

BAILEY REITERATES CHARGE OF RECKLESS EXTRAVAGANCE

WEATHER
Shows Sunday and Monday little change in temperature

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ROW OVER AUTO SMASH SENDS MAN TO HOSPITAL

STRICKLAND BADLY HURT FROM BLOW

Goldsboro Man's Skull First Thought to Have Been Fractured, But Condition is Not Now Believed Serious

A quarrel over who was the party responsible for an automobile collision last night sent one man to the hospital in an unconscious condition and had nearly a half dozen officers scouring the city in an effort to learn the identity of the assailant and place him under arrest.

The condition of Stephen Strickland, victim of the assault, was first thought to be very serious, but the police department was informed late last night that his injuries were not so grave as first thought. There is little doubt, it was stated, of his recovery.

The collision occurred on North James street in front of the residence of George C. Sutherland, Sr. Little damage resulted from the collision of the two cars, a Studebaker driven by Mr. Strickland, and a Ford, driven by an unknown person.

Knocks Strickland Down
A few minutes later, the anger of both men swelling to the bursting point, the unidentified driver of the Ford car suddenly aimed a blow at the jaw of Mr. Strickland. Possibly caught unawares, he dropped to the ground, his head striking the hard pavement. Knocked unconscious, Mr. Strickland never moved.

The driver of the car, after learning that he had probably seriously if not fatally injured the man, jumped into his car and drove away. As he did so, Mr. Sutherland jumped out of his car and went to the aid of the injured man. The driver of the Ford car had by this time speeded away in the distance, but not too late for Mr. Sutherland to read his license number, which was later turned over to the police.

Mr. Sutherland called his father to the scene, and together they carried Mr. Strickland into their home. Dr. D. J. Rose, who was immediately summoned, found Mr. Strickland in a still unconscious condition, and on making a cursory examination, declared that he was suffering from concussion of the brain. He was taken to the hospital with what was at first thought to be a fractured skull.

Havana Fears Clash; Confines All Troops

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 21.—All troops were ordered to their quarters at noon today by Gen. Herreras, chief of staff of Cuban army.

Fire Chief Leslie Yelverton Reported As Recovering Rapidly

93-Year-Old Mother Is Sent To Poorhouse To Die

Slaved 62 Years for Her Orphan Children, Mrs. Simpson Cast Aside at Sunset of Life.

By W. O. SAUNDERS
ELIZABETH, City, Feb. 21.—In the Pasquotank County poorhouse today sits a pathetic and broken figure. It is a wretched mother drooping from years of toil spent in a lonely and bitter struggle to rear four orphan children to manhood. And she was one of these children who sent her to the poorhouse, at the age of 93, to die.

For 20 years, Mrs. Clarke Simpson, lived with her son Sammy, a prosperous citizen of Pasquotank County who operates a small sawmill and a blacksmith shop in the Coquina neighborhood, near Elizabeth City. In all that time her wrinkled and willing old hands found not a task too menial or too difficult, if it could help her son to get ahead in the world. The aged mother helped him to raise his family. The son, brought up to hard work prospered and accumulated property valued at \$30,000 or more. His own home near Corinth Baptist Church is a comfortable place.

But Mrs. Simpson, having arrived at a age of 93, was unable to toil longer in the household of her son. The children were grown and her services would not have been needed anyway. The daughter-in-law could not find delight in attending her few simple wants as if they were mother-in-law had been her own mother.

Left a Widow in '02

The onetime old mother who is now living in the county home was left a widow during the Civil War, with four children to support. Thrown on her own resources and obliged to support herself and family by the toil of her honest fingers she denied herself all recreation and pleasure, that she might do the most for her children. Living here and there, wherever she could rent a modest cottage, she bent over her work day and night, pinching and saving in the terrible days of the Reconstruction period following the civil war. She worked out by the day, tending the fishermen of the county, weaving cloth for the clothes, of her more fortunate friends, and helping her country neighbors to boil lard, and make sausage, in the bitter cold days of winter, when hogs were killed on the farms.

She denied herself the best things, that her sons might hold their place among the children of the community and grow to respected manhood without having tasted so much of the bitterness of life. Living on the husks as it were, content with little and always hoping for the best, Mrs. Simpson expected no bounty of life, and her wants were simple.

Refused to Marry Again

Fearing that by chance she might get a man who would be cross and exacting of her young boys, Mrs. Simpson refused to notice the lone-some old widowers of the community, who sometimes looked in her direction, and she never married again. She couldn't bear the thought of some man speaking roughly to the children of her first love. They had been petted and sheltered too much. And every stroke of her swift needle, every ache and pain at the end of these long days of toil only served to endear them more and more to her and made her work all the harder that they might miss nothing if God gave her power to prevent it.

But old age crept upon the toiling mother, and work was not so readily found. Her children had grown to manhood and were married and she went to live with them. In first one home and another, she visited, but

Miners Continue Work of Rescue

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 21.—Mine rescue workers, weary after more than 24 hours of labor, toiled on tonight to complete the task of removing from the mine of the City Coal Co. the bodies of 51 men who were killed by an explosion Friday morning.

Thirty bodies were recovered today before a heavy fall impeded progress and made it likely that several hours more would be required to bring all of the corpses to the surface.

For a time this afternoon rapid progress was made in bringing out the bodies, but the crumbling walls this afternoon put obstacles in their path. Bodies brought out were so badly burned that identification was difficult.

COMMENDS EFFORTS OF ABERNETHY

Goldsboro Man Says Dredging of Neuse River Would Save Millions of Dollars.

There are enough trees and logs in the channel of the Neuse river to keep a large saw mill running at full capacity for at least a year, according to a letter dispatched yesterday to Congressman Charles A. Abernethy, of Goldsboro.

The letter was in the nature of a commendatory epistle for the efforts of the third district congressman in securing an appropriation for a survey of the Neuse river in the hope of eventually having the channel dredged in the hope of preventing the disastrous floods that visit this section almost every year.

Huge Waste Is Laid to State Departments

Raleigh Lawyers Decries Practice of Everett Using State-Owned Cars and Gas for Personal Use.

RALEIGH, Feb. 21.—Centering his attack on the officers of the secretary of state and the state auditor, but including a number of other departments in his criticism, W. W. Bailey, attorney of Raleigh, and unsuccessful candidate for governor in the democratic primary last year, issued two statements this afternoon.

The statement went more fully into detail concerning what Mr. Bailey termed extravagances in operation of the state government and which he first attacked some time ago.

Attacks W. S. Everett

In his statement attacking the secretary of state, Mr. Bailey declared that W. S. Everett, the incumbent, had appropriated to the use of himself for his family and personal convenience one expensive touring car purchased by the state. He added that Mr. Everett had failed to show under what law two of his clerks referred to in the statement as "Sawyer" and "Sliver" had been allowed automobiles which Mr. Bailey declared were being used personally.

Familiar With Conditions

The writer is familiar with conditions in this section, and knows Neuse river from its beginning up in the hills to its entrance to Pamlico sound, has made two trips in a small flat bottom row boat, starting in a few miles from Durham and going down stream as far as New Bern and back; especially does he know something about that part of the river bed which runs through Wayne county, and will venture to say that there are enough logs and green trees on its bottom, were they salvaged and put to a mill, to keep a large bank saw running at full capacity for a period of one year.

Turning his attention to the auditor's department, Mr. Bailey cited a list of expenses of the state which he asserted were not being checked

Hungry, Weary Lads Find Friends Here

Pennsylvania Youngsters Slept Out on the Banks of the Neuse River for Three Days, Their Only Food an Occasional "Hot Dog."

Races ran and pinched from a three day fast and eyes, weary from many days and nights of hiking and riding over half a dozen states, John Tuff and Kenneth Pedder, two 17-year-old youths from the city of Butte, Pa., walked into local police headquarters last night about 7 o'clock and requested a square meal and lodging for the night.

They told Chief Ed Tew they had three hot dogs in as many days and had slept, or rather lay and shivered, on the banks of the Neuse River since Wednesday night. And Chief Tew, like the big-hearted man he is, reached in his pocket and handed the wanderers a dollar to get supper after making arrangements for them to be put up at the county detention room for the night.

Relief First Good Meal Here

John and Kenneth looked at the dollar in their hands and their eyes shined brightly at the prospect of having the cigarettes. "Let's get down on the cigs and snaks," said John and his pal agreed. Under the soothing influence of the cigarettes and with the odor of the frying steak wafted gently to their nostrils, the boys relaxed a bit for the first time since they left their homes in Philadelphia last Friday afternoon.

And as the luscious viands were set before them John grinned at Kenneth and said, "Choke that butt, kid."

"You bet," said the latter as he pinched the fire of a half-smoked cigarette and stuck the remainder in his pocket.

Tells of Their Wanderings

"Kenneth, my pal here, got out of a job, and since we'd been hitting it out together for some time I hated to part company with him. So after talking it over together we decided to see America first."

"We left the Broad street station at Philly at 5:50 Friday night and hit Washington at 9:20. We didn't carry long in the capital but bummed a lift to Richmond, Va., at 9:40, arriving in Richmond at 12:20. We knocked around town until 5:00 o'clock in the morning, trying to see the city, but it was too hazy dark. Kenneth 'hooked' his wrist watch for three bucks, and we made up our minds to make that go as far as we could."

Slept With Salvation Army

"We then hiked to Emporia, arriving there about 12:20, and then hoofed it to Trego, a distance of 11 miles. From Trego we hiked and rode when we could to Rocky Mount. We spent the night in the Ricks hotel, and then our money gave out. We got a ride into Wilson, and I 'hooked' the watch my mother gave me for two berries. I'm going to get that watch

McLean to Deliver A Special Message

RALEIGH, Feb. 21.—Governor Angus McLean told newspapermen late today that he would deliver a special message to the general assembly Monday dealing with the prison situation.

"I have been engaged for the past week in making a thorough investigation of the facilities and operating results of the state prison and the problem confronting the prison management."

BILL PROVIDES RETIREMENT OF B. R. LACY

Measure if Passed, Would Permit Veterans Treasurer to Quit With Two-Thirds Pay.

RALEIGH, Feb. 21.—(P.)—Introduction by Representative Harrison of a bill that would retire state treasurer B. R. Lacy on two-thirds pay, featured today's session of the house at which it is by more than a two-thirds vote the bill to require ten days notice prior to the issuance of marriage licenses was resurrected and placed on the calendar as a special order for next Tuesday. Motion to reconsider the vote by which this bill failed on its second reading was nullified by Representative Whitaker of Guilford. Also there was introduced a bill which would require that all persons convicted of driving automobiles while intoxicated have their license revoked for four months.

Representative Harrison's bill, it passed, would leave the matter of retirement with Mr. Lacy. There would be nothing obligatory about it on his part. However, should he retire, he would be subject to the call of the governor and state treasurer.

The house and senate both adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning, instead of 8 o'clock Monday night.

The house also resolved from Representative Townsend, the proposed revenue bill adopted by the joint finance committee, which will come up Monday night.

The house today passed on its third and final reading the bill authorizing the issuance of \$600,000 in bonds for the construction of a bridge across the lower Chowan river near Eden.

A bill also was passed on final reading, allowing the city of Rocky Mount to issue \$350,000 in bonds for high school purposes.

In the senate the session was perfunctory. Under an agreement reached yesterday it was decided that only local measures would be considered, and a mass of this type of bills came up for consideration.

Officer Weds Girl He Cleared of Killing

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Deputy Sheriff Louis Fleutje, whose investigations led to the freedom of Ethel Beck, arrested with a young man in connection with the killing of Edward Lehman, a watchman, by a holdup man and a woman, has married her, it was learned today.

Ethel confessed to the slaying, later saying that she would have told anything to get the police to stop questioning her so that she could sleep. Then Fleutje arrested Mr. and Mrs. Otto Malm, who confessed the murder. They are serving long prison sentences.

HIS LUNGS ARE NOW CLEAR OF FUMES OF ACID

When First Extricated From Ruins Where He Fell Unconscious, Chief Was at First Thought in a Critical Condition.

Although it was feared that the condition of Fire Chief Yelverton, who was rendered unconscious early yesterday morning from the inhalation of acid fumes in the debris of the fire on Center street, might take a serious turn, a report from the hospital last night stated that he was resting well and that he would be out within a few days, unless complications developed.

"The lungs of Mr. Yelverton," the hospital statement said, "are cleared and he is resting well." The report, circulated through the city during the day that he was still unconscious, was denied by Yelverton, the station commander, "whose consciousness shortly after being brought to the hospital and his condition has shown marked improvement throughout the day."

Little Damage From Fire
While the hospital authorities would not venture a prediction as to the possibility of pneumonia developing, it was admitted that the damage was not "severe." It was stressed, however, that a patient is not well until he is cured, but added that unless any of the possible complications arise, the fire chief will recover.

Danger of pneumonia was thought imminent on account of the exposure of Chief Yelverton during the several hours that he directed the efforts of his men that resulted in containing the disastrous blaze in one building, saving the other city block the structure of which for a time was thought irretrievable.

That Mr. Yelverton had a narrow escape was indicated yesterday afternoon by the statement of Hale Satterfield, the volunteer fireman who dragged him to safety. "When I felt Chief's pulse," he stated, "I thought he was a dead man. It did not show the slightest response to my 'vich.'"

Others on the scene declared that Mr. Yelverton could not possibly have survived had he inhaled the deadly acid fumes from the smoldering ruins of the Goldsboro Battery Company, the greatest sufferer in the \$50,000 fire.

Praise For Game Little Chief

The game little fire chief was the subject yesterday of unbounded praise on all sides, and his unfortunate experience was freely declared unavoidable.

"Leslie Yelverton," said a local citizen who has observed his work for several years, "ought a fire to the best ditch, but I have never known him to risk the lives of his men. When he went into the ruins of the battery shop he thought it was safe; and I dare say the presence of acid fumes, after having been subjected to such terrific heat for so many hours was a greater surprise to him than most people can possibly imagine."

But the concern of the people of the city over the condition of Mr. Yelverton was infinitely small compared to the grief of members of the fire department, both regulars and volunteers. They kept in constant touch with the hospital, and were outspoken in their praise of both his courage and his ability at directing fire fighting. "What I like about the Chief," said one of the veterans, "is that he never tells his men to go where he would risk his own life. When he wants us to finish a particularly dangerous porch, or enter a burning building, he leads the way, shouting 'come on boys.' And we'll follow him anywhere."

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling 24.50; cotton futures closed steady. March 24.25; July 24.87; Oct. 25.67; December 25.75.