

## FEBRUARY FIRE LOSS \$800,000

RALEIGH HAS BEST RECORD AMONG LARGER CITIES OF STATE.

### 34 TOWNS ON HONOR ROLL

Principal Class of Property Damaged or Destroyed Includes 144 Dwellings.

Raleigh. The aggregate of loss by fire in North Carolina during February was \$864,251, according to official reports of each fire on file in the State insurance department, made public by Commissioner Stacy W. Wade. This shows an increase of about \$200,000 over February last year.

The marked feature of the State's loss is the small average loss of the 270 fires occurring as compared with the aggregate of 27 fires in which the loss was \$5,000 and over. This totals \$765,875, an average of \$32,062 per fire, while for the remaining total of \$98,576 for the other 243 fires, the average loss per fire was but 405.

Raleigh has the premier record among the larger cities, with 3 fires, and loss of \$340. The major fire causes were defective flues and chimneys, 82; overhead stoves and furnaces, 15; oil stoves, adjoining buildings, smoking and over carelessness, 14; while spontaneous combustion accounted for 3 fires, incendiary, short circuit, child and match 6.

The principal classes of property damaged or destroyed includes 144 dwellings, 18 stores, 9 barns and stables and 7 warehouses, four schools and dormitories, 3 churches laundries and factories, and four hotels, movie theatres and cafes.

The statistical table also shows that while out of the 270 fires the losses of buildings was \$390,695 and contents \$473,556, or just about equally divided, in the 27 fires in which the big losses occurred, the contents loss exceeded the building loss by nearly four to one.

The total value of property at risk is shown to be \$4,938,029, insurance \$3,033,924. The following towns and counties reporting no fire or no damage from fire during February, are placed upon the department's honor roll for the month.

Plymouth, Thomasville, Mt. Olive, Concord, Mt. Holly, Fairmont, Badin, Fuquay Springs, Spring Hope, Wayneville, Roxboro, Wake Forest, Jacksonville, Stanley, Creedmoor, Taber, Rockingham, Randleman, Albemarle, Elklin, Granite Falls, Lumberton, Huntersville, Marion, Tryon, Elm City, Forest City, Carthage, Hickory, Louisville, Kings Mountain, Pilot Mountain, Murphy.

Enbampment Dates For Guard. Summer encampments for the North Carolina National Guard will commence this year on July 1, when the field Artillery Regiment will go into training at Fort Bragg and will close on August 30, according to the April issue of the National Guard Bulletin, which is issued monthly by Major Gordon Smith, Assistant Adjutant General. According to the Bulletin, there will be 3,000 guardsmen in camp, the largest number since 1916.

The schedule of the training camps follows: Camp Glenn, N. C., July 20; 120th Infantry, Staff Corps and Departments; 30th Signal Company and 117th Motor Transport Company. Fort Bragg, N. C., July 1-15; 105th Engineers. Fort Bragg, N. C., Artillery, Field Artillery.

Camp McCallan, Ala., August 4-18; 169th Cavalry and 105th Medical Regiment. Fort Monroe, Va., August 16-30; Coast Artillery.

What Good Roads Have Done. Good roads saved each motorist 66 gallons of gasoline last year which at 25 cents the gallon, is a financial advantage of \$16.50. The State Highway Bulletin has figured out. The bulletin has found that the gasoline consumption per car during 1923 was 66 gallons less than 1922. Automobiles have increased and good roads have been conducive of greater use of them so that the estimate of saving is considered reasonably conservative.

Highway Chairman Frank Page has brought Charlotte into the Pan-American road show, and that city will be host Sunday, June 8, to the South American highway engineers and builders, ambassadors from South American countries, governors of seven states, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and other distinguished officials and citizens of two continents, making up a party that will spend a week watching Tar Heel road builders at work.

Receiving the news from Mr. Page Commissioner W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, began devising ways and means of extending the visit at least another day. He will get the local folks behind him in plans for elaborately entertaining the distinguished guests. And Mr. Page likely will be brought to give the city at least two days so that the visitors may have ample time to see the town and surroundings. Approximately 2,000 people are expected to be included in the list of invited guests to the road show, which has been designated a "Shirt Sleeves" exhibition, because the visitors will come to see road construction in actual progress in North Carolina. The state will give one grand show of its good roads, and it will be literally "showing the world" how to build them.

The South American highway engineers and builders will number half a hundred. Seven ambassadors to the United States from South American countries will be in the party. Secretary Hoover will represent the federal government. Governor Morrison and the governors of six South Atlantic states have accepted invitations. Senators Simmons and Overman, the North Carolina delegations in Congress and senators and congressmen from other states will be present. Invitations have been extended to members of road governing boards in every county in the South Atlantic states.

The "Triangle Cities," Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point will be the official hosts because of hotel facilities available in the three cities. Five hundred automobiles will be used in transporting them over the state. The official party, which will number about 75, will arrive in Raleigh on a special train June 4. Taking automobiles here it will go to Greensboro. Leaving Greensboro, Saturday, the official party and visitors will go by automobile to Charlotte to spend Sunday; and Monday, if Mr. Wilkinson can carry out his plans. From Charlotte automobiles will take them to Asheville, where they will board a special train for Tennessee June 10.

Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point are raising a large sum to provide for the entertainment of the visitors, and Commissioner Wilkinson proposes that Charlotte give them an elaborate reception. The show, with the distinguished visitors, will prove of tremendous advertising value to the state and to the cities to be visited. Staff representatives of New York newspapers will be here, and the press will give prominence to the event.

Bulletin on Boll Weevil. "Habits and Control of the Cotton Boll Weevil" is the title of a new bulletin just issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for the Agricultural Experiment Station. The bulletin is issued as the March 1924 Bulletin and is written by Dr. R. W. Leiby and J. A. Harris, assistant Entomologists, of the Experiment Station staff. This bulletin sets for the studies, experiments and results obtained from work done during 1923 from the field station of the division of Entomology located at Aberdeen in the Sandhills.

According to Professor Franklin Sherman, Chief in Entomology, the bulletin brings out several important facts. Some of the principal findings are stated by Prof. Sherman as follows: On April 17 the first weevil out of hibernation was found, but none were found on young cotton until last half of May. Earliest laying of eggs was about mid-June; and the generation of weevils from these eggs appeared largely from July 10 to 18. It was found that the time for starting the general dust-poisoning (i. e. when 10 per cent of squares were being punctured) averaged about July 25, which agreed with the observations made during 1922.

Tests were made with several methods for control of the weevil. Four applications of home-made sweetened mixture gave a net profit of \$1.50 per acre, while seven applications of the material known as Hill's Mixture gave a net loss of \$3.29 per acre. As early-season applications of sweetened mixture did kill many overwintered weevils, and as later applications had but little effect, during the time before the recommendation for 1924 are to use the home-made mixture. A test of the "Florida Method" gave net loss of \$5.08 per acre; hence while this method may later be adapted to our use, it is not yet recommended.

New State Charters. Charters were issued by the secretary of state's office as follows: Citizens Insurance and Realty company, Fayetteville, authorized capital, \$50,000; subscribed, \$400; incorporators, G. E. Edgerton, I. M. Edgerton, Thomas D. Clark, and P. H. Thompson, all of Fayetteville. Green Lumber company, Thomasville, authorized capital, \$25,000; subscribed, \$16,000; incorporators, W. H. Founts, Z. V. Crutchfield, E. W. E. Founts, Z. V. Crutchfield, E. M. Crutchfield, all of Thomasville.

### DISTILLATION TANK BLOWS UP KILLING TWO.

Cahokia, Ill.—Two workmen were instantly killed and one seriously injured in an explosion at the Lubrite Refining company plant, when a tank used in a distillation process exploded from an undetermined cause.

The tank was hurled more than 100 feet through the air by the force of the explosion.

The dead are Dolphin Beard, Jr., 20, of Cahokia, employed as still man; Walter R. Middleton, 22, formerly of Depew, Okla., assistant still man.

Floyd Stewart, 19, of Cahokia, pump man, in a critical condition suffering from burns.

More than 150 other men at work near the 14 tank units of the plant at the time of the explosion, were not injured. Beard, Middleton and Stewart, who were near the tank when it burst from it following the detonation.

### PROPERTY LOSS IS \$200,000

FIVE INJURED AND SEVERAL MISSING AFTER BIG FIRE AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Gilles Wade, of Grand Rapids, Trapped in Building After Directing Guests to Safety.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Five persons are dead, five are in hospitals with serious injuries and several others are missing as a result of a fire that destroyed the Livingston Hotel, a six-story brick structure in the heart of the business district. The property loss is estimated at about \$200,000. The dead are:

Miss Bessie Marlowe, 32, of Reed City, Michigan. Her skull was fractured when she leaped from a fifth story window to the pavement.

E. F. Sargent, Grand Rapids, a carnival concession man, who died from injuries when, like Miss Marlowe, he attempted to jump to the roof of an adjoining building, missed and fell to the pavement.

Miss Jennie Evans, 60, address unknown, who died in a hospital after jumping from a fourth story window.

Giles Wade, 70, Grand Rapids, trapped in the building after directing several guests to safety. His charred body has been recovered.

John Kelly, 60, Grand Rapids. Among those registered at the hotel and who have not been accounted for is E. W. Grinnell, member of the firm of Grinnell Bros., operating retail music establishments in Detroit and other Michigan cities.

Mrs. Paul J. Barney, 26, of Peoria, Ill., is among the more seriously injured. Her wrist and leg were broken when she leaped three stories from the fifth floor of the hotel to the roof of The Herald building adjoining. Her husband, who also escaped death by jumping to The Herald roof, is suffering from cuts and bruises.

The fire was discovered on the fifth floor of the hotel by N. H. Snower, a guest, who notified the clerk, who in turn aroused the guests. It was six hours before the flames were brought under control. The Herald was forced to use the plant of The Grand Rapids Press, an afternoon paper, when water flooded The Herald basement, crippling the presses.

Stone Succeed Daugherty. Washington.—President Coolidge filled his second cabinet vacancy by selecting Harlan Fiske Stone, retiring dean of Columbia University School of Law, as attorney general.

Having gone recently to the Pacific coast to get a secretary of the navy in Curtis D. Wilbur, of California, Mr. Coolidge turned to the Atlantic seaboard for his attorney general and in Mr. Stone chose a present resident of New York City and a former New England farm boy. Mr. Wilbur was drawn from California's supreme court and Mr. Stone is being taken from a law school and from active practice.

The President selected Mr. Stone because he has known him for 30 years and has confidence in him; because he regards the New Yorker as possessing the desired qualities of thorough legal knowledge and administrative capacity, and because he looks upon the Columbia dean as "a \$100,000 man willing for patriotic reasons to accept a \$12,000 job."

Mr. Coolidge chose Mr. Stone from a list of six, and summoned him to Washington. Arriving in Washington on an early train, Mr. Stone and the President were in conference before most of Washington was awake in the opening and before 8 o'clock the President had tendered Mr. Stone portfolio and the New York man had accepted it.

Ancient Indian Race Found. Los Angeles.—Skeleton remains of what appears to have been an ancient tribe of vegetarian Indians are being studied by scientists here as a result of excavations made near Coalinga, Fresno county, by S. M. Purple, geologist. Parts of a skull discovered by Mr. Purple indicated, he pointed out that the remains belonged to Indians of varying primitive types. The shape and condition of the teeth, he said, showed that their possessor lived on grass and herbs.

## AMERICAN BANKS WILL LOAN BERLIN

PREPARATIONS ARE MADE TO ABSORB PART OF GERMAN CREDIT.

### CLEARs WAY FOR EUROPE

American Action Will Open Way For European Powers to Help Restore Germany.

New York.—American bankers, anticipating recommendations of the Dawes commission for financial assistance to Germany, are making active preparations to raise capital for a German international credit bank. While official action has been withheld pending publication of the report, steps already have been taken to assure American leadership in financing such a institution, whose needs would absorb a large share of the proposed international loan.

Subscriptions to the bank's capital would be made by virtually all of this country's leading financial institutions, it appears. Prominent international bankers have indicated their willingness to assist in raising America's quota, although the manner and extent of their participation will be determined by the nature of the Dawes report.

In addition to supplying funds for the establishment of the German bank, American financial interests, it is believed, will open the way for participation by France, Belgium, and other foreign nations, whose assistance in financing the rehabilitation of Germany is one of the essential conditions on which the Dawes report has been framed.

The \$100,000,000 credit recently established here for the Bank of France was not strictly limited to measures for stabilizing exchange, although that was effectively accomplished. The gold, which forms security for the loan, it is believed, can now be utilized to enable France to assume her share of the German bank undertaking. A proposed loan to Belgium would accomplish a similar purpose.

Through this country's participation in the project, vast stores of American gold would find an outlet in to productive channels. Bankers, in discussing the situation, said this would be one of the principal benefits to the United States and also pointed out that the grantings of an international credit to Germany would open a large field for the export of American goods.

By assuming leadership in the actual restoration of Germany, the United States, they predict, would further enhance its financial prestige, giving it a position of importance even exceeding that of the critical days of the war.

Appropriation Bill Passed by Senate. Washington.—The independent offices appropriation bill carrying \$349,000,000 for the veterans' bureau and \$30,000,000 for the shipping board was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

As approved the bill totaled approximately \$399,000,000 or \$88,000,000 less than last year's appropriation. Amendments approved by the house included one by Representative Hull, republican, Iowa, which would require the shipping board and other government agencies provided for in the bill to call for bids from navy yards for supplies and repairs and to award them contracts if their estimates were lower than private concerns.

Another amendment approved, offered by Representative Carter; democrat, would limit salaries of shipping board officials of \$10,400 or more to one at none more than \$20,000 and four not to exceed \$15,000 a year. By a vote of 196 to 170 the house kept in the bill an amendment adopted increasing the allotment for the federal trade commission from \$650,000 to \$940,000.

World Cruisers Halted By Storm. Seattle, Wash.—Departure of four United States Army planes on their flight around the world was postponed on account of adverse weather reports received from along the route.

The worst storm in years, it was reported to Major Frederick L. Martin, commanding officer of the expedition, just as he and his three associated aviators were about to take off from Sand Point field here, is raging at Sitka, Alaska. Prince Rupert, B. C., where the fliers expected to rest, reported a rainfall. At Vancouver, B. C., about one-sixth the way to Prince Rupert, clouds hang low. Barometric readings north of here were low.

Makes Bid For Longer Season. West Palm Beach, Fla.—Hotels and railroads of Florida have united in a campaign to open the Florida tourist season November 1 instead of January 1 and to extend it from March 1 to May 1. Following addresses by representatives of railroad companies the State Hotel Men's association in convention here adopted resolutions called for a committee to push the campaign. The plan is to offer greatly reduced rail and hotel rates during the early and late sections of the tourist season.

### THREE FLIERS KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHES.

Honolulu.—Three army aviators were killed and two injured when a Martin bomber aeroplane, taking off at Luke Field, struck an air pocket, crushed to the earth and burst into flames.

The dead: First Lieutenant W. G. Moore; First Lieutenant Oscar Monahan; Private Jestsinger.

Private Torres and Private Baltice were injured seriously.

The officers and Private Baltice were members of the Twenty-third bombardment squadron; Jestsinger was a member of the Sixth Pursuit Squadron; Private Torres is a member of the Sixty-fifth Service Squadron.

### SNOW FALLS IN BALTIMORE

LITTLE DELAY TO TRAFFIC OR COMMUNICATION OCCASIONED.

Snow, Rain, Thunder and Lightning Greet New York First 1924 April Day.

New York.—A jazy snow storm, in which winter staged a rough dance with spring to a thunder obligato and lightning novelty effects, and finally tired out its frailer partner, swept the Atlantic states.

The freak storm was said to have set an April record in New York and in most of the country it visited. Winter sifted down a fluffy snow to a depth varying from four and a half inches in Connecticut to 11 inches in Baltimore suburbs. In all instances, the snow turned to slush directly after it struck the ground. It carried down telephone and telegraph wires about New York, interfered with harbor shipping, delayed commuters, trains and was responsible for a rear-end collision of elevated trains resulting in the death of one man and injuries to 15 others, with an augmented battle of snow clearing machinery, fought the storm throughout the night in five boroughs.

Baltimore, Md.—Sweeping up-coast from the Gulf states, the heaviest snow of the season and the heaviest ever recorded in Baltimore in April were registered when downtown Baltimore lay under a nine-inch blanket. In the suburbs this depth was exceeded by two inches.

Col. W. P. Wood Answers Call. High Point, N. C.—Col. William Pennel Wood, of Asheboro, civil war veteran and beloved citizen, died at the High Point hospital after an extended illness, having been a patient since January 1. Col. Wood was well known all over the state and his death will be keenly felt wherever he was known.

He was born in Randolph county May 2, 1843, and was the son of Pennel Wood and Calista Burkhead Wood. He entered the army of the Confederacy in the war between the states when he was 17 years of age and fought for three years, spending seven months in a federal prison.

Favors Government Paying Expenses. Washington.—A plan to let the government pay the campaign expenses of candidates for public office was brought forward here by William Jennings Bryan.

Recalling that President Roosevelt once suggested such arrangement, Mr. Bryan said the senate disclosures had prepared the public mind for acceptance of the practical details of the plan and advocated quick action so it could be employed in the 1924 campaign. The formal announcements of candidates would be placed before the house under the plan in bulletin issued by the government and there would be an additional appropriation from the federal treasury amounting to 10 cents per vote, apportioned among parties according to their last recorded strength.

Thus, said Mr. Bryan, parties and candidates would be saved from "obligating themselves to the predatory interests."

Residence Wrecked By Explosion. Pittsboro.—An 80-horse power boiler exploded near the depot, wrecking a nearby residence. Bricks from the boiler and other debris were thrown 100 yards, landing in a field of M. T. Williams and badly damaging his residence and others situated nearby. Twelve or 15 men were at work on the yards nearby, of whom several sustained injuries. Nobody was killed, Sherman Alston, colored, was struck by a flying brick but 300 yards from the scene.

Part of the steering wheel he was holding knocked off and his windshield broken, but he was not hurt. Windows were broken in homes several blocks away. It is said that the boiler was in bad repair, and this is assigned as the cause of the explosion.

6 Convictions in Mobile Liquor Cases. Mobile, Ala.—Six defendants were convicted in the United States court, a result of the first day's trial in the sensational liquor raids by federal agents here last November. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$300 were imposed in five cases and the sixth was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail.

In the cases disposed of the defendants entered pleas as not guilty but made no effort to fight the government's charge, the cases going to the jury without argument.

## THREE ARE DEAD IN ASYLUM FIRE

BROAD OAKS SANATORIUM PARTLY BURNED; LOSS ABOUT \$25,000.

### 35 PATIENTS ARE RESCUED

Georgia Woman Badly Burned; Expected to Be Fourth Victim of Early Morning Fire.

Morganton, N. C.—Three patients lost their lives and one other was probably fatally injured in a fire which partially destroyed Broad Oaks sanatorium, entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000.

The dead are John P. Green, Charlotte, contractor; Mrs. Isabella Hertford, of Union, W. Va., who was found after the fire, smothered to death in her bed, and Mrs. Julia Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Fla., whose room was cut off by the flames, rendering rescue impossible and whose charred bones were found following the fire. Mrs. Cornelia Gaines, a patient from Georgia, was terribly burned. It was said at Grace hospital, where she was taken that no hope is entertained for her recovery. Thirty of the 42 patients were women.

Mr. Green died the death of a hero, with a record rarely equalled in fact or fiction, according to attaches of the sanatorium, who credited him with having lost his own life solely in his efforts to save others. After he himself had escaped the burning building he returned repeatedly as the flames raged and brought to safety at least three women patients, all of whom might have perished except for his efforts. He finally was found helpless in the corridor and rescued again, but too late. His injuries were fatal. His action, in view of the fact that he was weak and had been in very poor health for several years, was regarded as exemplifying all the elements of the true hero.

Mr. Green was taken to Grace hospital, where at first it was reported that he might recover, but he lingered all day and then passed away as night came. His step-son-in-law, C. Newton, of Charlotte, came here, after hearing the news of Mr. Green's injury, and was with him at the end.

When discovered by the night watchman, Durant Williams, the fire had already gained considerable headway. Doctors, nurses and attendants began at once a heroic effort to get out of the burning building the 42 patients in their charge and the Morganton fire company, arriving promptly on the scene, brought timely aid to them in this attempt. Many were carried out bodily. Firemen rescued several by ladders placed to second story windows, their work handicapped by the means formerly employed to prevent the escape of patients. Heavy screening had to be cut and windows broken through by axes. While the work rescue was being carried on the fire gained rapidly in the frame buildings which formed the north and east wings of the institution.

Shippers' Association Organized. Houston, Tex.—The Southern Cotton Shippers' association, to include all cotton growing states, was tentatively formed here. The proposed organization would embody several state groups, including the Texas Cotton association, the Oklahoma State Cotton exchange and the Arkansas Cotton Trade association.

Among its purpose would be fostering of fair play in trade relations, elimination of misunderstandings between southern spinners and buyers of raw cotton, reduction of handling costs, and ultimate decrease in the margin between producer and consumer.

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## PAINS ACROSS BACK AND SIDES

Many Severe Change of Life Symptoms Relieved by the Use of Cardui, According to Florida Lady.

Grand Ridge, Fla.—"I have used a great many bottles of Cardui," says Mrs. G. W. Wester, of Grand Ridge, "a medicine I consider above all others for weak women."

"I used Cardui during . . . I got so weak and run-down I was a mere shadow. Some one, at the time, told me of Cardui. I began and . . . kept up Cardui and was so pleased with the results. . . . For some time, then, I did not need Cardui." Mrs. Wester goes on, "but later, when change of life came on, I had pains across my back and sides. My head ached down into my shoulders. . . . I was weak and run-down, nervous, and did not eat. I couldn't rest well nights. . . . My husband, who was a great believer in Cardui, having seen what it did for me in former years, went and bought six bottles; insisted I take it steadily, which I did. It helped me. I did not suffer so with my head and back. My limbs that had felt weak and shaky grew stronger and Cardui helped me through this period. I feel it did a great deal for me." For over forty years grateful women have been writing, as did Mrs. Wester, to say that Cardui had benefited them. It should help you, too. Try it. At all druggists.



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