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"Over 10,000 People Welcome You to Asheboro, the Center of North Carolina"

CROSS CHARGED WITH FORT BRAGG CRIME

Nineteen Found Dead In Plane Crash; Fell From 10,000 Foot Level In Uinth Mountain Range

Worst In American History; Crew Of Three Die

Search Party Arrived At Scene This Morning; Traveled All Night.

How Hindered Work Attempt to Bring All Bodies Before Nightfall; No Cause Reported.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 19.—A searching party reached the "main liner" high in the mountains today and found 19 occupants of the plane dead. Ralph Johnson a United Airline pilot and one of the ground crewers who kept going all night in the snow, informed L. D. Cuddick, superintendent, that a search of the wreck showed no sign of life.

Johnson brought out word of the tragedy—the greatest number of persons killed in an American air crash—the line quickly assembled officials, airplanes and ground workers to bring out the wreckage.

Johnson went up the big airplane, "looked in and out 16 passengers and its crew three dead."

Because of the condition of the plane, Johnson was unable to make a complete investigation. He waited until he started immediately in the mountainside for help.

The great airliner, missing since Mountain Time Sunday (10:16 P. M.), was enroute from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Salt Lake City.

It was first sighted from the air Tuesday morning in the most difficult section where it crashed in about the 10,000 foot level.

The search party was aided by a search plane but the bitter cold made the going difficult. The officials refused to comment on the condition of the victim's bodies.

It Was Practically Cataclysmic



It took 300 cats and the Itz brothers (not to mention pounds of feline felicitating liver) to make the above movie scene called "Pussy Pussy," and it took Hollywood days to recover from a situation that wasn't petty. Prop men offered 50 cents each for cats. Small boys got busy. Complaints poured in. The chief of police retrieved his Persian from the studio and called an hour later to report that it already had been "swiped" again.

T'wasn't an Air Raid--Nor A Shell, But it Was a Bang

Visions of air raids—heavy "ash cans" and other projectiles of death were envisioned by several hundred residents of Asheboro, particularly those residing in the northwestern section Sunday night when their homes, automobiles and other places of refuge were shaken by a heavy detonation.

The blast, or echo of a blast, came in the quiet of a peaceful Sabbath evening. It shook houses, rattled dishes, and caused verbal outbursts from several verbal dogs in the vicinity of the Asheboro cemetery.

Residents in the vicinity of North Fayetteville, Ward, Cemetery, Salisbury and other nearby streets fled out-of-doors fearful of finding devastation in their wake.

The cry was "What is it—where is it?" No one could answer. One man, who had been enjoying the reading of a "blood and thunder" novel, by his wife, beat his spouse to the roadway—another trampled over a dog and from a large boarding house on Fayetteville stumbled more people than the house seemed able to accommodate comfortably.

Automobiles were started and every man and his brother started a wild chase somewhere for something. Too, came the police and, behind their car came dozens and dozens of others. The moment one car stopped every other driver "stepped on it" to "git" there.

American Loss In Shanghai Fixed At Over 15 Millions

United States Investment Concentrated at the War-Torn Center.

Three Americans Die

Japs Opened New Drive On Entire Front; Seek End Of War This Month.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.—(AP)—After sixty-eight days of warfare in Shanghai districts, American officials and business men estimated today that American losses from bombs, shells and fires were at least \$15,000,000. Foreign investments in Shanghai total about \$3,300,000,000. The total loss of other foreigners was expected to be many times that of Americans since the British control 38 percent and the Japanese 36 percent of the foreign stake.

A survey by American Consul General Clarence E. Gauss, showed casualties in the international settlement and in the French concession, up to October 10, included 1,900 Chinese and 6 foreigners killed.

The death list included three Americans, 4 Russians, 3 Germans, and 2 British. There were several others.

American insurance men pointed out that more than 65 percent of American business invested in China is concentrated in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Japanese troops launched another major drive on all Shanghai fronts to night in an apparent effort to drive out the Chinese forces before the Brussels 9-power conference convenes at the end of the month to seek an end to the Far Eastern conflict.

Chinese said the heavy attack was centered in the Tazang sector, now the most important post on the Shanghai front.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Chinese troops struck back at Japanese to day in a sharp counter-offensive near Tazan, the center of the Chinese supply lines on the Shanghai front.

The Chinese attacked the Japanese who had launched one-half mile gain drive yesterday.

In that engagement, an entire detachment of 1,400 Chinese and 3,000 Japanese troops were reported killed when the Japs attempted to sever Chinese food and munition supply routes.

Straus New Head Of Housing Unit

New York Banker Named To Nation-wide Post by President Roosevelt.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Oct. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt set in motion the federal government's vast new low-cost housing and slum clearance program by appointing Nathan Straus of New York city as administrator.

The youngish Straus, long a student of housing problems in the New York metropolitan area, will take over his new \$10,000 post Wednesday after a conference at the White House with the President and Secretary Ickes.

His title will be administrator of the United States housing authority, a division created in the Wagner-Stengall act under Ickes' Interior department.

Controls Big Program He will have control of a \$250,000,000 long range program aimed at elimination of big city slums and provisions of low-rent homes and apartments for the poorer classes.

The appointment was announced after Straus emerged from a long conference with the President at the temporary White House.

Polish Tennis Star Goes Home



Back home with a broken toe and a trail of tennis conquests longer than her name goes Jadwiga Jedrzewska (just call her Jaddy), sturdy Polish star. After a triumphant tour of the nation, Jaddy ran into a double fault trying a high lob shot to play her handbag into a train rack. Shown aboard the Elusdski leaving New York, she said the "best sportswomen in the world" are American tennis players.

"Cotton Ed" Meets State's Farmers

South Carolina Senator At Winston Meeting; Discusses Bill.

South Carolina's Senator, "Cotton Ed" Smith yesterday met with farmers and agriculturalists from the state of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia in Winston-Salem to discuss the situation now existing among the farmers, in the hope of being able to help remedy the situation when the special meeting of Congress convenes the 15th of next month.

Senator Smith is attempting to compile all data possible on the farmer's problems in order to be able to present them in order to be able to carry out at the same time the wishes of the majority of crop growers.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.—(AP)—A Japanese warplane was blown to bits by its own cargo of bombs today when the heavily loaded plane crashed after Chinese anti-aircraft fire in Chapei scored a direct hit.

Ross Family Pay \$50,000; No Word From Kidnappers

Federal Bureau Reported Money Contact; Wife In Lone Transaction.

Missing For 24 Days

Deadline For Safe Return Expired at 8 A. M.; Bills Made Up Ransom Stack.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—(AP)—D. M. Ladd, of the federal bureau of Washington, announced today the family of Charles Ross, retired greeting card manufacturer, had paid \$50,000 for Ross' return.

Ladd's statement said his department could give no information as to details of the payments, "which was handled entirely by the family on what they believed definite proof in connection with the kidnapers."

Ross was kidnaped 24 days ago and at 8 a. m. today, the deadline set by Mrs. Ross for word from the abductors, she had received no word.

"We of course, could not be a party to the payment of a ransom in a kidnaping case," the statement read, "and was necessarily handled by the family. As we are advised, the family waited for a reasonable period of time for the release of Mr. Ross then gave out statements which appeared in the newspapers, Sunday, October 17."

Ladd said the payment was made in bills of \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations.

Lighting Expert To Lecture Here

Business Men Invited to Meeting Tuesday Night in M. P. Church.

The Carolina Power and Light corporation, Tuesday night, will entertain the business men of Randolph county and the city of Asheboro at a lecture designed to assist in electric lighting of show windows and window display.

The lecture will take place in the M. P. church.

The General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y., is sending a lighting expert from its plant there to outline the latest and most modern systems of show window lighting. All merchants and others interested are invited to attend the lecture.

Prior to the meeting the company will be host to the guest speaker at dinner.

Sale Postponed

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 19.—(AP)—State Treasurer E. P. Miller, said today the scheduled sale of certificates of indebtedness to finance a big building program at state colleges was postponed because it had not been "properly advertised."

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Headquarters of the Southern Methodist church reported tonight more than a third of its conferences had voted on unification, all in favor of the proposed plan.

President Hikes Budget; \$895,235,000 in The Red

Washington, Oct. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt hiked his estimate of the Federal deficit for this fiscal year by \$277,000,000 yesterday, forecasting the Treasury would run \$895,235,000 into the red by next June 30.

Revamping the budget issued last April, the President whittled his estimate of revenues by \$255,000,000 bringing the figure down to \$6,550,410,000. He said spending would be \$21,000,000 greater than anticipated and would total \$7,345,555,000 exclusive of \$200,000,000 for debt retirement.

Net 695 Million. The estimate gross deficit of \$895,235,000 included the \$200,000,000 to be spent for paying off debt. Exclusive of this, the net deficit was forecast at \$695,235,000, compared with a forecast of \$418,000,000 last April and a net deficit of \$2,707,347,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30.

Mr. Roosevelt gave no reason for his sharp reduction in the revenue estimate for this year, but authorities assumed it was predicated on the severe stock market decline and recent down-swings in various business indices.

On the spending side, the Chief Executive said numerous factors had arisen since last April to increase spending, including expanded

Asheboro Hunter Held Without Bail; Others Jailed, \$10,000 Bonds

Evangelist Here



Charlie Howard, well known evangelist from Campbell college, who is assisting Rev. L. R. O'Brian in the annual revival meeting which began last night at the Asheboro Baptist church.

Soldier Killed As He Arrested 4 Men On Federal Ground

Sheriff Reports Cross Did Murder With Companion's Automatic Shotgun.

Head Blown Away

Claim Defendant Used Deer For Shield as He Loosed Bullets.

Raeford, N. C. Oct. 19.—(AP)—Bill Cross, 43, Asheboro hunter, last night was charged with the killing of Sergeant J. F. Mott of the Fort Bragg reservation, and at the order of a coroner's jury, was held without bond in the Hoke County jail here.

H. S. Rush, Jesse Crofts and Walt Routh, also of Randolph county, alleged companions of Cross at the time of the killing were held in jail in default of \$10,000 bail each.

They were charged with being accessories after the fact.

The coroner's jury opened its deliberations late yesterday afternoon due to the fact one jurymen, Charles B. Spivey, Raeford, fainted while attending the funeral of Sergeant Mott held at Parker's church, near Fayetteville. He was ill for some time but later attended the inquiry.

T. A. McNeill, Lumberton, solicitor of Hoke county conducted the inquiry.

None of the defendants took the witness stand.

The chief state witnesses were Sheriff D. H. Hodgins and W. R. Barrington, his deputy. D. L. Guinn, an overseer employed on the reservation was also a state witness.

Guinn found Mott's body, with the head blown partially off, a few minutes after he had encountered the four Randolph county men carrying a dead deer.

Rush, according to Sheriff Hodgins' testimony, was the key towards unravelling what first appeared to be a crime with few clues, the sheriff stated.

According to the sheriff, Rush and he was supported by Routh and Crofts—told him they had shot a deer on the reservation early Saturday morning. They then carried the deer to their car which was parked on the federal property.

While lugging the deer the men met Sergeant Mott who ordered them to stand still saying "I'll have to arrest you."

Cross broke away saying: "You're not putting me under arrest."

Cross, the sheriff quoted the trio as saying, then picked up the deer and held it up between and Mott at the same time picking up Routh's gun.

"They said they heard a shot and saw Mott fall but didn't actually see the gun fired," the sheriff quoted Cross' three companions.

Cross who stated he had been arrested seven times for violation of game laws, cross-examined the witness but did not refer to any material facts concerning the actual shooting.

War Mothers Will Meet In Asheboro

Executive Board of State Install Officers Here Saturday Morning.

The executive board of the American War Mothers will meet in Asheboro Saturday morning at 10:30 at the home of Mrs. J. S. Lewis for the installation of new state officers elected at the state meeting held in Wilson recently.

During the meeting business will be taken up and discussed, and the delegates who attended the National convention in Detroit recently will give a report on the convention's activities. The delegates to Wilson were Mrs. R. E. Ridenhour of Concord and Mrs. A. P. Grier, president of American mothers.

The Legion auxiliary will entertain at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. G. Crutchfield.

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—(AP)—North Carolina's "administration party," composed of supporters of Governor Hoey, to date has given a wide berth to the Democratic senatorial contest.

Asheboro Greets Tourists; Receive City's Souvenirs

State Organization Made Brief Stop Here; Many Products Exhibited.

It was early for a Sabbath morning but Asheboro's welcoming committee to the State Travel Tour arrived Sunday and journeyed to Winston-Salem in time to leave that city at 8 o'clock, escorting the tour to the central town of the state with a cordial welcome and Asheboro's best wishes.

Among the delegates from Asheboro that journeyed to the twin city to accompany the tour home were Harris Birkhead, president, and Cleveland Thayer, secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, J. D. Ross, vice-president of the Randolph bank, Senator Henry L. Ingram, Standard Oil company distributor, Seddon Goode, and Patrolman Hubert V. Norris.

The motoring group arrived in Asheboro at 9:15 A. M., and were warmly greeted at the Sunset theatre by C. G. Bossong, president of the tour, and J. C. Cranford, president of the Asheboro Hosiery Mills, J. Francis White,

president of the General Lumber company, D. B. McCrary, N. M. Cranford, C. W. McCrary, and numerous other townspeople.

After greetings and introductions the tour was given souvenirs of Asheboro, coming from various industries here. From the Asheboro, McCrary and Bossong Hosiery Mills came silk hosiery for each member of the tour. McLaurin and Tip Top furnished socks for the male members while Stedman Manufacturing company replenished the visitor's handkerchief supply. The advertising campaigners of the state expressed pleasure in being in Asheboro, were well pleased with the reception given them and marveled at the progress of one of the fastest growing towns in the state.

The Weather North Carolina. Cloudy with occasional rains tonight, ending in the east and central portions Wednesday morning. Cooler Wednesday morning in the western and in central portions tonight.

Hyde Park, N. Y. Oct. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, on record again for cuts in Federal relief costs and greater local and private aid to the needy, ended another week at the temporary White House and plans to leave tonight for Washington.

He had only one official caller—William E. Dodd, ambassador to Germany who is on his way back to Berlin after a vacation.