

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Tuesday. Wednesday mostly cloudy. Rain and colder in west portion.

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BLAST WRECKS PITTSBURG SECTION AND 27 DIE

Dying Confession Of Six Years Ago Frees Three County Blacks

Frank Williams, George Pearsall and Jim Hill Given Paroles

HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Harry Caldwell, Seated in Electric Chair, Exonerated The Trio

RALEIGH, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Governor McLean tonight announced paroles for Frank Williams, George Pearsall and Jim Hill, Wayne county negroes convicted in November 1920 of second degree murder and sentenced to serve 20 years in State Prison.

The men were convicted with two others, Harry Caldwell and Jessie Foster, who were found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to death.

Caldwell was electrocuted, but Foster, after a thorough examination, was commuted to life imprisonment.

The dying words of Caldwell were that the other men with the exception of Foster were innocent, and he pleaded for their release.

Today, six years after they entered prison, they went free. The paroles were recommended by numerous prominent citizens of Wayne county.

Williams, Pearsall, and Hill mentioned above, with Caldwell and Foster, were the prisoners whom mobs attempted to take from officers here in 1920. The negroes were secreted in the upper part of the courthouse, the local military unit called to guard the building, and for several hours serious results threatened. There was occasional random firing and had it not been for the heroism displayed by local leaders in backing the officers in protecting the men, the prisoners would in all probability have been lynched.

Two men, one named Futrell and one Davis Wiggins, were tried for implication in the rioting and Futrell served time for it.

The four negroes were accused of having killed a man named Jones, whose body was found near Adams store. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder. Officers generally agree now that Caldwell whose confession is referred to in the Associated Press Dispatch, and Foster were the guilty parties.

3 PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE

Former Caldonia Mutiners Grab Highway Car and Baffle Guards

GREENSBORO, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Entering a state-owned car minus its top, three convicts made their escapes from the State Prison camp near Stokesdale this afternoon and tonight no trace of them had been found.

So effective was the escape of the men that prison officials telephoning officers hereabout it could not tell in which direction the fugitives went. The men had been moved to the camp several months ago following a mutiny at Caldonia prison farm in Putnam county.

500 Await Opening Of 34th U D C Convention

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 14.—(AP)—With plans for the organization completed tonight at a dinner for the national officers and presidents over 500 delegates and visitors are ready for the formal opening of the 34th annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Several hundred attendants had arrived tonight and the remainder were expected to come tomorrow, when formal registration will be held.

WM. LOVETT IS DEAD IN WRECK

Popular Randolph County Clerk Crushed To Death Under Car

ASHEBORO, Nov. 14.—(AP)—William A. Lovett, clerk of Superior Court of Randolph county and one of the most popular men ever to hold office here, was killed this afternoon in an automobile wreck near Hamlet. He and B. F. Brittan, local attorney, were returning from Lumberton where they had been on a business trip. The car skidded on a slippery road, and turned over, crushing Mr. Lovett to death. Mr. Brittan was only slightly hurt.

COLD WEATHER FAILS ARRIVE

There Was Too Much Heat in Ground, Is Alibi Given By Weather Man

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Freezing temperatures predicted for the South during last week-end failed to materialize because the ground was too thoroughly heated from the abnormally high temperatures of Atlanta, Federal weather bureau officials said today.

The South will have no winter until the ground loses some more of the stored up heat, it was predicted, the highest temperature yesterday was 60 and today the thermometer was steadily climbing back to Indian Summer heights.

Senator Says Prohibition Agents Kill Many

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Senator Edwards of New Jersey in an article published today in the Magazine "Plain Talk" estimated that the toll of lives taken by prohibition agents "must run into four figures."

The Senator said that no nationwide research has been made to establish the accuracy of his estimate, adding "as long as prohibition statistics will never catch up with the number of persons killed by prohibition officers, Federal, State and Municipal."

"The Federal men to date," he said have slain about 200 and I have read the dispositions from the Treasury Department by 152 killings by Federal agents with some 81 other cases where deaths have occurred at the hands of local officers."

Fugitive From Justice 12 Months, Is Arrested Here

"Though the mills of justice grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small." The old adage was borne out again yesterday morning when H. F. Hogeboom, special agent for the Seaboard Air Line railroad, and officers "Chink" Rhodes and R. E. Parker of the local force arrested Rooney Holland alias Joe Duck, alleged embezzler and forger.

Holland, or Duck as he was known here, came to Goldsboro the first of the month as relief man to take the place of Barnes, Atlantic Coast Line telegraph operator at the union passenger station here. It is said that he is a good operator, and that previous to coming to Goldsboro, he had worked for a while in Warsaw.

According to reports received by The News yesterday afternoon, Holland was working with the Seaboard Airline Railroad company at Rich-square, N. C., about a year ago, when he was arrested on charges of having embezzled from the company and forged express messages amounting to between fifteen and seventeen hundred dollars. It was said that Holland's father gave bond

FATHER OF MRS. CONE DIED SUN.

Dr. William Booth Was 84 and Had Practiced Since Civil War

A career of sixty two years as a practicing physician was brought to end end in Canon City, Colo., Sunday evening when Dr. William Booth father of Mrs. W. O. Cone, died at his eighty fourth year. Mrs. Cone, together with one other surviving daughter, Miss Maria Booth, were with Dr. Booth when he died.

Dr. Booth was born in Washington, county, Maryland in 1843, was educated in the Medical School of the University of Maryland and shortly before the end of the Civil War entered upon the practice of his profession at Fortness Monroe. With the war ended, he returned to his native county and began his work. Impaired health of his younger daughter caused him to move to Colorado, and there he practiced medicine until about three months ago. Advancing age several years ago forced him to confine himself to office practice, but not until three months ago was he compelled to put entirely aside the profession in which he had served for so long.

Last March, his wife died and was buried in Colorado. The remains will be disinterred and will accompany the body of Dr. Booth back to Maryland where burial will be made at Hagerstown next Monday.

BAD BLAZE AT WRIGHTSVILLE

Two Cottages Burn and Lumina Reported as Seriously Threatened

WILMINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Fire which started about 9 o'clock was still raging late tonight on Wrightsville beach, despite heroic efforts of the Wilmington fire department which was called out as soon as the first cottage was burned.

Sermons Trial May Reach Jury Today

NEW BERN, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Introduction of further evidence to substantiate the self-defense argument occupied today's session of Pamlico County Superior Court listening to the charges against Luther, Vergil and Lee Sermons growing out of the death of Prohibition Agent W. T. Lewis in a fight at Fort Barnwell several months ago. The case will probably reach the jury late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Swim River To Escape From Wayne Deputies

A still in operation and ten gallons of whiskey were captured near the Little River three miles from Goldsboro at ten o'clock Saturday morning by Officers Korngay, Gardner and Smith. Four men, none of whom could be recognized, jumped into the river, swam across and escaped.

Hundreds Hurt As Struck By Flying Debris

Largest Natural Gas Tank in World Gave Way, Causing Destruction

6 BODIES FOUND IN ONE HUDDLED MASS

Stories of Heroism Are Related Concerning Clay Pot Workers

PITTSBURG, Nov. 14.—(AP)—An entire section of Northside Pittsburg lay in ruins tonight and the bodies of 27 persons rested in the count morgue, mute evidence of one of the most disastrous explosions in the city's history. Death and devastation swept the Old Manchester district when a mammoth storage tank exploded.

PITTSBURG.—(AP)—Rescue workers using dynamite in an effort to penetrate wreckage in the north side disaster—devastated by the gas tank explosion—tonight located the bodies of six additional victims behind a boiler in the plant of the Pittsburg Clay Pot company. This brought the known list of dead to 27.

Several sticks of dynamite were placed near the boiler and discharged. The rescuer who set off the charge went behind the dislodged debris and he reported the bodies of a half dozen men had died together. Fire department officials said the structure might collapse at any moment and they ordered the rescuers back. It was believed no effort to bring the bodies out would be made until morning.

Heroism of injured employees of the Pittsburg Clay Pot plant which was wrecked by today's gas blast, was recounted tonight by doctors who were among the first to enter the wreckage. In the buildings doctors found a large number of men lying on the floors, bleeding from many cuts and other wounds. When the doctors attempted to give the men first aid treatment, the victims murmured and commanded the physicians to go out into the ruins and give treatment to women and children of the district.

Classes were dismissed in seven schools because of the explosion. Windows in the schools were shattered and the buildings damaged. At one school across the Ohio river from the scene of the blast two school boys were cut by flying glass.

The tank, containing 35,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas, let loose with one of the most terrific blasts in Pittsburg's history. Practically every building in the immediate vicinity was wrecked and windows over a wide area were shattered, including some in downtown department stores and office structures.

When the tank burst, a small fire, higher than the adjacent type of Mount Washington, shot into the air, spreading out in a fan shape.

Women and police volunteer workers expressed the belief that scores of persons, in their home and in factories of the region, had been trapped when the buildings collapsed.

Every hospital in the city was crowded with injured.

When the extent of the disaster became apparent, the police commanded private automobiles and trucks to convey injured to hospitals. Within an hour after the blast the three big hospitals of the northside were reported crowded with victims. Many of the victims, bleeding from cuts and other injuries, staggered to the Allegheny General and Presbyterian hospitals. Some collapsed on the

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SINGING CLASS WELL RECEIVED

Methodist Orphanage Hopes Be Able Care For 100 More Children Soon

The Singing Class of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, gave an excellent entertainment to a large and very appreciative audience at St. Paul Methodist church at the evening service on Sunday.

The children were in charge of Mrs. Nellie Hives of the Orphanage faculty, who spoke some words of appreciation of the help given the orphanage by St. Paul church. She stated that the Baby Cottage has been begun, and that authorities hope that within another year there will be room for another hundred children in addition to the 357 already there. She stated that the needs of the orphanage are great, and that the present income is inadequate to the needs.

Ten children gave the program, and showed excellent training. There were five little girls, two older ones, and two older boys on the platform, while another girl accompanied them beautifully at the piano. One of the smaller girls read the Scripture and led the prayers, while all gave recitations, and sang in choruses. One of the older girls had a remarkably beautiful tenor voice, the others sang alto.

One very noticeable fact is that these children have a remarkable composure and very easy manners.

SAY INVENTOR IS MURDERED

Brother in Law's Body With Six Bullets Found in Workshop By Passer

HIGHLANDS, N. J., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Search by state police and detectives was concentrated on the half mile wide peninsula between there and West Long Branch tonight for Alfred Schroeder of Cleveland, Ohio, who was said by police to have slain his brother in law, Herbert Meisner, inventor and former naval officer late today.

The body into which six bullets had been fired was found in the office of his workshop by a passerby who heard the shooting. Authorities said Schroeder was seen to run from the place and flee in an automobile.

Report Trotsky Is An Assassin Victim

LONDON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Daily Mail's London correspondent says a report in current that Leon Trotsky, former soviet or commissioner, and now a leader of the opposition party in Moscow, has been assassinated. Messages from two Russian cities gave the same report. There has been no confirmation, however, from any official sources.

Expedt Several Hundred At Banquet Here On Wednesday

"We are looking for a record breaking crowd" said H. H. Jenkins, president of the Goldsboro Merchants Association, in discussing the banquet of Goldsboro, Fremont, Pikeville, Mt. Olive and county merchants here Wednesday night, with M. E. Newsome, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and Willard Dovel, of Raleigh, secretary down for addresses. It is proposed to organize a Wayne County Merchants Association, carrying out an idea born with Mr. Newsome several months ago. It will be the first organization of its kind in the state.

"It looks now as if we are going to have plenty of representatives from the nearby towns but we need to hear at once from more of the Goldsboro people," said Mr. Jenkins last evening.

Field Secretary Boykin is in the county in charge of the arrangement looking to the banquet.

The strengthening and building up of local merchants associations and the organization of new associations in strategic points throughout the State, some of which will en-

Number Of Changes In Appointments Made By Bishop Edwin Mouzon

B. HOLLAND IS HIT BY AN AUTO

Guy Winstead, Jr., Was Driving Machine; Say Accident Unavoidable

B. Holland suffered a broken collar bone, a broken shoulder blade, and severe cuts and bruises about the head, at ten o'clock Saturday night, when he was struck and knocked down by the car driven by Guy Winstead Jr., just in front of the Post Office. Holland was taken at once to the Spicer Sanatorium, and later that night to his home.

It was said that Mr. Holland was struck just as he stepped from behind another car so suddenly that the driver did not have time to stop.

HUBBARD MEDAL FOR LINDBERGH

President Compliments Eler on Contribution to Aviation History

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Awarding the Hubbard medal for conspicuous achievement to Col. Charles Lindbergh on behalf of the national Geographic Society, President Coolidge tonight paid another high tribute to the flier both as an aviator and a man.

Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris stirred the heart of the people, the President said but it was the flier's unselfish dedication of himself to the advancement of aviation that displayed his clear conception of public service.

He determined to capitalize his fame, not for selfish purposes but for the promotion of the art he loves," Mr. Coolidge said. "He was unmoved by the many opportunities for private gain."

The president declared that as a result of Lindbergh's flight over the Atlantic and his subsequent trip to every state in the union, an eagerness for 1928 far "beyond any dream of six months ago" is indicated.

Nanking Wins Over City of Hankow

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The conflict between Nanking and Hankow seems to have ended with complete victory of Nanking, which greatly strengthened the government. The Hankow fighters are sending peace envoys to Nanking, advice say, and it is expected that a settlement will be effected thus terminating all attempts of Hankow to set up as independent government.

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Rev. J. M. Daniel Comes Back To St. Paul Here For Fourth Year

CITY ROAD, ELIZABETH CITY, GETS MR. WATKINS

Former Chapel Hill Minister Will Direct This District From New Bern

Appointments read by Bishop Edwin Mouzon of Charlotte at the closing sessions of the North Carolina Methodist Conference in Raleigh Sunday night returned Rev. J. M. Daniel to St. Paul church here for the fourth year, promoting Rev. W. F. Watkins from St. John to City Road, Elizabeth City and returned Rev. L. L. Jerome to Elm Street and Fifeville and Rev. R. B. Brown to the Goldsboro Circuit.

Rev. H. E. Blinn was changed from the Mt. Olive circuit to the Fremont circuit and Rev. E. N. Harrison placed in charge of the Mt. Olive circuit. Rev. F. O. Lee was changed from the Grove Springs circuit to the Winston circuit and Rev. N. L. Gaultin sent to Seven Springs.

Mr. Frazette comes from Fifeville to take the position of St. John. He served this church about twelve years and is now transferred here.

Rev. J. C. Waddell, minister of the New Bern district, which embraces most of the best of churches in Wayne, had completed his fourth year and was sent to the Durham district as presiding elder. Rev. Walter Patton comes from the Chapel Hill Methodist church to take the work, which Mr. Waddell has directed. Mr. Patton served the Chapel Hill circuit for six years and during this time the beautiful new Chapel Hill church was built.

Other appointments included: New-ton Grove Circuit: W. B. Humble. Stantonville circuit: J. T. Poole. Kenansville circuit: R. F. Edson.

New Bern District: Walter Patton, Presiding Elder. Atlantic and Seaboard: W. T. Check, Supply. Beaufort: L. L. Smith. Crooked Creek: R. W. Barfield, Supply. Dover Circuit: R. B. Atkins. Goldsboro: Elm Street: Fifeville, R. L. Jerome. St. John: J. H. Pringle. St. Paul: J. M. Daniel. Goldsboro Circuit: R. B. Brown. Grifton Circuit: N. B. Brickfield. Hookerton Circuit: H. J. Lusk. Jones Circuit: T. W. Lee. Kinston: Queen Street: E. C. Ebb. LaGrange Circuit: Rufus Bradley. Morehead City: B. B. Whangster. Mt. Olive: N. Sulphur. Mt. Olive Circuit: E. N. Harrison. New Bern: Centenary: N. H. D. Wilson; River Side: Guy Hamilton. Newport Circuit: W. A. Pratt. Ocracoke-Portsmouth: R. A. Brantou.

Oriental: J. T. Stanford. Pamlico Circuit: L. C. Brotherton. Pink Hill Circuit: J. W. Dimmick. Seven Springs Circuit: K. L. Seaton.

Six Hills Circuit: J. A. Russell. Straits Circuit: E. W. Downum. Raleigh District: M. Bradshaw, Presiding Elder. Bailey Circuit: J. C. Williams, E. D. Scott, Jr., preacher. Benson Circuit: B. H. Houston, Jr. Cary Apex: W. C. Ball. Clayton: J. B. Harley. Crookmoore Circuit: B. E. Stansfield.

Four Oaks Circuit: E. D. Dodd. Pungu Springs Circuit: E. C. Maness. Franklinton: D. N. Caviness. Franklinton Circuit: V. A. Boyd. Garner Circuit: W. L. Glegg. Kenley Circuit: F. B. Joyner. Lenoir: Daniel Lane. Lenoir Circuit: E. C. Crawford. Lucama Circuit: H. R. Ashmore. Millbrook Circuit: W. F. Elliott. Oxford: W. H. Brown. Oxford Circuit: J. H. Lanning. Princeton Circuit: G. E. Perry. Raleigh: Central: E. L. Hillman.

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