

Had Gallon and Half Towns Destroyed By Liquor In Auto Earthquake Shocks

Harrell Thompson Arrested Saturday for Having Too Much Booze—Released on Bond and Will be Tried Next Monday—Four Fruit Jars Full of Home Product Confiscated—Stopped Car Near Temple of Justice.

Harrell Thompson, a young white man who lives near Allenton, was arrested by Chief of Police D. M. Barker, about 8:30 Saturday evening on the charge of having more whiskey in his possession than the law allows. He was placed in jail and later was released under a \$500 bond. He will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller here next Monday.

Christmas Dinner For County Home

Send Contributions to Home of Miss Lizzie Caldwell Not Later Than Friday Afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Caldwell is arranging for a Christmas dinner for inmates of the county home, as is her custom. Ladies are asked to send something cooked and gentlemen are asked to send fruits. Please send to Miss Caldwell's home not later than Friday afternoon.

These unfortunates will not fare well Christmas day without the generous care of you who are more fortunate. Miss Caldwell is anxious to make this the best Christmas dinner they have ever had.

Killed By Falling Tree

Mr. Ross Singletary of Richardson Section Died as Result of Injuries Received When Struck on Head by a Tree He Had Cut Down.

Mr. Ross Singletary of Richardson section died late Friday afternoon of injuries received about noon of the same day when struck by a falling tree. The unfortunate man was cutting saw logs and when a tree lodged upon a small pine he cut the smaller tree when it flew up and struck him on the head. He was conscious for some time after he received the blow and it was not thought his injury was serious. He was about 30 years old and is survived by his widow.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. by Rev. R. E. Powell, pastor of the Bladenboro Baptist church, and interment was made in the family cemetery, near the home.

Don't Turn A Deaf Ear

You Can Render Splendid Service By Buying Christmas Seals.

The citizens of the town are urged to keep in mind the splendid service that they may render their community and the State through the purchase of seals now on sale at the three drug stores. Remember that three-fourths of the proceeds of the sales are to be used in support of the work at home.

Already an appeal for aid has come to the local chairman from a sufferer from tuberculosis in a neighboring village.

Will you not have a part in alleviating suffering among your own people? Don't turn a deaf ear to humanity's call. MARY GILCHRIST McNEILL, Chairman.

NEGRO PASSENGER IS SHOT ABOARD SEABOARD TRAIN

The killing is taken from this morning's Wilmington Star.

Just as the incoming Seaboard Air Line train was passing Hilton last night at 12:50 o'clock, John Allen Williams, a negro from Old Hundred, is alleged to have shot Lee Wall, another negro from Laurinburg. Wall, at James Walker Memorial hospital, this morning at 2 o'clock was reported in a serious condition, the bullet having lodged in his breast.

It is reported that Williams jumped off the train after the shooting and made his escape. The police report they are searching for him.

The shooting is said to have been witnessed by C. A. Thompson, the news butcher, and J. W. Ross, baggage master.

Chicken Supper at Rennett Evening of December 23.

There will be a chicken supper at the Rennett school house Thursday evening December 23. Proceeds for completing Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited—come over into Macedonia and help us.

Severe Shock Along Argentine Slope Of Andes—Great Loss of Life and Property.

A dispatch of Dec. 18 from Buenos Aires gives the following: Earthquake shocks which on Friday afternoon destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes mountains, were the most severe experienced in this country since 1869, when half the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins.

Reports from the area where the shock was heaviest, indicate great loss of life and property, upwards of 150 bodies having been already taken from the wrecks of buildings.

At Tresportenas, more than 100 perished, and at Costa De Araujo 30 more were killed. It is feared that more victims still are buried under the ruins in each town. Only a few houses remain at Tresportenas, La Valle and La-Central and they are in a badly damaged condition. No estimate of the number of persons injured has yet been made.

Minor shocks continue throughout the district, one particularly strong tremor being felt yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the towns of San Martin and Rivadavia.

The people are reported as being panic stricken.

The city of Mendoza was shaken but did not suffer any extensive damage. In the town of Costa De Araujo the seismic convulsion opened great crevices out of which hot water is spouting. The water from one of these geysers reached a height of about 15 feet and formed a pool in which two persons were drowned. A Red Cross ambulance has reached the village and set to work to rescue any sufferers who still may be alive in the ruins.

More than 30,000 persons inhabit little villages along the eastern Andean slope and, as reports continue to add to the long list of casualties, apprehension is felt that the final figures will be very high. Rescue parties have been sent from Mendoza, but details from the scene of the disaster are meager as telephone and telegraph wires are badly disorganized.

The earth movement during the tremor was from the northwest to southeast and a number of small shocks followed the concussion which lasted 30 seconds.

The latest reports from Mendoza coming in tonight said that the shock at Tresportenas had assumed the proportions of a catastrophe, three relief trains having been rushed to the town from which 30 dead and as many dying have been brought out. At Costa de Araujo, which was virtually isolated, another shock of the most violent character occurred at 8 o'clock this morning. The death list was increased by those reports to 81 so far counted in Costa de Araujo, with eight seriously injured.

At La Valle terrible scenes were witnessed. The relief work was most difficult, owing to the condition of the roads, which had been broken up and covered with water. The church at La Valle was laid in ruins and the municipal building's walls were cracked and the structure was likely to fall at any moment.

The seismograph at the Mendoza institute recorded three shocks on Friday, the first beginning at 3 p. m. It was a sudden and violent one, without the slight movements usually preceding. This lasted 15 seconds. The second movement lasted five seconds and the third 10 seconds. The vibrations, with lesser shocks continued for 30 minutes afterwards.

Japan Is Shaken. Tokio, Dec. 18.—The most violent earthquake that has occurred since seismograph observations commenced in Japan took place Thursday evening. The vibrations lasted two hours and were so severe that the instruments were unable to give perfect records. It is believed the convulsion took place under the Pacific ocean or in the Gobi desert, Central Asia.

Italy Also Suffers. Brindisi, Italy, Dec. 19.—Advices from Saseno, at the entrance of the Bay of Avlona, give details of the earthquake which occurred here concurrently with the earthquake shocks recorded in America. A number of houses disappeared in a landslide and up to the present 30 deaths are reported.

Big Decline Shown in Wholesale Prices. Wholesale prices of commodities were lower last month than at any time since the war, according to figures announced Friday by the Department of Labor. The wholesale scale dropped eight per cent more in November than in the preceding month and 24 per cent below the peak of high prices last May, the bureau says.

Robbers Entered Store Near Midway. Robbers entered the store of Mr. N. J. McRimmon, near Midway, Thursday night, according to information received here. The safe was cracked by the robbers, it is said. No particulars have been learned as to what was stolen.

First Assembly Of League Ends

Proved League of Nations a Living Organism and a Success.

The first meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations closed Saturday evening in a burst of eloquence after passing through one of the fullest days of its existence in a rather agitated and not always clear debate, states a Geneva dispatch of Dec. 18.

In farewell speeches, Paul Hymans, president of the assembly, and Dr. Giuseppe Motta, president of Switzerland, told the delegates the first assembly had proved the league was a living organism and a success. The opinion expressed by the delegates who have participated most actively in the work of the assembly is that it has done all that could be expected of it, if not more.

A number of pet projects have met with disaster; yet there are few, if any, delegates who remained for the entire assembly that will leave dissatisfied with the work of that body.

M. Hymans, in his closing speech, dwelt upon the fact that the session of the assembly demonstrated to all the value of the league of nations.

"The league has developed a consciousness," he said "and now resolves to live, and will live. Through the setting up of an international court of justice, the assembly has established a house of rights and a place of peace."

The activities of the assembly respecting typhus, he declared to be a magnificent demonstration of human solidarity. When the assembly spoke of disarmament, M. Hymans said, the members of that body displayed keen anxiety to lift the weight of armaments from the shoulders of the world, but at the same time realized that in the present unsettled conditions of Europe nothing better could be done than had been.

He referred to the fraternal spirit of which were separated only by shown by the assembly, the members shades of opinion not by principles. He appealed to the youth of the world the men of tomorrow, those who fought in the great war to construct a moral world indispensable to the future of mankind, and concluded: "Let us continue our ascending march toward the stars."

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. E. J. Santee of Bladenboro. Mrs. E. J. Santee, aged about 61 years, died Friday at her home at Bladenboro, following an extended illness. Deceased is survived by her husband and 4 children.

Mrs. A. J. McDuffie, aged 26 years, died Thursday afternoon at her home in North Lumberton of tuberculosis. Her husband and one child survive. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery Friday at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Charlie Young of Wisharts. Mrs. Charlie Young, aged 40 years, died Friday morning at her home in Wisharts township. She is survived by her husband and several children. Interment was made in the family burying ground Saturday morning.

Mrs. Thurman Mercer, near Bellamy. Mrs. Thurman Mercer, aged 25 years, died suddenly yesterday at 11 a. m. at her home, near Bellamy, death resulting from heart trouble. Deceased is survived by her husband. The funeral was conducted today at 10 a. m. and interment was made in the Mercer cemetery.

Cooper Not Sure He Will Be a Candidate. Lieut.-Gov. elect W. B. Cooper of Wilmington says that newspaper reports sent out from Washington a week ago to the effect that he had announced that he would be a candidate for Governor 4 years hence were misleading. He says he has made no announcement and that it is probable he will not be in the race, that the people are not interested in candidates this far ahead.

HELP THE UNFORTUNATE. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

If there are any who care to make contributions toward making Christmas a bit more pleasant for some less fortunate ones, I shall be glad to receive such donations and will take pleasure in distributing them to the best of my judgment.

JANIE CARLYLE.

Entertainment at Pleasant Hill Dec. 22. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 14.—There is to be an entertainment at Pleasant Hill school (Dillon county) Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd. The entertainment is a Christmas program. Oysters and other refreshments will be served.

New Orleans—An electric feed wire which snapped, dropped into a pool of water and short circuited, started a blaze that caused \$2,650,000 damage to the \$3,750,000 floating drydock of the Jahnecke Drydock and Shipbuilding company here Dec. 16, destroyed three vessels undergoing repairs, damaged six others, and caused a casualty of at least thirty.

Favor Increase In House Membership

Tinkham Measure to Reduce Southern Representation Killed by Committee—Membership Will Be Re-apportioned According to Census Returns.

Republican members of the House of Congress at a caucus Friday night decided to put through at this session of Congress a bill re-apportioning the membership of the House to correspond with increases of population as reported in the 1920 census, states a Washington dispatch.

The definite basis for the re-apportionment was understood not to have been decided on at the caucus, but most of the Republican members were said to favor a reasonable increase in the House membership.

Drafting of a re-apportionment bill would be in the hands of the census committee, of which Representative Siegel of New York, is chairman. Representative Siegel already has prepared and introduced a bill increasing the House membership from the present 483 to 483, and this bill is expected to be the basis for the re-apportionment legislation.

The Beigel measure would make the population basis for a congressional district between 218,000 and 219,000 instead of approximately 211,000, as at present. Under the measure no State would sustain a loss in its representation in the House and 25 States would gain representatives.

Representative Tinkham, of Massachusetts, urged the caucus to support his resolution directing the House census committee to investigate to what extent negroes are being denied the vote in Southern States and to recommend a decrease in the representation of those States according to the extent of disfranchisement.

Opposition to the resolution was understood to have been expressed in speeches made by Representatives Slamp, of Virginia, Kahn, of California, and Mann, of Illinois.

Those opposing it were said to have pointed to the Republican gains in the last election, declaring that adoption of the resolution would kill the party in the South.

The caucus at the close of the discussion, by a rising vote of 95 to 43, decided against supporting the resolution. Representative Tinkham later announced that he would attempt to bring up his resolution when the apportionment bill comes before the House.

Decision to push through the apportionment bill at this session was said to have been due to the fact that a number of State Legislatures will meet soon after January 1, while if the bill went over to the extra session it would be passed too late for many legislatures to act upon it.

North Carolina Will Gain Two Members. North Carolina will gain two members in the House of Congress if the program outlined above is approved.

BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT EXPECTED FOR EMERGENCY TARIFF.

An attempt to obtain bi-partisan support in the House of Congress for the Lordney emergency tariff was decided on yesterday by the committee of House members from agriculture districts, states a Washington dispatch of the 19th, which continues:

Recommendation that all members of the House, regardless of political affiliation, support the tariff measure, which would put a virtual embargo tariff on a score of farm products, will be submitted by the committee to a meeting tomorrow of Western and Southern representatives who have banded together to seek aid for the farmer.

The committee also decided to include in its recommendations for support the resolution to revive the War Finance corporation and the Young-Tichner bill directing use of \$100,000,000 of the profits of the Federal Reserve banks for livestock loans.

The former measure was passed by the House yesterday, but in different form than adopted by the Senate.

The conference of farmer representatives will be asked to throw their support behind the resolution to the extent even of passing it, if necessary, over a presidential veto.

THE BILLY SUNDAY OF JAPAN TO LECTURE IN MAXTON

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton Dec. 17.—Paul Kanamori who has been called the Billy Sunday of Japan, converted through the instrumentality of an American Army officer, and who has made more converts—50,000—than any living evangelist, except Billy Sunday, will speak in the Maxton Presbyterian church, Tuesday, December 21st, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to hear this address.

Messrs. Colin A. Britt and Hez. Phillips, both of Orrum, were Lumberton visitors Friday. Mr. Britt says he has not sold any cotton and does not intend to at present prices. He does not have to sell, for he made plenty to live on at home.

Monroe voted last week a bond issue of \$200,000 for a new high school building.

Farmers' Relief Bill Passes House

Senate Resolution to Revive War Finance Corporation Passed by House.

The Senate resolution to revive the War Finance corporation as a measure of relief for farmers was adopted by the House of Congress Saturday, a Washington dispatch states, in amended form and by a vote of 212 to 61.

It now goes to conference for adjustment with the Senate measure. The House struck out section two of the Senate resolution, stating the opinion of Congress that Federal Reserve banks should allow liberal credits to farmers. The vote was 132 in favor to 20 against on the motion to strike out.

Chairman McFadden, of the banking committee, leading the opposition, characterized it as class legislation and charged that its proponents had deluded the farmers into believing it would help them.

"The farmers have been deceived," Mr. McFadden said. "They have been told this resolution will help them. No advance to farmers has been made by the corporation for more than a year and could not be authorized under this measure. Instead, the corporation has made loans to such institutions as the International Harvester, the Bethlehem Steel and the Baldwin Locomotive works."

Representative Mann, Republican, Illinois, supporting the bill, said he did not see how it would do harm and probably would do some good. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, majority leader, said the bottom had fallen out of business because private institutions had not been able to extend the required relief. Revival of the finance corporation would help the situation and could not, under any circumstances have a harmful effect, he said.

Representative Stevenson, Democrat, South Carolina, denied that the measure was class legislation.

"The banks have gone the limit," he said, "and they cannot extend credits further. We must do it by selling stock of the corporation to the investing public."

Use of Cider in the Home by Its Manufacturer, is Lawful. Use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful and without the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act, according to an opinion submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury by Attorney General Palmer, made public Saturday, states a Washington dispatch.

The opinion is in direct conflict with the regulations of the bureau of internal revenue, which state that home-made cider must be "non-intoxicating in fact," although not necessarily containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol.

Secretary Houston asked for an opinion as to whether the term "non-intoxicating cider and fruit juices" means non-intoxicating in fact or containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The phrase occurs in Section 29 of the prohibition act which permits the manufacture of non-intoxicating cider for use in the home without permit.

The attorney general held that the explanation meant containing less than one-half of one per cent.

Congress intended by Section 29 to prohibit the sale but not the manufacture of intoxicating cider for use in the home, the opinion said.

Congressional Leaders Decide on Emergency Tariff. Congressional leaders decided Friday that the way out of the maze of farmer relief bills was enactment of an emergency tariff to run for one year and to act as an embargo against imports.

It would apply to wheat, cotton, wool, beans, potatoes, livestock and meats.

Agreement of the legislative leaders was reported at a joint conference of members of the Senate finance and House ways and means committee at which the determination also was reported to press the proposed measure to speedy passage.

Actual drafting of the bill was started Friday by members of the ways and means committee.

Mrs. F. F. Townsend, who lives on R. 6 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday. She recalled that a horse belonging to June Sampson, an Indian who lives in the same neighborhood, went mad the other day and had to be killed.

Monroe Inman, a well-known citizen of Spartanburg S. C., was shot and killed at his home Thursday by his 21-year-old son Manning, following a dispute which ended in the father saying he was going to kill the son and pursuing him with a butcher knife. The son tried to escape and found the door to the room locked and received a cut on his arm, Mrs. Inman testified.

Greensboro—Frank Pietro, an Italian charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude Latham of High Point, was found guilty of murder in the second degree Thursday in the Superior court and was sentenced to 30 years in the State penitentiary. He admitted on the stand that he had stabbed the woman to death on the night of July 15.

NEXT PAPER WEDNESDAY.

The next issue of The Robesonian will be published Wednesday, December 22, instead of Thursday. This is in order to give people living on the rural routes opportunity to read the paper Thursday, before the usual rush of the day before Christmas. Advertisers will take notice that this will make their Christmas messages more effective than they would be if the paper were published Thursday, and they will please get their copy in Tuesday. No paper will be published Monday of next week.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 13 cents the pound; strict middling 14 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. E. A. Falk and family will move this week to Emporia, Va.

—Mr. A. S. Pitman, mail carrier on route 2 from Lumberton, had his right arm broken just above the wrist yesterday afternoon when a Ford "kicked" him.

—Many fine porkers were killed by Robeson farmers last week. Mr. J. F. Fields, who lives on R. 1 from St. Pauls, killed three Thursday that totaled 1,078 pounds. Nice shoats.

—Mr. J. A. Boone, Sr., was 72 years old yesterday and he says he can play the banjo and dance as well as ever he could. Beg pardon; it should be put, in a case like that, 72 years young.

—A cash Christmas gift of \$110.35 was made to the suffering children in Europe by the faculty and students of the Lumberton graded and high schools Friday.

—Mrs. L. R. Varner went today to the James hospital, Hamlet, where she will undergo treatment for a few days. She was accompanied to Hamlet by Dr. T. C. Johnson.

—Among the many fine hogs that are being killed by the farmers were two fine ones killed by Mr. Von Walters of the Center section last Wednesday—one 456 pounds and the other 400 pounds.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Henry G. Branch and Sue Neal Thompson, both of the Long Branch section; Pope Ivey and Mattie Davis; Jas. A. Graham and Mattie Belle Bullock.

—Messrs. H. Boyd Ayers and Clifton McCormick, both of Rowland, were Lumberton visitors this morning. Mr. Ayers was a student at Philadelphia high school during the session which closed for the holidays last Friday. The school will open for the spring term January 3.

—Among the teachers of the graded and high schools that left for their homes and elsewhere Friday evening for the holidays, were: Miss Effie Ellen Butler for Washington, D. C., to visit a sister and afterwards to Southern Pines to visit her brother, Mr. Bion Butler; Miss Anna Louise Huff to Laurens, S. C.; Miss Elizabeth Peay to Chester, S. C.; Prof. J. W. R. Norton to Laurel Hill; Miss Mary D. Atkinson to Elon College; Miss Ethel Erwin to Troutman.

—The following young people have arrived home from the various schools and colleges to spend the holidays: Misses Margaret Pope, Elsie Thompson, Rosa and Mary Lee Caldwell, Jeanette Biggs and Wilma Durham, Meredith college, Raleigh; Miss Miriam Weinstein, Virginia college, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Eureka Pittman, Fayetteville conservatory of music; Messrs. Jno. B. McLeod, Edwin Williams and R. A. Hedgpeth, Jr., Wake Forest college; Messrs. Wilbur Inman, Stephen McIntyre, Jr., and Max Weinstein, Georgia Military academy, Atlanta.

BRUTAL MURDER AT BELHAVEN

Wiley Radcliffe Beaten in Face With Hammer and Shot by Italian.

Founded in the face with a heavy hammer until his features had been mashed into a pulp and finally shot through the head by a bullet fired from a revolver at close range, Wiley Radcliffe, age 21, son of Daniel Radcliffe, of Pantego, was killed Thursday night at Belhaven.

A Washington, N. C., dispatch of the 17th states that the killing was the outcome of trouble which occurred in the construction camp of the new Hyde county railroad last week. A number of Italians are employed in the building of this road. On Tuesday night, after they had finished their day's work, the men became engaged in a gambling game it is learned and raised such a disturbance that the foreman, H. J. Hall, ordered them to quit. One of the Italians, said to be the same one who killed Radcliffe, cursed Hall for his interference and the latter immediately pounced upon him and gave him a sound beating. The Italian went to Belhaven the next day and had a warrant sworn out for Hall. Hall was arrested and a preliminary hearing was held. At this hearing Radcliffe was one of the witnesses and his evidence was favorable to Hall. The Italian, it is said, swore to "get even."

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