

TURKS MUST COME OUT ON SIDE OF U.S. AND ALLIES OR WITH RUSSIA

THE SENTINEL'S NEW BERN RELIEF FUND IS HEADED TOWARD \$4,000

SCOTT CRITICIZES FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW BERN IN REPORT

ALL COMPANIES OUTSIDE THE CITY WHEN FIRE BEGAN

Report Also Asserts Large Quantities High Explosives Were Found In Fire Area

FIRE LOSSES ARE \$2,550,000

Even When Fire Company Got To Scene Found It Had Left A Nozzle And Had To Go After This, Then Found It Had Also Forgotten Wrench; Had To Get This

New Bern, Dec. 7.—New Bern police today are investigating the report made by W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner, that a large amount of high explosives was found in negro houses and in one of their churches.

Lieut. Kurtz, of Fort Bragg, said that only a few shells were found in the ruins of one or two houses.

When shown the story regarding the report of Mr. Scott, in which he criticized the local fire department, James S. Bryan, chief of the New Bern fire department, issued the following statement:

It is true as Mr. Scott says that there was no nozzle on the wagon which was first at the scene of the fire. The delay resulting from this was not greater than three or four minutes.

In regard to Mr. Scott's statement that the insurance on the property destroyed would amount to \$2,550,000, W. H. Henderson, local banker, said one company alone had policies amounting to \$160,000.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—(By Associated Press)—Criticizing the city fire department, estimating the loss at \$2,550,000, and asserting that a large amount of high explosives was found in negro houses and even in one of their churches, the state insurance department today issued the report of W. A. Scott, deputy commissioner, on the New Bern conflagration last week.

As to the origin of the fire, he said, it was unquestionably due to ignition of a single foot by a spark from a terra cotta flue in use for twenty years in the home of Henrietta O'Brien, colored. A small boy discovered the fire and told Henrietta and she, with a half dozen others, saw the fire burning around the flue in the attic.

"By delay of the fire department in reaching the scene," the statement continues, "five houses were burning fiercely and the wind blowing a gale blew the fire around."

In the excitement created by this disaster it was learned today that the crash of a plane piloted by Lieut. Hillard soon thereafter was overlooked. Lieut. Hillard was attempting to make a forced landing as a result of trouble with his gasoline tank, when his machine became uncontrollable. He was only slightly hurt, but his plane was badly damaged.

Claude B. Maynard, structural iron worker, was working on the roof of a building near the field, when he saw the bomber and scout planes collide in the air. He forgot his position and in an effort to follow the falling machines walked off the roof. He is in a hospital here today suffering from a broken leg and other injuries.

14 DAYS LEFT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Salem Is Declared A Class College; A High Distinction

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—Salem College at Winston-Salem, N. C., was declared an A Class institution today by the Southern Association of Colleges, in session here. No other college was added to the list from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia, and only four from the entire South, although thirty-five colleges applied for that recognition.

This is a great honor to Salem College and a distinction of which the entire community and the state have every reason to be proud. There is no higher collegiate recognition possible in America.

The distinction will doubtless be especially gratifying to the citizens of Winston-Salem in view of their co-operation and support in bringing the material equipment of the institution up to such a point as to make "Old Salem" eligible for the high honor conferred today.

The requirements of the Southern Association in the matter of A Class recognition are very rigid and any institution which meets them has every reason for pride in that fact.

INQUIRY INTO THE ACCIDENT AT LANGLEY FIELD

Crash, Which Killed Six Airmen, Appears To Have Been Due To Maj. Gearhart

WRECKAGE IS CLEARED

A Structural Iron Worker Became So Interested In The Collision That He Walked Off Roof He Was Working On, Being Seriously Injured; Another Flyer Hurt

Newport News, Va., Dec. 7.—While arrangements were being completed today for the funerals of the six men who were killed, when a Martin bomber and a Fokker scout plane crashed in mid-air yesterday, a board of inquiry was hearing the testimony of a score of witnesses with a view of determining if possible the causes and responsibility for the accident, which sent the two machines hurtling to earth. The board visited the spot where the planes landed and examined the fire-blackened frames, twisted wires and the few bits of charred wood and canvas. Soon afterwards the wreckage was cleared away.

Witnesses today told the board that it was apparent that Major Gearhart, who piloted the Fokker, did not realize his position until too late. They said that when it appeared he was nearing the squadron of bombing planes and had no way to get out he attempted to avert sideways and upward. This move, they said, was the cause of the collision.

The two officers will be buried in Arlington national cemetery, whether the "Providence" Lumber Company fire, which was outside the corporate limits, had the entire fire department there when the other fire, in the city, began and at the factory fire precious time was lost by

CLEMENCEAU IS AGAIN GUEST OF PRES. HARDING

HE IS STILL GOING STRONG

Strenuous Program For The Past Two Weeks Does Not Seem To Have Affected Him In Least; He Had Conference With Wilson Yesterday; Spoke Last Night

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rising a little later than his usual habit after the strenuous day of yesterday and a night address which kept him up late, Georges Clemenceau today faced a comparative lull in the program which has kept the veteran statesman on the whirl since he brought his campaign for France to the American capital last Monday.

Whether his capacity for sightseeing was to keep The Tiger on the move during the next to his last day's visit, or whether he would take advantage of the easier program and "point" for the concluding and important occasion of his speech tomorrow before the conference of public opinion on world peace, he was apparently letting the day decide.

The Tiger had a busy day yesterday, which included a quarter of an hour's visit with former President Wilson and an address last night before the Southern Society.

Introduced by Hugh C. Wallace, former American ambassador to France, The Tiger was given an ovation by his audience, which included members of the Southern congressional delegations. Reiterating many points of the argument presented in his previous addresses, the speaker received the first interruption of applause when he mentioned ex-President Wilson and his "fourteen points" after putting the question whether the United States "had attained its one aim" of its participation in the war.

Asserting that he had not come to tell the United States "how she should act," M. Clemenceau concluded that what he asked was a "peace act, an act to make the Germans keep peace and to make sure that they pay."

Clemenceau lay abed today until 8 o'clock, four hours after his usual rising time. During the morning he received several visitors, among them Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy; John Hays Han- mon and Col. E. M. House, who arranged his tour.

The guests at the President's luncheon in honor of M. Clemenceau included Vice President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, Secretary Hughes, Mellon, Weeks, Denby, Paik and Davis; Attorney General Daugherty, Speaker Gillette, Senator Lodge and Representative Porter, chairman of the Senate and House foreign affairs committees. Ambassadors Jusserand, and Henry White and Hugh Wallace, both former ambassadors to France.

BELL TEL. CO. EMPLOYEES' MEETING ENDS TODAY

Charlotte, Dec. 7.—H. I. Satterfield, division chief of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, at Raleigh, was granted the complimentary title of "King Psum Hunter," by delegates to the company's employees here as a result of his prowess last night in landing three of the little animals.

Business sessions today, a supper at the Charlotte Country Club and a dance at the Manufacturers' Club were the last events on the convention program, which has dealt largely with ways of improving service.

HEALTH SEALS

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FOR HEALTH

DONATIONS OF CASH AND CLOTHING BEEN POURING IN TODAY

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Subscriptions to the fund being raised thru The Sentinel for the relief of the sufferers from the recent fire in New Bern continued to pour in today, the result being that the fund has now gone above the three thousand dollar mark.

The feature of today's developments was the receipt of a check for \$1,000 from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The check was sent immediately to the mayor of the stricken city and the donation will have a vital part in relieving the distress there, which has been so acute since the conflagration of last week.

The new donations included gifts by business houses, civic and fraternal organizations, churches and individuals. There seems to be in evidence on all sides an earnest desire to aid in relieving the distress of a sister city at a most critical period.

Accompanying many of the donations were expressions of interest in the status of the relief work and offers in more than one case of additional money if it should be necessary.

A feature of the activities in connection with the Sentinel's fund was the donation of 100 blankets by the Chatham Manufacturing Company of this city. These blankets have already been sent and will be sure to aid very materially in making more comfortable many of the victims of this disaster.

The fund will be kept open for several days. Donations of money and of clothing, particularly for children under twelve years of age, are still needed and any gifts will be gladly received.

A number of boxes of clothing have already been secured under the direction of Mrs. John

Dillard, chairman of the Social Service Department of the Woman's Club, aided by other members, and these have been sent as rapidly. Clothing should be sent to either Mr. W. H. Holcomb or Mr. R. R. Kinney's office at the City Hall, where the various packages are boxed and prepared for shipment.

As stated above, donations will be received thruout the week and those who have thought of aiding in this most worthy cause are urged to do so at once. Each day money received is being sent by telegraph to the mayor of New Bern and the clothing is being dispatched by express to the chairman of the relief committee in the stricken city.

NEW DONATIONS R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. \$1000.00 Winston-Salem Hebrew Congregation 100.00 Cash 10.00 American Oil Co. 15.00 J. T. Etheridge 5.00 J. B. Dyer 10.00 Mrs. A. V. Maslin 5.00 Cash 2.00 Mrs. Flora T. Williamson 2.00 Mrs. R. C. Kelly 5.00 M. W. Mattison 5.00 R. E. Clodfelter 5.00 Cash 1.00 Foreman R. J. R. Leaf House No. 1 20.00 John W. Pulp 2.00 O. S. Zimmerman 5.00 P. T. Lehman 5.00 Trivers Clothing Shop 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Spivey 3.00 Contributions thru Baron Club (colored) 125.42 Previously acknowledged 1760.00 Snyder Credit Co. 5.00 C. O. O'Brien 5.00 Mrs. A. H. Galloway 5.00

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Fewer Persons Dying Among The 29,000,000 Who Are Insured In U. S. and Canada

EQUALS THE YEAR OF 1921

This Leads Medical Director To Conclude That There Is A Distinct Permanent Improvement In National Health Conditions; Rate Of Deaths 6.9 Per 1,000

New York, Dec. 7.—Life insurance death claims up to November 1 show that the United States and Canada are experiencing a health record this year almost identical with that of 1921, which was the best in public health history.

A survey of these claims, covering the deaths for the first ten months of 1922 among 29,000,000 insured persons, was submitted to the twenty annual convention of the association of life insurance presidents here today by Dr. Augustus Knight, medical director of the Metropolitan Life insurance company of this city.

"This year's experience with a low death rate is considered all the more remarkable because the first quarter of the year began with a much higher mortality than did the corresponding period in 1921.

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Still further material reductions are noted in 1922 from deaths of tuberculosis and typhoid fever, while suicides, homicides and children's diseases, with the exception of measles, also showed some decrease.

SEARCH FOR THE PHILLIPS WOMAN WITHOUT RESULT

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MUST SIDE WITH RUSSIA OR ALLIES ON STRAITS ISSUE

Which Ever Course They Take May Lead To More Serious Trouble Later On

FEARS RUSSIA AS IN PAST

Russia's Proposals Would Practically Make Black Sea a Russian Lake; Then, Too, U. S. Has Sided With Allies, Which Makes Issue Even More Serious One

Lausanne, Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—The Turkish delegates to the Near East conference today faced the difficult problem of deciding whether Turkey, in formulating her plan for control of the Dardanelles, should cast her lot with Russia or with the entente powers and the United States. Turkey's suggestions for the solution of the perplexing straits question will be made public tomorrow at the Hotel Du Chateau.

Enver Pasha and his associates in formulating their plans, were faced by the sharp differences of opinion between Great Britain and Russia in the discussion of the Dardanelles question. If Turkey can get the go-over to the British, she fears the fate Russian army on her eastern frontier; if on the other hand she sides with Russia in demanding complete control of the waterway she fears the British navy in the straits.

The Turks thus far have temporized by saying they favored M. Tchitcherine's plan; but they took this attitude before they had heard the solution offered by the powers.

Enver Pasha and his associates were impressed by the plan presented by Lord Curzon yesterday in behalf of the entente, which was approved in general by the statement of the position of the United States. The Turkish apparently cannot forget that Russia is Turkey's traditional enemy and that Premier Lenin's government may not be less covetous of Constantinople and the straits than was the government of the Czar.

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Turkey, however, in considering Russia's plan, apparently has an eye upon her own pocketbook. If she adopted M. Tchitcherine's proposals Turkey would be forced to make a great outlay for a fleet and fortification and as she has no money she would prefer to have some one else bear the expense of policing the straits.

Enver Pasha is in constant communication with Mustapha Kemal Pasha.

There are many rumors of a possible adjournment of the congress for the Christmas holidays, inasmuch as the situation between the powers and Turkey has cleared considerably.

The question of the capitulations is in an even worse tangle than the straits problem, by Great Britain.

DESPERATE NEGRO SHOT OFFICER IN ARKANSAS

Marked Tree, Ark., Dec. 7.—Several hundred "possemen" with bloodhounds were believed early today to have surrounded Mack Key, negro, who last night shot to death Izzy Phillips, 55 years old, and fatally wounded Louis Finley, 55, farmers and members of a posse which had attempted to arrest Key for an attack upon a deputy sheriff in a swamp near here.

The negro after barricading himself in a barn following his attack upon the deputy sheriff is said to have shot his way "thru a posse of 100 men" Key firing thru a crack in the barn killed Phillips and wounded Finley.

Key was said to have resisted arrest when a deputy sheriff served warrant upon him charging wife-beating.

Ralph DePalma In Jail For Speeding, Has One Complaint

Modesto, Calif., Dec. 7.—Ralph DePalma, noted race driver, serving time in the Modesto county jail for speeding, has only one complaint, he told Early Cooper, another race driver, who visited him.

DePalma is surprised, he said, because he is the only inmate in the county prison whose conviction is not for violation of the prohibition law.

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