

WEATHER

North Carolina—Cloudy, occasional mist and rain tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder tonight. Official Shelby Temperatures: High 60, Low 51. Rainfall .054.

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GERMANY REPORTED STALLING FOR TIME IN CRISIS

No Kidnapping Developments

FEDERAL MEN IN SEARCH FOR MAN KIDNAPPING BOY

Sudden Stopping Of Activities Is Not Explained

NO STATEMENTS

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Department of Justice agents, taking full charge of the wide search for 10-year-old Charles Mattson and his bearded gunman kidnaper, brought all apparent activity to a halt today. They directed Dr. W. W. Mattson, wealthy physician, whose son was snatched from his home Sunday night for \$28,000 ransom, to make no effort today to contact the kidnaper until told to do so. They halted a foot-by-foot search of police in a nearby ravine, protesting the kidnaper might kill his captive if he had the boy hidden there and heard his pursuers approaching.

Withdraw Guards City policemen guarding the Mattson mansion were withdrawn. Most of the cars, foot police and private boats which had been searching the Tacoma area for signs of the kidnaper also ceased activities. The justice agents, under C. C. Sears of Portland, with customary usual taciturnity, offered no explanation of the sudden cessation of activities. Dr. Mattson told newspapermen: "I haven't any contacts. Things are just as they were when the man left. There is an absolute stalemate. I just feel helpless."

Dr. Mattson granted an interview after returning from an unexplained night automobile trip. He left and returned alone, while other members of the family remained in the home. No Advertisement He said he had not inserted any advertisements in Seattle newspapers. A Tacoma police official disclosed such an advertisement was ordered by the kidnaper in the ransom note he left as he fled from the Mattson living room with Charles in his arms. The notice in (Continued on page eight.)

MAY NOT SAVE GREEK STEAMER

Fog Hampers Rescue Work On Shoals Off N. C. Coast

WILMINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Doubt of the possibility of saving the Greek steamer Mount Dirfys, which went aground on Frying Pan shoals Saturday morning, grew this morning as a dense fog hampered the salvage tug Reliance, of Norfolk, in her efforts to remove the ship from the shoals. Coast guardsmen at Southport said a light northeast wind was blowing there at noon. Increased intensity of the wind would probably seal the doom of the stricken ship, they said, which has been pounding on the shoal for more than three days. Last night a heavy sea was pounding the helpless steamer, constantly damaging her tortured hull and preventing the Reliance from coming alongside to begin salvage operations.

The cutter Modoc, at last reports today, was still standing by to render aid should the Reliance require it. If the weather remains moderate today and the fog lifts, the Modoc reported, the Greek ship may be saved. The Mount Dirfys is reported aground approximately 15 seaward from the Cape Fear coast guard station. She is reported to have a crew of 36 men.

THIEVES GET GUNS AT NORTH WILKESBORO

NORTH WILKESBORO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Thieves entered two stores here and took shotguns, cigarettes and other merchandise valued at more than \$200.

Man Who Stopped Flier For Chew Of Tobacco Dies

LEXINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Jim Brooks, 80, widely publicized years ago when he flagged the famous mail train "No. 97" to ask the engineer for a chew of tobacco, died yesterday in the Davidson county home.

Jim's wanderings afoot for more than half a century, his plaintive "Mister, gimme a nickel," and his "God bless you," to his benefactors, made him a familiar figure to residents of half a dozen counties in this section. The picturesque character came to the county home after an auto crippled him in Rowan county. Jim dug into his horde of nickels to pay his hospital bill, bought a bell for a country church near here, purchased a monument for his grave, and left enough to pay for his burial today.

Negro Is Held On Charges Of Theft

George Nance, No. 3 Township negro, was placed under \$500 bond today after a hearing in which probable cause was shown and found on a charge of stealing \$175 from his employer D. Reuben McSwain. Mr. McSwain is a farmer and hauls fruit in spare time. The negro is alleged to have taken the money from at least three different pocketbooks. Val Huskey and J. D. Huskey, also colored, were released after the trial with no charges placed against them. Nance did not go on the stand. The money was not recovered.

No Bond For Man Who Killed Wife

KENANSVILLE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Magistrate C. B. Siterson ordered nola section farmer, held without \$10,000 bond for the term of Duplin Superior court convening Jan. 25 on charges of killing his wife December 19. Officers testified at a preliminary hearing yesterday Wilson admitted he shot his wife, 20-year-old mother of three children, but said it was an accident.

Shull's Mill Man Held For Murder

BOONE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Dollard Coffey, 23, of Shull's Mill, was held here today in connection with the death of Raymond Dellinger, 41. Sheriff Edmundson of Watauga county, to whom Coffey surrendered yesterday, said he confessed he shot Dellinger Sunday night.

NASH MAN HELD FOR COUNTERFEITING

WILSON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Commissioner G. L. Parker bound over Tab Dunn, Nash county man, to federal court on a charge of counterfeiting and passing nickels. His bond was put at \$1,000.

No Arrests LAURINBURG, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Not a single arrest was made here over the Christmas holidays.

Kings Mountain Is Setting Up Own Red Cross Service

Residents of Kings Mountain are taking social service into their own hands and are in the process of setting up a complete unit of Red Cross home and community service. The sum of \$1,500 has been collected and a small amount more promised and Mrs. Pete Gamble is working on a half-time basis as a certified Red Cross case worker. Miss Helen Colwell, assistant director of civic relief from the national headquarters in Washington, D. C., was in the city a few days ago and gave instruction for the work of the unit. A special instructor for case work will be in the city for a week or more beginning January 14, according to Mrs. C. E. Nelsler, chairman of Kings Mountain township Red Cross activities. "We have needed this social work for a long time," Mrs. Nelsler said this morning. "We are happy we can do something to help our people." The case worker will investigate the homes and make recommendations as to types of relief they need. Classes will be held in home hygiene, general health, sanitation and other subjects relating to public health. If the success of the work this year justifies, Kings Mountain may have a full time paid worker on the field next year.

Rose Queen



Selected from some 3000 co-eds, Miss Nancy Bumpus, 19, above, student at Pasadena junior college, was named Queen of Hearts to reign over the 1937 Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day. A queen's court of six runner-up beauties was named to attend Miss Bumpus.

POPE STEADILY LOSING GROUND

Can't Relieve Pain Because Of Effect On Heart

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Physicians attending Pope Pius, seriously ill with paralysis and old age complications, searched today for mild sedatives to relieve the pontiff's pain. The condition of the 79-year-old Holy Father was described as "unchanged," a report which inspired hope in prelates simply because no new crisis has arisen. Officials declared the excruciating pain the pope has been suffering in his paralyzed left leg cannot be relieved with ordinary opiates because of possible depressing effects on the patient's heart.

Spartanburg Girl Can't Stop Talk

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Margaret Davis, 17, today began her fourth day of incessant talking and laughing, and was reported to be growing steadily weaker. Her mother, Mrs. Belle Davis, said the girl continued to laugh and talk constantly while not under the influence of sedatives. She reported her daughter began repeating "chocolate cherries" over and over, but when given one from a Christmas box, she refused to eat it. The girl became afflicted with the nervous disorder Saturday night.

HOLD CAR OWNED BY MISSING MAN

LAURINBURG, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Police held today a car they believed belonged to R. R. Gardner, 31-year-old Wayne county farmer, reported missing from home since December 19.

FACE GRIM TASK BRINGING BODIES FROM BIG PLANE

Find Wreckage In A Narrow Canyon; 12 Dead

TWISTED METAL

BURBANK, Calif., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Twelve bodies, each carrying a blanket-wrapped body, plodded over eight miles of muddy, twisting trails today, bringing from the mountains the victims of a transport plane crash Sunday night. The grim task of bringing 12 bodies from a crashed airliner was tackled today in rain-soaked, almost inaccessible mountain country as the west totalled at 27 dead or missing the result of four such December tragedies.

The work of removing the victims from the tangled wreckage of the United Airlines' San Francisco-Los Angeles plane in steep Rice Canyon to the nearest road required hours of toil.

Lost Sunday Night

The plane which became lost in stormy weather while nearing Los Angeles, crashed Sunday night and was located yesterday 20 miles north of here, first from the air and later by ground crews. The wreckage was strewn over 1,000 yards. All of the dead were Californians.

Department of commerce inspectors studied the smashed instruments of the airliner. The fuselage of the ship lay in a narrow canyon and the wings on top of a ridge, causing officials to theorize that Pilot Blom suddenly lost his bearings and was attempting to turn back to the emergency field at Saugus. Bits of twisted metal lay in a northeasterly direction toward Saugus.

CONTINUE HUNT CAUSE OF FIRE

Say Men Said "That's One Way Of Getting Even"

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Separate investigations continued today into the cause of an explosion which a fireworks store here Christmas eve night, killing two persons and injuring eleven. J. C. Twitty, of Greensboro, a special agent of the national bureau of underwriters, said he accepted the theory of Fire Chief A. L. Duckett and Acting Police Chief Fred Jones that a gasoline pressure heater caused the blast. Jones and Fred M. Jordan, of Asheville, state deputy fire commissioner, said they questioned several witnesses who said they saw the stove catch fire. They said they were convinced the heater leaked and that escaping fumes were exploded by an open charcoal heater in the building. Meanwhile Sheriff Laurence E. Brown, after questioning several persons who sell dynamite, said he was not ready to express an opinion on the cause of the explosion. The owner of the store asked the sheriff to investigate the possibility of dynamite having caused the blast. His request followed the testimony of M. L. Miller at the coroner's inquest that he saw four young men near the store and heard one of them remark: "Well, that's one way of getting even—we just blew it up."

GREENVILLE TAXI DRIVER, BEAT, SHOT BY 2 PASSENGERS

GREENVILLE, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—G. L. (Lem) Pleasant, operator of a store and taxi service here, is in Pitt general hospital in a critical condition from being beat and shot late last night by two unidentified men he said hired him for a trip. Pleasant said the young men had him turn off the Bethel-Greenville highway when about four miles from town. After they had gone around two miles on the side road, Pleasant said one of his passengers hit him in the head with a hammer and in a semi-conscious condition he was dragged from his car, robbed, shot through the eye and left lying on the ground as the two men drove off in the taxi. The injured man walked to the highway, he said, and a passerby picked him up and rushed him here. Keeping remarkable control of himself, Pleasant gave officers a description of his passengers and a detailed details of the attack. No trace of his car or attackers had been found this morning. Pleasant is a son-in-law of Police Chief George Clark and is about 35 years old. His store is located near East Carolina Teachers college.

LICENSE TAG SALE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A total of 87,909 pairs of auto license tags were sold through December 24 compared to only 58,901 at the same date last year.

Chamber of Commerce Head LAURINBURG, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Karl G. Hudson, manager of a Raleigh department store, has been named president of the chamber of commerce.

Newest Mechanical Cotton Picker



Development of a new mechanical cotton picker by the International Harvester Company, on the heels of the Rust brothers' picker, stirred new interest south of the Mason and Dixon line. The new picker, shown above on display in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, employs rows of heavy pins or spindles whose burrs strip the cotton. A set of rotating disks next takes the cotton from these pins. The arrow indicates the point at which the cotton enters the picker's stripping device.

KINGS MOUNTAIN READY TO BEGIN NEW CITY HALL

Only Good Weather Needed; Announce Awards

Workers were only awaiting the favors of the weather man to begin tearing down the Kings Mountain old city hall which will be replaced by a new one as part of the public improvement program which will get under way soon. The present town office will be moved this week to a temporary location while the new building is being erected. Contracts for the various parts of the improvements program have been let and were announced as follows:

Town Hall: J. A. Jones Contracting Co., Charlotte, \$31,000. Plumbing and heating: Waldrop Plumbing Heating Co., of Rock Hill, \$3,396. Sewer Extension: John M. Porter Co., Charlotte, \$9,500. Water Extensions: Elliott Building Co., Hickory, \$19,000. Streets: R. B. Taylor Co. of Birmingham, Ala., \$23,000. The bids let amounted to about \$96,000, with part of this amount to be a grant from the Federal Government. The Town of Kings Mountain recently sold \$60,000 worth of bonds to take up the difference.

BROTHERLY RESCUE NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Brother came to the aid of brother when the little trawler Grace F broke down off the Virginia capes today. Captain Leo Pavarola, of the Birg trawler Boston College, picked up the call from his brother Frank Pavarola, went to his assistance and took the Grace F in town for Hampton Roads after notifying the coast guard by wireless.

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CCC Driver Is Killed When Trucks Collide On Bridge

Augustine Grady, 23 year old negro enrollee of the local CCC Camp was killed late yesterday in a crash of two trucks at a bridge on Highway No. 74 near Cleveland Springs. Grady was driving an army truck coming west with a load of supplies from Fort Bragg which were to have been delivered at Camp McMurry. Another truck owned by the Atlantic Beer and Ale Company of Charlotte was going east. The two vehicles crashed on the bridge. Willie Caster, also a CCC enrollee, was with Grady but was unhurt. D. C. Durden of Charlotte, driver of the beer truck, was placed under bond, after Coroner Roscoe Lutz

British Will Ask U. S. To Ban Arms To Spain

Proposals To State Department Are Expected

LONDON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Great Britain and other members of the international neutrality committee to isolate the Spanish civil war may urge the United States to ban arms shipments to both Fascists and Socialists, informed sources predicted today. The proposals was expected to be advanced, reliable persons declared, after Whitehall showed concern over the granting in Washington of a license for shipment of air planes to Spain. Sale Now Legal (The United States state department yesterday approved, the sale of planes and parts to the Valencia Socialist government by a New Jersey firm.) British officials declined to comment on the situation pending receipt of a report from the British embassy in Washington. They pointed out, however, it would be "useless" for the non-intervention committee to ban arms shipments for its 28 member nations if other countries supplied war equipment. These authoritative sources declared they realized the United States had no legal provisions at (Continued on page eight.)

FRENCH SEIZE PLANE RABAT, French Morocco, Dec. 29.—(AP)—French officials seized a Spanish insurgent plane today after the pilot had made a forced landing within the French zone near the frontier. FIND BODY CHARLOTTE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The nude body of an unidentified young negro was found near here today on the Southern railway tracks. Police said the man had been slain. A short distance away was found a bundle of clothing, in which was a slip of paper bearing an inscription deciphered by the officers as "1200 Rasing St., S. E., Washington, D. C."

HAILS CONFERENCE SANTOS, Brazil, Dec. 29.—(AP)—United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared his determination to "press forward in the all-important work of consolidating the peace of the Americas," upon his arrival here today enroute to home from the inter-conference. He hailed realization at Buenos Aires of "political arrangements to safeguard peace on this hemisphere."

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RELEASE GERMAN SHIP AS CRUISER REACHES BILBAO

Basques Retain Part Of Cargo And Passengers HAD WAR CARGO?

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Basque radio station at Bilbao today announced the release of the German freighter Palos, alleged Spanish contraband war prize, a short time after the 6,000 ton German cruiser Koenigsberg had steamed into the harbor. The station, however, said the Palos was released under "Basque" conditions. The Basques, who captured the little ship last Thursday and announced she was carrying war material to the Fascists in Spain, refused to surrender a part of the cargo and an unidentified Spanish passenger. Hold Spaniard (A Berlin announcement said the Palos was liberated and proceeded on its trip, but that Spaniards aboard the freighter and part of the cargo were held. A Berlin foreign office spokesman said German efforts now were being concentrated on release of the passengers and the remainder of the cargo.) The Koenigsberg, said reports from Basque representatives here, steamed into the Bilbao port on the Bay of Biscay today and demanded unconditional release of the Palos and her cargo. Negotiations were begun at once by the Basque authorities who, although holding an autonomous status, are staunch supporters of the Socialist government of Spain. At the same time the Basque information bureau here explained the Palos capture was effected by Biscayne marine patrol because it carried war material, would not accord the right of visit within Spanish territorial waters, and had aboard one Spaniard "who destroyed his identity papers." The Basques declined to describe that part of the cargo which they refused to release, but said it was "small."

MADRID HAILS SHIPMENT OF PLANES FROM U. S.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The war ministry was informed today Socialist troops had captured a cemetery at Teruel and Mount Mansueto, giving the Madrid forces complete domination of the Saragossa valley. Despite a thick fog and piercing cold, the reports said, the militiamen took their objectives in the salient northeast of Madrid after (Continued on page eight.)

BOTH SIDES SAY OTHER TO BLAME

No Ground Gained In Settling 61-Day Old Marine Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Opposing forces in the Pacific coast maritime strike exchanged charges of responsibility today for what Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady termed "the first real crisis" in the 61-day shipping tie-up. McGrady said the new break in peace negotiations was over the vital issue of control of hiring, as it would affect licensed ships' officers. Both sides admitted this was the deadlocked issue but the shipowners' committee declared in a statement by T. G. Plant, chairman, "the bombshell that blasted hopes of an early peace" was a demand for settlement with striking machinists at San Francisco bay shipyards. New City Licenses Are Now On Sale New city auto licenses are now on sale at the clerk's office of the city hall. The licenses, which advertise Shelby as well as bring in revenue, will last throughout the year 1937. Old Gold and Black are the colors of the plates and the colors match those of the state licenses. The cost is 50 cents and the clerk said purchase by car owners in the city is required.