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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

Fire Protection Is Poor In Many Towns Wade Tells Firemen

Superintendent Criticises Support Given Departments at State Convention

MOTORIZED TRUCKS HELP IN BIG CITY

Tendency to Build in Air One Danger; Schools Must be Made Safe

DURHAM, Aug. 7.—"Linked with the spread of the teaching of Christianity and the dissipation of disease there should be the same reverence for and support of any movement which has for its object the prevention or extinguishment of fire, for it is a service to humanity that is holy in its purpose and wholesome in its effect," declared insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade in addressing the annual convention of the North Carolina Firemen's association here today.

"If the same enthusiastic support were given our fire departments as is lavished upon our baseball clubs, tennis tournaments, football games, etc.," he continued, "I cannot but feel that our fire record in this state would tell a different story. It must be admitted that so far as our limited equipment permits and funds are available we have fire fighting facilities in North Carolina that cannot be surpassed, but in a large number of towns this protection is wholly lacking, while in nearly all it is inadequate."

The motorization of fire fighting trucks with its aerial trucks has worked wonderful changes in fire fighting tactics. Mr. Wade asserted, making them a thousand percent more efficient, but at the same time increasing the hazard of the power of imagination the perils to which the firemen are constantly exposed.

High Buildings Menace
The tendency to build in the air instead of upon the ground has increased the hazards of your profession by making the point of attack more inaccessible," he said, "while the ever increasing congestion in traffic ever increasing congestion in traffic also contributes to the general risk when so many of our towns and cities abandoned the volunteer system and provided for a paid fire department but I have been disappointed that this plan has not been generally adopted throughout the state for only an integral part of city government. Of the 273 towns in our state having a population in excess of 500 people fire fighting equipment amounting to there are, only 105 towns provided with there are, only 105 towns provided with \$1,000, which means that practically 168 towns are left without fire protection altogether. The most that you can do of course is to endeavor to impress upon your city authorities the real function and importance of a fire department, and to enlist their aid in securing public recognition and proper support of such a department as can cope not only with an isolated fire, but which is in a position to meet any emergency that might arise, for it is the heaviest loss, the fire that occurs in an unusual way, under adverse circumstances and threatens a conflagration such as a fire resulted in a lamentable conflagration in New Bern.

New Bern Fire Cited
"It may have been, and perhaps was impossible to prevent the spread of this fire and the necessary demolition of numerous buildings untouched by flames, but it is not too much to expect that closer attention on the part of the city officials toward fully equipping their departments and developing them into an efficient unit as a whole would have eliminated much lost money and saved valuable time, which often represents the difference between a fire of inconsequence and a general disaster. This furnished the first conflagration in the history of our state, and while that in itself is a cause for pride in the efficiency of our fire department it should convey a special lesson to every city and town, looking to a closer organization in their fire department and more ample (Continued on Page Two.)

GET-RICH-QUICK FULLER MAKES FULL CONFESSION IN \$6,000 BANKRUPTCY

Fresh Indictments in Bucket-shop and Subdivision Schemes found Against Backers

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Additional indictments of bucket shop operators and backers and "other prominent persons" will be sought for by the federal grand jury sworn in today as a result of the confessions last night of Edward M. Fuller, and W. F. McGee, partners in the firm of E. M. Fuller and Company. United States Attorney Hayward announced today. It was indicated that an attempt would be made to show that the Fuller concern was a sub-division of a loosely organized system, one of several directed by a council and supply center, and was in turn the center in the absence of information as to just how much Fuller and McGee had told Mr. Hayward. Curiosity also was kindled as to the whereabouts of the two bankrupt brokers.

WATKINS AND YOUNG ENTHUSE CO-OPS WITH TALK ON HIGH PRICES

Speak at Rowland, Lumberton and Fairmont Claiming 65 Percent in Combine

(Special to The Star)

LUMBERTON, Aug. 7.—Hundreds of tobacco growers in the North Carolina border counties renewed their allegiance to cooperative marketing today and greeted T. C. Watkins, manager of association warehouses and T. B. Young, South Carolina director at enthusiastic meetings at Rowland, Lumberton and Fairmont.

Frank statements of policy by the directors and earnest pledges of support from the members marked today's meetings as business sessions of the farmer stockholders and their elected directors to further the interest of America's largest tobacco cooperative. The disposition of tenants' tobacco by the landlord was the chief business in which member growers and directors heartily agreed today when T. C. Watkins the manager of nearly 200 association warehouses in three states declared "you can't raise tobacco, have a successful cooperative marketing association and take half of your tobacco while you let your tenant carry your other half to the enemy to fight you with it."

65 Per Cent Co-ops.
Mr. Watkins declared that the association has over 65 per cent of the tobacco lands of the Carolinas, and Virginia signed up and told the growers that no English company nor any other company can dominate their market. If every man lives up to the full letter of his contract and delivers all his tobacco on his land, member after member rose in the meeting and endorsed the policy of the association.

Young Applauded.
T. B. Young, association director from South Carolina, enthusiastically applauded today when he said "It's a bad day for our country when you have to bow your knee and take your orders from your tenant and consider your liability and responsibility greater to him than to your neighbors who are loyally fighting for your interest." Stating that the cooperative growers' association had signed one hundred fifty new contracts since the markets opened in South Carolina, Director Young said he had never seen such a change of sentiment in favor of the association or such a favorable spirit among the members as today.

I was appointed by indignation meeting of the farmers in Florence in 1921 to see the buyers. I went to them and said to them that I was interested in my people live decently and they laughed at me, declared the South Carolina director. Stating that the association had set a fair and good price on the largest crop ever raised in South Carolina this far, Mr. Young stated that opening of the association warehouses over three weeks ago immediately raised the price of tobacco which speculators were buying up by hundreds of thousands of pounds for from three to eight dollars a hundred.

Mr. Hayward again refused today to make public the confessions which he announced last night he had obtained. "Until I have determined what further moves we shall make in the matter," he said, "I cannot in the interest of justice make any further revelations as to the nature of the confessions. I have already stated that they are complete and in my opinion truthful."

Anxious approaching panic prevailed in the Wall Street underworld today in the absence of information as to just how much Fuller and McGee had told Mr. Hayward. Curiosity also was kindled as to the whereabouts of the two bankrupt brokers.

THE LAST TRIBUTE



SANATORIUM PROBES' CHARLESTON ELECTION, ASK MERCHANTS TO REPORT TO BE THEME WITH TROOPS ON GUARD, SUSPEND BUSINESS OF NEW BOARD AUG. 17 IS WITHOUT BLOODSHED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Whether Status of Superintendent Will be Changed Depends on Findings

Morning Star Bureau, 312 Tucker Building. By BROCK BARKLEY

RALEIGH, Aug. 6.—Thorough consideration of the findings of the sanatorium investigating committee and its suggestions and recommendations will be given by the new board of directors of the state's tuberculosis institution when it meets at the sanatorium August 17.

Whether the board will take any action affecting the status of Superintendent L. B. McBrayer, whose management of the institution was investigated and inquiries of their own besides giving a lot of thought to the investigating committee's recommendations.

The committee's report was filed with the governor and will be transmitted to the legislature. The new supervising board for the institution has the authority to hire and fire, however, and Dr. McBrayer's status may be affected by its action.

Board's Action Limited
The board has had two meetings since it was created upon legislative authority by Governor Morrison. At neither meeting has it given consideration to the complaints against Superintendent McBrayer owing to the investigation that was pending at that time. Now, however, with the information furnished by the committee to support what it does.

That there will be a reorganization of the system at Sanatorium is considered likely. Whether the change will bring about the removal of Dr. McBrayer is not known, though the chairman of the board is reported to be against removing him, especially in view of the recommendation of the committee that he be retained.

Not Expected That Result Will Be Known Till This Morning

BOXES VERY LARGE TICKET VERY LONG
Governor McLeod is Keeping Close Touch On the Situation

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 7.—The polls closed at 7 o'clock in the municipal primary without any incidents of a serious nature having occurred. There is a tense feeling, however, and extra details of policemen and squads of deputy sheriffs are everywhere in evidence, while four companies of national guardsmen are mobilized at national guard headquarters, prepared for any emergency.

As all of the city boxes are very large, and the count will necessarily be slow because of the long ticket, it is estimated by officials that the result may not be known before 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

Governor McLeod is tonight keeping in close touch with the situation at Charleston. He is receiving reports from officials there regularly and has asked that he be promptly informed in the event there should be any outbreak of a serious nature.

Stoney in Lead
At 10 o'clock official returns from five wards gave Thomas P. Stoney, candidate for mayor of Charleston, a lead of 1,326 votes over John P. Grace, incumbent.

The wards heard from were wards 1, 2, 6, 8 and 10. The announcement was made that the poll list of club 1, ward 11, M to Z, had been lost. It was not announced what action would be taken.

Directors of Merchants Association Adopt Resolutions at Special Meeting

As a token of respect to the late President Warren G. Harding, the directors of the Wilmington Merchants' association, in resolutions passed by the board in special session, request every merchant in the city of Wilmington to close their places of business on Friday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock.

The resolutions as adopted by the Merchants' association follows: "Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken Warren G. Harding to his eternal rest, and

Whereas, by his death our country has suffered irreparable loss, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the directors of the Merchants' association request every merchant in the city to close their places of business between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m., Friday, August 10, as a token of respect to one who died while bearing sturdily and heroically the burden and responsibility of his great office.

Governor Smith Makes Friday Legal Holiday
NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—New York already planning two days of mourning for the late President Harding, this afternoon saw the birth of plans for a third when the committee of the lawyers' clubs which was to have greeted the president on his return from his Alaskan trip, reorganized as a committee of mourning and decided to arrange a mass memorial service.

President Coolidge is to be invited to deliver the eulogy to his dead chief. John A. Stewart, chairman of the committee, said the meeting probably would be held late in September or early in October, the exact date being left to President Coolidge if he accepts the invitation.

Thousands At Station In Washington Greet Train Arriving Nine Hours Late

MARION SERVICES TO BE SEVERELY SIMPLE, WITH PRAYER AT TOMB

Steel Casket Will be Taken to Home of Harding's Father

HEARSE WILL BE USED WITHOUT ARMY ESCORT

Troops Will Merely Aid in Keeping Order During Funeral Ceremonies

MARION, O., Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Simplicity almost approaching severity will characterize the last rites for Warren G. Harding when his body is brought here Thursday from Washington.

Carrying out the expressed desire of Mrs. Harding, to those in charge of the funeral arrangements here, services, excepting a prayer at the home of his father, Dr. George T. Harding, Sr., where the body will repose before being placed in receiving vault, will be very brief and will be conducted at the vault in Marion cemetery, where the president's body will be placed temporarily.

They will be in charge of Rev. Geo. M. Landis, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a member, assisted by Rev. Jesse Swain, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Harding's pastor.

There will be no impressive funeral cortege to the cemetery made resplendent by bright uniforms and glittering artillery wheels; no marching organizations.

Simplicity At Tomb
The grandeur will be its simplicity and its sadness. Not even the president's own troop, A. O. National Guard cavalry, Cleveland, which acted as escort of honor when Mr. Harding was inaugurated president, will participate, other than to maintain quiet. There will be thousands of other soldiers, but they, too, will be here in the capacity of aids to civil authorities to maintain order.

Plans, which it was explained are only tentative until they are carried through, will bring the body of the late president to his home city about 10 a. m. Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Harding, members of the party who made the journey from San Francisco to the capitol and back again to his native state, and two aides, a representative of the army and a representative of the navy, who will comprise the only military escort to the body.

Hearse To Father's Home
A hearse will be used to convey the body to the father's home in East Center street, where it is planned to have it lie in state from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. Thursday, and from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. Friday. The funeral cortege is scheduled to leave the Harding home soon after 2 o'clock for the cemetery, services there being conducted about 3 o'clock. Mr. Harding's body, instead of being buried in the family plot beside his mother and sister, will be placed in the receiving vault until a mausoleum is erected to receive it.

So soon as the detailed funeral plans had been received by Col. F. P. Lapp, personal representative of President Coolidge, and Attorney Hoke Donithan, chairman of the marine civic association, headquarters for arrangements took on aspects of a military camp where the general staff was preparing plans.

Big Crowds Expected
Tables were covered with blue print maps of the city. It was in fact, a preparation for attack on the biggest problem that has ever confronted this city—the problem of properly handling the crowds which are expected to come (Continued on Page Two.)

Band Plays "Nearer My God to Thee" as Casket is Moved

TROOPS FORM LANE IN CONCOURSE AT STATION

White House Has to Refuse Flowers, Many Going to Capitol

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Depressed and weary with sad waiting, Washington dragged through the slow, hot hours of daylight, watching for the last coming of a city still waiting in uncertainty for the funeral train bearing him upon whom the full measure of his countrymen's acclaim will be poured out tomorrow.

The less urgent business of government paused soon after noon, to stand idle in mourning until Friday night has passed and the entombment at Marion is over. Through the shopping district, the order of closure was revoked when word came that the train could not arrive perhaps until midnight.

At the white house the delay gave opportunity for added touches to the setting in the east room where he long journey will halt for a space. The wide, time-darkened old floor had been cleared so that the slender frame-work which the casket was to lie seemed strangely small on the broad expanse under the high ceiling. Along the eastern wall under the windows that look out toward the treasury, three blossoms of a banked mass of tender flowers. The tributes bore the names of kings and great men in many lands. Among them nestled a handful or two of bright blooms carried to the door by tiny children.

The floral tokens came in a steady stream throughout the late afternoon. No closed gates barred the way of the people through the grounds and hundreds strolled to look in through the partially drawn curtains of the tall windows. The scent of the flowers inside was heavy even out in the open air beyond.

Through the little groups wandering through the grounds rolled now and again motor cars that bore the coats of arms of the world's diplomats. They carried usually ambassadors and ministers and the heads of diplomatic missions. Behind them came trucks carrying great wreaths or huge clusters of rarest blooms. The long walls of the east room were crowded with the floral pieces towered on tall easel, built of miles of the valley. Easter lilies and China asters, with a simple white card bearing this legend: "With profound sympathy."

Wreath of Tiger Lilies
A huge wreath of tiger and Easter lilies, and cypress leaves betokened the sympathy of diplomatic corps. It was brought in person by Ambassador Riano, acting as dean of the corps in the absence from the United States of Ambassador Jusserand. There were other wreaths from the king of Spain the king of Italy and the president of Argentina. One bore the name of Shah of Persia, another that of the British Majesty's Government, the government of Italy, the Dominion of Canada, from the legation of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes from Ambassador Riano in person, and from many other of the diplomats who speak for great peoples overseas came still other silent tributes to the dead.

Every flower the season knows for a thousand miles around was there rushed by train, or motor to surround the honored bier.

Train Concourse Crowded
By 8:30, nearly an hour before the train was expected, the vast concourse and waiting room of the Union station were crowded, and thousands more waited on the plaza outside. Some of them had been there for hours.

The cavalry escort and a battery from Fort Myers were waiting in the line before the east entrance and a score of official cars were parked to await the party from the train. Although the train was 9 hours late (Continued on Page Two.)

President Coolidge Asked To Visit North Carolina As King Mountain Orator

Senator Simmons Conveys Invitation of Chamber to Battle Celebration Oct. 6

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—North Carolina is first to extend to President Coolidge an invitation to visit it. At the instance of the chamber of commerce of Kings Mountain, Senator Simmons will invite the new President to be the principal speaker at the celebration of the battle of Kings Mountain, in which the revolutionary forces won great fame. The date of the affair is October 8.

Senator Overman intends to return to North Carolina tomorrow night. Washington is too hot for him. "I want to get back where the breezes blow," he said, referring to the sultry heat he found hovering over Washington.

"The people of North Carolina," he continued, "are happy and prosperous. They are getting more and more good roads and doing a lot of business of every kind. The state is making wonderful progress."

Senator Overman may call on President Coolidge before leaving. He did not go today.