

# FOUR LOSE LIVES WHEN PASSENGER PLANE IS WRECKED MAKING FORCED LANDING IN ROUGH SEA NEAR HAVANA

Edwin F. Atkins, Jr., New York Capitalist, His Two Sons and Nurse Constitute Death Toll.

**MRS. ATKINS AND FOUR OTHERS ARE RESCUED**  
Forced Landing Was Result of Engine Trouble and Occurred in the Gulf Stream 20 Miles From Havana; Rough Seas Wrecked the Plane and Swept Two of Victims From Wreckage; Atkins Met His Family in Miami Friday to Accompany Them to Havana.

**KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 13.**—(By The Associated Press.)—The Henry M. Flagler arrived here at 9 o'clock tonight with the five survivors of the plane Columbus, which was wrecked and sank 21 miles northwest of Havana at 2 o'clock this afternoon, carrying four of its passengers to their deaths.

Those who lost their lives were Edwin F. Atkins, Jr., of New York, the pilot; Miss Grace McDonald, of New York, nurse, and Mr. Atkins's two children, Edwin F. III, five; and David, three.

Captain John Albury, of the ferry boat Flagler, saw the seaplane fall when he was about three-fourths of a mile distant and immediately turned his boat towards it. The seas were running very high and several attempts had to be made before a life boat could be landed. Mr. Atkins and Miss McDonald were swept off the wreckage to which they were clinging before the lifeboat could reach them.

The pilot praised the heroism of Captain Albury and the crew for their heroic efforts in the face of great difficulties.

Mrs. Atkins was the first to be placed in the lifeboat and was followed by the other woman survivor, Miss Haverty. Mr. Abraham went next and then the mechanic.

**MAYTON MAN RESTING WELL**  
RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—Pelcher Woodard of Clayton, brought to a local hospital today suffering from wounds in a gun battle in which his brother, it is alleged, was killed by a German named Pender, was resting quietly at the hospital tonight.

## Head of French Industrial Mission Assents to Demand of German Mine Owners for Cash Payment for Coal

**ESSEN, Jan. 13.**—(By The Associated Press.)—M. Coote, French inspector general of mines and head of the industrial mission in the Ruhr, today assented, in principle, to the demand of German mine owners for cash payment for coal deliveries to France and Belgium, and the owners expressed their readiness to resume deliveries Monday if satisfactory terms were arranged with the individual mines. The mine owners demand 80 per cent advance cash payments every

ten days, the balance being payable within three days after accounts for deliveries are rendered. The population of Essen continues quiet while the extension of the French occupation is gradually proceeding. A majority of the rooms in the leading hotels and the whole or part of six schools in the greater city have been requisitioned by the French and Belgians, who have also been provided, on demand, with quarters for the establishment of a French book shop.

## POINCARE MAY CALL NEW CONFERENCE ON GERMAN WAR DEBT

Unofficial Intimation of Probable Call Reaches Officials in Washington.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.**—Unofficial intimations from Paris that the Poincaré ministry is considering a call for a new reparations conference created wide interest in government circles here, although it was said definitely that no hint of such a development was given in state department advices. The Paris dispatch referring to the possibility of a conference came on the heels of an authoritative disclosure here that administration officials viewed the Hughes' commission suggestion as still alive and before the French and allied governments.

It is generally assumed, in view of the tone of today's report from the Ruhr as to the difficulties surrounding the task before the French technical forces there, that economics rather than politics must be the basis of any new conference approach to the crisis. That would be wholly in line with the Hughes suggestion.

Should France determine to call an allied conference and, as suggested from Paris, invite American participation, it will center in the American attitude. In advance of such an invitation, it can only be reiterated that the administration has steadily refused to become involved in any discussion of a political nature relative to European conditions, but has been supported on many occasions by the idea of exchanges of views by international experts in economic matters.

## Morrison to Submit Grimes' Last Report

**By BROCK BARKLEY**  
RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—Governor Morrison will go before the general assembly today to submit the last report of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes. In a special message he will pay tribute to the life and service of the distinguished statesman.

## PROHIBITION AGENT DECLARES SMUGGLING REPORT EXAGGERATED

Will Ask Special Grand Jury Investigation of Report of Liquor Fleets.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 13.**—(By The Associated Press.)—Off shore all was quiet today among the rum runners who have been long large quantities of liquor the Jersey coast since Thursday. Ashore prohibition officials declared a 24-hour investigation convinced them that dispatches telling of a fleet transferring liquor to swarms of "bottle fishermen" at Highlands, N. J., were unfounded, and announced they would seek a special grand jury investigation of the whole affair.

All day a stiff northeast blow along the Jersey coast, kicking the Atlantic into sizeable seas, and the rum running fleet setledly rode the waves. The heavy weather kept the landing parties, operating from shore, in their hidden coves, while captains of the "mother ships" paced briny decks, on the lookout for the dry navy.

At sundown the fleet was still visible from Highlands, some of it riding at anchor with canvas furled, and others with a slight spread—but all were standing by, just on the edge of the three mile limit.

Whether the smuggling will be continued so openly when the squall subsided was speculated upon tonight at the coast residences. There was news of a dry navy blockade to halt the traffic, but the fleet of two steamers and six two-masted schooners off Ambrose Lightship and four two-masted schooners off Ashbury park, spelled "hope" for the rum runners.

**O'DOWD AND MALONE TO FIGHT**  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 13.—Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul, middleweight champion of the world, in New York state, and Jack Malone, also of St. Paul, have been signed to meet in a 10 round decision bout here on January 24, it was announced tonight.

## FREE WITNESSES FURNISH THRILLS IN OPENING HEARING

One Man Names His Brother As Member of Morehouse Kidnaping Band.

**SKIPWITH CALLS OFF CONFERENCE WITH COCO**

**Refuses to Discuss the Ku Klux Klan Activities With the Attorney General.**

**BASTROP, Jan. 13.**—(By Associated Press.)—Testimony of three witnesses—one naming his brother as having been recognized as a member of a black hooded kidnaping band, another named and lectured by the "black hoods," and the third telling of anxiety to leave the community because of Ku Klux Klan activities—with the collapse of plans for a conference between A. V. Coco, state attorney general, and Capt. J. K. Skipwith, Klan leader, furnished today's thrills at the state's investigation of masked band depredations in Morehouse parish.

Leon Braddock added pathos and a dramatic scene to the day's proceedings. Braddock, a farmer, who said he has lived all his life in this section and by the sweat of my brow has made a home for me, valued \$80,000, seven mules and an automobile," told of his anxiety to sell his property at a reasonable price and leave to seek more peaceful fields for himself and his wife and four children.

Just as state's attorneys were about to name the witnesses for the conference, Skipwith declined to discuss the Ku Klux Klan affair, the Klan leader announced early this afternoon to the Associated Press that as far as he was concerned there would be no conference.

**Grice and Carswell Are Held On Charge of Murder in Gaston**

**GASTONIA, Jan. 13.**—Robert L. Grice and John Carswell were remanded to jail here late today after a preliminary hearing on charges of murder in connection with the killing of John Ford and the wounding of Effie Beattie near here two years ago. Solicitor Carpenter later announced that he would present their cases to the grand jury Monday and indicated that if they are indicted he would seek to bring them to trial during next week.

**Hooded Figures Brand Woman With Hot Iron**

## EDITOR OF TRADE JOURNAL CONGRATULATES MORRISON ON PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM

**RALEIGH, Jan. 13.**—Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, in a message to Gov. Cameron Morrison received here tonight, congratulated the governor on the program which was contained in the state executive's biennial message to the general assembly last Tuesday. In his message Mr. Edmonds stated that the example which North Carolina is setting in general progress should serve to stimulate the entire south, and he further said that if such could be done "we would see in the 16 southern states greater progress than any other section of this country has ever made."

"Especially do I heartily commend your suggestion for state-owned terminal facilities and for the continuation of your highway work, two things which will help North Carolina to solve the transportation problem," said Mr. Edmonds' message. "Business is expanding far more rapidly than the facilities for handling it."

## LAUSANNE CONFEREES AGAIN WONDERING IF PARLEYS WILL FAIL

**LAUSANNE, Jan. 13.**—(By The Associated Press.)—The voice of far away Angora, heard today through the month of Hassan Bey, who has just returned from the capital, was so discordant to the allied representatives that many of them were wondering tonight whether the near east conference will ever get anywhere after all in the matter of peace. Hassan Bey, who has been threatened or cajoled into seeing the financial questions affecting Turkey as the allied delegates wanted him to see them. He said the Turks had been making concessions and sacrifices ever since they came to Lausanne, and that it was now about time the allies reciprocated.

Far from being split asunder by the Paris reparations difficulties, France and England seem to be working ever closer together at Lausanne, apparently with the supreme object of settling the peace in the near east as soon as possible so they may be free to concentrate on the greater problem of the reconstruction of Europe as a whole. The Turks, who are good psychologists, immediately sensed this policy and are not disposed to hurry.

**Successful Flights Made With Helicopter**

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.**—Announcement that the army air service had developed a helicopter and made successful flights with the machine at McCook field in Dayton, Ohio, was made tonight by the war department. "In flight," the war department statement said, "it was steady and the landing was easily accomplished. The helicopter demonstrated a high degree of inherent stability. This flight was witnessed by many army officials and employees at McCook field and while the duration of the flight was less than two minutes, it will be remembered that the first airplane flight lasted only 59 seconds."

**Mr. Covington Rallies; Physicians Encouraged.**

## MORRISON OFFERS SECRETARY STATE JOB TO EVERETT

Richmond County Representative May Succeed Lamented J. Bryan Grimes.

**WILL LIKELY COMPLETE TERM IN THE ASSEMBLY**

**Both Morrison and Everett Desire This; Appointment Meets Approval.**

**Star's News Bureau 312 Tucker Building**  
By BROCK BARKLEY  
RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—Governor Morrison tonight tendered the appointment of secretary of state to W. M. Everett, of Rockingham, member of the general assembly, and one of the leading business men of the sandhill section.

Mr. Everett is expected to accept the place, though he was not ready to make an announcement tonight. He looks upon the tender of the appointment as a high honor, and his close friends anticipated he would make known his willingness to accept the office, delaying, however, actual acceptance until the legislature adjourns.

**Major General Allen To Remain in Germany**

**Former Greek King To Be Buried Today**  
Service For Constantine Held In Greek Church at Naples.

**Hearing of Evidence In Sawyer Case Opens**

**NEW IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Atlanta Ga., and Memphis, Tenn., have been created district headquarters for the immigration service under a re-districting scheme worked out by the immigration bureau, it was announced here today.

## THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

Representative Montoya, of New Mexico, died suddenly at his home after arising from a sick bed. The senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill carrying \$2,586,000 and the postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$585,000,000. Secretary Hughes, it was announced, plans a visit to Santiago, Chile, at the opening of the Pan-American conference on March 25. Exports of corn for the year ending November 1, 1922, the department of commerce reported, showed a 40 per cent increase over the previous year. Imports of \$319,000,000 in October, the first month under the new tariff law, against \$298,000,000 for September were reported by the department of commerce. No liberalization in the terms of the law providing for settlements of debts of foreign nations to the United States will be asked at this time, President Harding and Republican house leaders were said to have decided at white house conferences.

**TILLAMOOK, Oregon, Jan. 13.**—Mrs. Nevada Standish here and branded her on the breast with a red hot metal cross, according to reports which District Attorney T. H. Goynne admitted today he had been investigating. Mr. Goynne said he had spoken to persons who said they saw the scar of the cross on the woman's breast. Mrs. Standish had been twice tried on a charge of being implicated in moonshine operations and was acquitted after twice an appeal.