarters for the convention will be located at the Carolina Terrace and that the information bureau will also be there. Delegates, alternates, and visitors should secure reservation at the Carolina Terrace, Park Hill Inn, Passifern Inn, or Duncraggan. Business sessions of the legion will be held in the Hendersonville City Hall.

It was formerly announced that some reduction would be obtained in the railroad rates for delegates to the convention, but Adjutant Burges states that inasmuch as quite a number of delegates would attend the convention in cars, that he could not guarantee the necessary three hundred passengers which was required for the lowered rates. However, the regular summer reduced rate to Hendersonville will be in force.

Among the noted speakers that will address the convention during the two days' session are: Hon. Alfred Bulwinkle, Hon. Cameron Morrison, Hon. Josephus Daniels, Hon. Charles R. Forbes, Alvin M. Owsley and Miss Lucy J. Chamberlain and Mrs. Josephus Daniels. In addition to these speakers who will discuss topics especially related to the field of activity of the legion, a number of other attractive and interesting features constitute the program. Reports from the different committees of the state organization, the appointment of the new committees, report of convention committees, and other business matters will be taken up.

JOHNSTON COUNTY NOT A RACE SUICIDE REGION

Figures Show 2,548 Births To 833 Deaths in Last 18 Months. Drouth Hurts

Smithfield, Aug. 24.—Interesting figures just available established beyond doubt that there is no such thing as race suicide in Johnston county. For the past 18 months there were 2,548 births in this county and 833 deaths, leaving a net increase of 1,715 in the population. Statistics show that for the first months of 1920, there were 862 births and 282 deaths; for the last six months of that year 886 births and 278 deaths; for the first six months of 1921 there have been 800 births and 273 deaths.

BUREAU TO LESSEN THE DIFFICULTIES

Centralization Expected To Abolish Much of Red Tape

Washington, Aug. 24.—Veterans' difficulties in obtaining government aid are expected to be greatly minimized by the consolidation of all government agencies administering soldier relief under one head—the Veterans' Bureau. That is what Col. C. R. Forbes, of Seattle, director of the bureau, promises. The day of dual responsibility, of divided authority in the government's dealings with former service men is ended, he says, and troubles of long standing among the veterans will rapidly disappear.

Responsibility for adjusting claims attending to medical needs and of educating disabled veterans, is definitely fixed under the law creating the Veterans' Bureau. It rests squarely upon the director, rather than between the War Risk Insurance Bureau, the Federal Board for Vocational Training and the Public Health Service, the three agencies that formerly administered aid independently.

The problem of providing medical facilities, including hospitals, is regarded as the most difficult of all those coming within the jurisdiction of the bureau. Plans already are under way for its solution. The bureau announces that the $18,000,000 appropriation for hospital construction will be supplemented by use of authority given the director to enter into contracts with State, municipal and private hospitals for the immediate accommodation of veterans in need of hospital care. The announcement says that 6,800 new beds will be placed in use for soldier patients by January next.

Other duties of the director include inspection of all hospitals having soldier patients, guardianship of 26,630 war risk patients now being cared for in 800 private and 90 government hospitals, command of all Public Health Service doctors and nurses engaged in soldier, rehabilitation work, education of men whose earning capacity was impaired by service and who must be taught new means of support, administration of an insurance business with 651,054 active and 397,890 term policies with a computed value of $2,980,660,235, and the average $1,000,000 a day expenditure by the government in meeting the compensation and insurance claims and which are increasing at the rate of 800 claims a day.

CONGRESS TAKES MONTH'S RECESS

Anti-Beer Bill Goes Over Until September; Harding Signs Measures

Washington, Aug. 24.—Congress took a recess tonight until September 21 without a vote by the Senate on a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beer to the sick. The Senate ended its work at 11:35 o'clock and the house at 11:58.

The Senate is expected to resume work upon re-convening, but Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, obtained an agreement to have the House to declare day recesses from September 21 to October 3.

President Harding was at the Capitol late tonight to sign a number of bills. The last to be put before him was the dye embargo extension, the last measure to be passed by the Senate.

Prohibition leaders early in the night abandoned their effort to hold up the recess until it had been passed, failing even to obtain an agreement fixing a date for a vote on it by the Senate after Congress reassembles next month.

Senators opposing the bill because of the provision which would subject all of a man's property except his home to search for liquor without a warrant held the floor until its managers saw no hope of a vote and had it laid aside.

NEW POWER CONCERN GETS ITS CHARTER

Will Take Over Business of Cumberland Light and Power Company

The North State Power Company, of Raleigh, with quarter of a million dollars capital stock was chartered by the Secretary of State yesterday to take over the business of the Cumberland Light and Power Company recently thrown into the hands of a receiver.

The new concern is chartered to furnish power to individuals and corporations in Cumberland, Bladen, Roberson, Hoke, Harnett, Sampson, Johnston, Wayne, Wilson, Lee, Moore and Wake and other counties.

It is capitalized at $250,000 but may begin business when $1,200 is paid in. The incorporators are L. H. Crouch, Raleigh; J. B. Johnson, Cardenas; A. J. Blalock, Willow Springs; J. W. Blalock, Willow Springs; T. J. White, Townsville; Long and Mansfield, W. H. Lockhart, Dr. L. L. Sawyer, George W. Eason, C. E. Hastings and F. N. Hall, all of Hickory, Va.

On the same day it was so hot that President Harding was receiving visitors and transacting business in his shirt sleeves, the same thing happened in this print shop—which may, or may not, be a peculiar coincidence.

The dry weather in this section has affected the crops to a very considerable extent. In the western and northwestern parts of the county crops have been cut almost half. The drouth has hurt cotton which is said to stand dry weather well. In the worst drouth sections where farmers did not plant corn early many of them will have to buy corn next year.

Lillington Preparing For The County Sing

Committees Have Been Appointed to Take Care of Details and Make Preparations

Lillington, Aug. 20. — Extension plans are being worked out for expanding the "community sing" into a "county sing" to be held here on Labor Day, September 5th. At a citizens' meeting last night in the court house auditorium, committees were appointed on finance, arrangements and advertising who will busy themselves for the next 15 days with preparations for entertaining the thousands of people who are expected to attend the event.

Roy L. Hoffmeister, of New York city, will conduct the singing, which will be arranged in classes by townships. Handsome prizes, including a silver loving cup, will be awarded to the best singing classes. There will be plenty of instrumental music for accompaniment. Old fashioned Southern melodies will be one of the pleasing features of the sing.

The community spirit is in the ascendency in Harnett county. Probably no other agency has contributed toward stimulating this county pride more than the work of Miss Mame F. Camp, director of community service, who has been in the county only a few months, but whose efforts in connection with the putting on of movies in the school centers has brought the people together and kindled the patriotic fires.

Some of the townships have already organized choruses numbering as high as forty voices to enter the competition. Dinner will be of the picnic variety. There will be no set speeches and just as little talking as possible. It is intended to make the atmosphere musical.

Democrats Plan Assault On Republican Measure

In Minority Report They Will Deliver Views on "Rich Man's Bill

Washington, Aug. 16.—The nation's tax bill will be cut $193,840,000 this fiscal year; $377,790,000 in the calendar year 1922 and $790,330,000 in 1923, Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee asserted today in the majority report explaining the tax revision bill framed by Republican committeemen.

Without disputing these figures Democrats of the house prepared in caucus for a broadside assault on the Republican measure, planning to brand it as a rich man's bill. Their views were to be incorporated in a minority analysis, attacking the

Meantime the rules committee reported a rule to put the bill through the house at 3 p. m., Saturday, Debate will begin at 11 a. m., tomorrow, the measure having been formally reported today by the ways and means committee, with the Democrats voting solidly against it.

Chairman Fordney insisted in the majority report that the policy of the bill was "reducing rather than shifting tax burdens." He estimated reductions in levies, some of which will not become fully effective until 1923, as follows:

Reduction in Levies

Repeal of excess profits January 11 1922, $450,000,000.

Reductions of surtax rates on individual incomes to 3 2per cent, January 1, 1922, $90,000,000.

Increased exemptions of heads of families: To $2,500 for incomes not in excess of $5,000, $40,000,000.

Additional exemption for dependents increased to $400 from $200, $30,000,000.

Repeal of all transportation taxes, January 1, 1922, $262,000,000.

Repeal of tax on life insurance $6,300,000.

Repeal on tax on beverages, $60,000,000.

Reduction of taxes on candy, $8,000,000.

Sporting goods, $8,000,000.

Furs, $4,510,000.

So-called luxury taxes, $15,000,000.

Estimated gains on taxes beginning with the calender year 1921, are given as follows:

Increase of corporation income tax from 10 to 12 per cent, January 1, 1922, $133,750,000.

License to sellers of soft drinks, $10,000,000.

Tax of six cents on cereal beverages, $12,000,000.

Tax of five cents on carbonic acid gas, $2,000,000.

Taxes on fruit juices, still drinks and fountain system, $12,000,000.

Substitution of manufacturers' taxes on toilet preparations and proprietary medicines for existing stamp taxes, $8,000,000.

The total loss in revenue is thus placed at $96,000,000 and the total gains at $177,750,000 leaving the net loss of $799,3330,000, estimated by the report.

MILLIONS IN WORTHLESS NOTES THROWN ON MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Millions of dollars of worthless notes, stolen bonds, fraudulent deeds of trust and forged certificates of deposit have been flung on the markets of the country, federal agents declared today after investigating operations of a band alleged to have been headed by Charles W. French and John F. Worthington.

Banks, bond houses, investment security brokers and wealthy business men from coast to coast were declared to have been the victims or dupes of one of the most gigantic swindles ever unearthed by federal agents.

Six million dollars worth of stolen bonds, nearly $3,000,000 in worthless notes and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of trust deeds and forged certificates of deposit have been traced by department of justice agents, it was said.

U. D. C. RECEPTION CLOSES REUNION

Staged On Spacious Lawns Of Trinity College. Big Camp Fire Lighted

Durham, Aug. 24—With more than 1,000 veterans of the North Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, in attendance, the second day of the most successful state reunion in years closed tonight with a reception by the Daughters of the Confederacy at Trinity college and a grand ball at Lakewood park following the reception.

The reception was held on the vast lawns of the college presenting a scene of gala carnival with the great camp fire burning in its center and the trees stretching around hung profusely with gaily colored Japanese lanterns. Thousands, including veterans and their friends and relatives, were in attendance. Refreshments were served by the Daughters.

The ball at Lakewood park was held from 10 to 12, dancing taking place in both the pavilion and the skating rink. A feature of the dancing was the clog dancing and pigeon wing figures cut by veterans, who despite beard of great length and hair of snowy white, demonstrated that the soldiers of the sixties still have young ideas.

At the business session held at Craven Memorial hall last night following an address of North Carolina's part in the war between the states, General James I. Metts, of Wilmington, was re-elected commander of the North Carolina division. Brigade commanders and all subordinate commanders were also re-elected for the ensuing year. General Julian S. Carr presented the R. F. Webb camp, of Durham, with an original Confederate flag.

Fitzgerald Flourney delivered an eloquent address this afternoon on "our Southland," defending in ringing words the position of the south in the war between the states and upholding the principles for which her heroes laid down their lives.

Chief Justice Walter Clark of the state supreme court spoke at the morning session on "North Carolina Troops at Gettysburg," pointing out that while other states no doubt did their full duty and have equal records of faithful service to point to, North Carolina had a greater number of troops in the battle which turned the tide o fthe war than any other state.

In a resolution placing the matter of text books entirely in the hands of the Daughters supporting their judgment and having faith in what steps they may decide to undertake, the veterans passed [illegible] ters of the Confederacy [illegible] and the state department of education.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON CROP SHOWN

Development Fair To Be Very Good, However, In Parts of North Carolina

Washington, Aug. 24.—With temperatures above normal in all parts of the cotton belt, cotton failed to show any general improvement during the past week, the weekly National Weather and Crop Bulletin said today.

Weevils continued to impede the crops progress, decreasing only slightly in Texas, while in South Carolina, where the condition of the plants was reported excellent, the pest prevented fruiting.

Because of the heat and drought, cotton deteriorates, in most of Texas and Oklahoma, according to reports, and the plants made slow growth and development in most Central and eastern districts. In Tennessee, northeastern Arkansas and southern North Carolina development ranged from fair to very good and the plants were reported shedding badly in Oklahoma, Texas, and parts of Arkansas.

The bolls were said to be opening rapidly in the southern and western portions of the belt and prematurely in many sections. Picking was in progress during the week in Texas under ideal conditions.

The general condition of the crop, the report said, is mostly poor to fair with only a few places that may be claimed as very good.

With sufficient moisture for the development of corn the crop made good progress from the central Mississippi Valley eastward. Cutting and fodder pulling was general in the south.

The harvesting of rice continued under favorable conditions in eastern Texas and Louisiana. Tobacco also was being harvested in Tennessee and the middle Atlantic Coast districts.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FOR COUNTY OF HARNETT

Lillington, Aug. 20.—Through the campaigning efforts of J. B. Swain of the Department of Agriculture, practically all of the districts in Harnett county have signed co-operative marketing contracts. All of the districts have responded in numbers aggregating fifty per cent of the growers. The signing is continuing each day, and Mr. Swain states that he is confident that Harnett county will make as good showing as any county in the State when the final wind-up comes. Some districts have signed ninety per cent of the growers.

At a general co-operative mass meeting here this afternoon at 2 o'clock evidence was shown that the co-operative idea was a "solid" thought in the minds of the farmers of Harnett county. To use a phrase of the street, Mr. Swain has sold the co-operative marketing idea to the growers of this county, and they are "on".

Well attended meetings have been held in Dunn and other points in the county. Mr. Swain will be in the county for at least two weeks yet.