

Giant Airship Is Safely Piloted Back to Hangar

After Mad Chase Up the Atlantic Coast to New York, Monster Dirigible Safely Steered to Home Field. SEVERE TEST FOR SHIP, PILOT SAYS

Man Who Piloted Ship in Storm Says She is Ready For and Strong Enough to Make Trip to Polar Zone.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The U. S. cruiser Tacoma, aground on Blanquilla Reef off Vera Cruz has three compartments flooded, according to wireless reports from the ship received today by the Navy Department. Tugs were standing by, it was said.

Relief Ship Hinderd. Galveston, Tex., Jan. 17.—While the U. S. Sloop Pensacola was en route to the aid of the U. S. cruiser Tacoma, aground and in distress on the Blanquilla Reef, 16 miles from Vera Cruz, Mexico, heavy seas were preventing a tug from drawing alongside the cruiser, according to a naval wireless message received here.

Overnight Selling Orders Caused Irregularity at Opening of Market Today. New York, Jan. 17.—There were overnight selling orders in the cotton market which caused some irregularity at the opening today and first prices were barely steady at and advance of 15 points on January, but generally unchanged to 14 points lower on the more active positions.

AGED COBBLER SUICIDE WAS WEDDED TO CHILD. Tragic Death of Atlanta Man Reveals His Remarkable Romance.

MASONS WILL CONTINUE TO HELP ORPHANAGE. Grand Lodge in State to Give \$50,000 Annually to Oxford Institution.

DISCUSSION OF MUSCLE SHOALS MATTER REOPENED. House Committee Puts Further Consideration Off Till Thursday.

Taxes in France to Be Increased 20 Per Cent. Paris, Jan. 15. (By the Associated Press.)—The French cabinet, acting today in the financial crisis caused by the fall of the franc, decided to increase all taxes, direct and indirect, by 20 per cent. It also decided to reduce the recoverable budget in 1924 to 5,000,000,000 francs which will be met by this new taxation.

THRIFT CAMPAIGN IN CONCORD GETS OFF TO FINE BEGINNING

Opening Event in Week's Program Was Address by H. R. Dwire, Newspaper Man From Twin-City.

THRIFT AND ITS EFFECT DISCUSSED. Schools and Public Places in the City to Be Visited by Speakers During the Campaign Which Lasts a Week

Declaring that it is best that one go to the Bible to get the true definition and meaning of thrift, which is very definite terms he described as the very antithesis of stinginess, H. R. Dwire, editor of the Winston-Salem Sentinel, opened the Thrift Week campaign in Concord Wednesday night with a very able address delivered before a representative crowd at the court house.

Mr. Dwire, who came to Concord at the invitation of L. M. Richmond, of the Concord Rotary Club, was introduced by W. G. Caswell, of the Rotary Club, after Dr. S. W. Rankin, president of the club, briefly stated the purpose of the meeting.

Several numbers by the band of the Stonewall Jackson Training School proved enjoyable features of the meeting, the band playing one number at the square before beginning the regular concert at the court house.

Mr. Dwire stated in beginning his address that he was delighted to know that Concord was to conduct a thrift campaign. It is encouraging, he stated, to see that people are studying fundamentals instead of sitting idly by while so-called fundamentals are being studied by some group or class who are looking merely for the spectacular.

It is necessary for a community or individual to have vision if it would appreciate thrift, Mr. Dwire stated in pointing out that should he have selected a text he would have chosen the sentence of Solomon: "Where there is no vision the people perish." Vision is essential to any thrift, he added.

Where there is so much extravagance there is little thrift, Mr. Dwire stated. Americans, he charged, put too much reliance on the country's great resources. They think their resources will never give out, and they are not learning the true meaning of thrift.

"We talk in billions now just as we formerly talked in thousands. We can get an idea of a billion by remembering that there hasn't been a billion minutes since Jesus Christ was born."

Mr. Dwire stated that in reading facts about Concord he was impressed with the city's commercial growth, but he stated that the greatest asset of this or any city is its intangible resources. "I mean by this," he added, "co-operation between individuals, the obligation felt to help the unfortunate, the obligation felt to help the undeveloped, the need to develop a city, and yet do not show on the balance sheets."

Generally fair tonight and Friday somewhat colder tonight.

SPEAKERS FOR THRIFT WEEK Friday, January 18th

Table listing speakers for Thrift Week, including Hartsell Mills School, Brown Mill School, High School, Central Grammar School, etc.

STATE PORT AND SHIP COMMISSION MEETING

Holding Sessions in Charlotte and Devoing Time to Completion of Its Report. Charlotte, Jan. 17.—The State Port and Ship Commission met at 10:30 this morning to start work of drawing up the report to be submitted to the Governor and Cameron Morrison.

The commission, according to Chairman R. M. Miller, probably will be in session here again tomorrow. "We may have another meeting after this one," he said, "before we can finish the report. It probably will be some time before the report is available."

Mr. Miller said the commission would begin work on the report at today's session, but said unless something unexpected transpired nothing would be available for publication at this time.

"Thrift Week" Begins January 17. New York, Jan. 15.—"Success and Happiness" has been approved as the watchword for the thrift campaign of the coming year. It is announced further by the National Thrift Committee that the Dallas plan is being adopted by other cities for the spread of thrift through the public schools.

Thrift Week will be observed from January 17, the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, to January 23. The program of the week is based on the ten points of the Success Creed as follows: Work and Earn. Make a Budget. Record Expenditures. Have a Bank Account. Carry Life Insurance. Own Your Own Home. Make a Will. Invest in Safe Securities. Pay Bills Promptly and Share With Others.

Eight counties in Michigan did not have a man sentenced to their county jails last year.

spirit is here. We must push the campaign, regardless of the pessimists. There are those who say it can't be done. There are those who say it can't be done. Hard work it takes, but the results will be worth all the effort required. It can't be done some will say. Let them say it, and then go ahead and put it across."

Quite a lot of interest is being shown in the Thrift Week movements here by the local merchants. Some are putting on sales while practically all are going to enter the window display contest. Mr. Parks Lafferty, in charge of this contest, is very enthusiastic concerning the contest and assures the people of Concord that there will be some windows that will be a credit to the city.

Cine's Pharmacy, Sanitary Grocery Co., Fisher's, Eird's, Ritchie Hardware Co., Ivey Shoe Co., Browns-Cannon Co., J. E. Love, J. H. Farley's, Cabarrus Drug Co., Hoover's, Porter Drug Co., Pearl Drug Co., Concord Furniture Co., Gibson Drug Co., Robinson's, W. C. Cornell Jewelry Co., York & Wadsworth Co., Parks-Belk Co. (No window but will use cards), McLellan 5 and 10 Cent Store, Dove & Best, Ritchie-Caldwell Co., Richmond-Flowe Co., Starnes-Miller-Parker Co., Concord Gas Co., Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co., Orchard Produce Co.

Vote of Confidence. Paris, Jan. 17 (By the Associated Press).—The Chamber of Deputies today expressed confidence in the government by a vote of 394 to 18, refusing immediate discussion of an interpellation on the subject of pensions.

The new parliament is the thirteenth in the history of England.

Why Have a Bank Account— 1. A checking account enables you to pay your bills in a business way. 2. Your cancelled checks are receipts for bills paid. 3. Doing business with a bank increases your credit and financial standing. 4. A bank pays interest on savings deposits. 5. Your money is safe in a bank. 6. A banker will give reliable advice on investments. 7. A bank is a safe place to leave valuables and important papers. 8. Doing business with a bank encourages you to save more. 9. A bank account tends to increase confidence in yourself. 10. Your savings bank deposits invested by the banker in industrial advancement directly contributes to the country's prosperity.

BAILEY ANNOUNCES PLATFORM OF CANDIDACY

Summarizes Issues He Intends to Carry to the People. Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Josiah Bailey, of Raleigh, who, on last State day, announced his intention of a candidate at the June primary for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina to succeed Cameron Morrison, tonight issued the platform on which he will stand for election. Together with his platform, Mr. Bailey issued a statement summarizing the issues which he stated he intended to carry to the people in his campaign.

"The statement I am giving to the press speaks for itself," declared Mr. Bailey. "I shall undertake to canvass the State between now and the primary. I expect to develop four outstanding issues as follows: 1. Taxation with a view to showing the unjust measure of taxes imposed upon land, especially farms and small homes, and developing a just tax policy and showing that taxes may be reduced without impairing the State's progress."

"2. I propose to disclose to our people the terrible handicap under which they have labored and are laboring in the matter of unjust freight rates and I shall show the true state of affairs that will abolish the State. I intend to show the record of railroad imposition upon this State stretching over thirty years and costing us tens of millions of dollars. We are now approaching a crisis in this matter. I have the evidence to show that every effort of the State for just freight rates has been defeated by the railroads and I think I can show that the Atlantic Coast Line has taken a leading part in blocking every plan to bring about a fair freight rate situation and now that the crisis is approaching it is proceeding with a view to blocking us again."

"3. I shall develop practical plans for agricultural relief. 4. I realize that certain administration leaders, and their henchmen, who designate themselves 'the machine' are, and have for months been, in battle array not just to encompass my defeat but to perpetuate themselves in a political dynasty."

FURTHER PETITIONS FOR TAX REDUCTIONS HEARD

Mellon Tax Plan Also Gets Consideration in Both the Senate and House. Washington, Jan. 17.—Further petitions for tax reduction were heard today by the House Ways and Means Committee while a variety of projects, proposing modification of the Mellon tax revision plan, were under discussion among the various groups in both the Senate and House.

ASQUITH TO SUPPORT LABOR MOVEMENT

Says He Has "No Confidence" in the Baldwin Government. London, Jan. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Former Premier Asquith, leader of the reunited liberal party, announced in the House of Commons today that he would vote in favor of the labor amendment, expressing "no confidence" in the Baldwin government, and would advise all his friends to do the same.

Other Hotel Stock Cases to Be Heard

Charlotte, Jan. 17.—Decision was reached here this week to defer the trial of several cases involving purchase of stock in the Citizens Hotel until after the first of February when they will be heard at the civil term of court. The cases had been set for the special term of civil court which convened Monday but attorneys reached an agreement to postpone them.

North Carolina Merchants Association

Statesville, Jan. 17.—Wednesday, February 20th, it has been announced here by J. Paul Leonard, executive secretary, has been agreed upon as the date for the mid-winter session of the North Carolina Merchants' Association. The meeting will be held at Raleigh. A special effort, it is said, will be made to have newly obtained members of the association secured during the recent campaign. All officers of local associations also are urged to be present.

Guilford Hospital Formally Opened

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 17.—Guilford county's new tuberculosis hospital, erected at a cost of \$150,000, was formally thrown open for inspection by the people of the county today.

OUTSTANDING MOVES

MEXICO FEWER NOW. During the Last 24 Hours No Unusual Fighting Has Taken Place Along Jalisco or Vera Cruz Fronts.

CERTAIN REPORTS ARE NOT VERIFIED

Rebels Announce They Control Oil Wells and Pipe Lines in Cerro Azul District But Facts Are Missing

Mexico City, Jan. 17 (by radio via Fort Worth Star-Telegram)—The War Department will neither confirm nor deny reports that the revolutionists have obtained control of oil wells and pipelines in the rich Cerro Azul district in Vera Cruz, and nearby producing centers. The department announces, however, that the commanders of the Federal forces operating south from Tampico in the oil field districts have not submitted reports in the last few days.

SEVERE STORM CAUSES DAMAGE IN NEW YORK

Five Deaths Attributed to Storm, Which Also Caused Big Property Damage. New York, Jan. 17.—One of the most severe January wind and rain storms that has struck New York City and vicinity in years had subsided today after indirectly causing five deaths, considerable property loss, and damage to small shipping in the harbor and along the New Jersey coast.

PART OF ALASKA IS VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE

Severe Shock Felt at 10:50 O'clock on Tuesday Morning, Says Reporters. Steamship Latoche, via St. Paul Island, Alaska, Jan. 17 (By the Associated Press).—The inhabitants of Belkowsky and vicinity reported that a severe earthquake occurred at 10:50 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The shock lasted seven minutes. The southern edge of the Pavlov volcano blew off. Belkowsky is on the Alaska peninsula. St. Paul Island is one of the Pribilof Islands.

Big Clearance Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.

The Parks-Belk Co. will make the last nine days of their January Clearance Sale the greatest of all for bargains. Beginning tomorrow morning, January 18th, they will have special sales on many lines, as long as the goods last. In a page ad today they mention some of the hundreds of bargains they have ready for you.

Edward Riggs Dead

New York, Jan. 17.—Edward R. Riggs, for many years political editor of the New York Sun, and since his resignation in 1913 in charge of publicity for the New York, New Hampshire and Hartford Railway, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He was 68 years old.

Blue Laws at Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Jan. 17.—"Blue Laws" are being enforced at Winston-Salem, it is said. The city authorities have decided that the statutes must be enforced and as a result stores, soft drink stands have been notified to remain closed. Last Sunday one store was halted to court for remaining open.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Generally fair tonight and Friday somewhat colder tonight.

Mr. Easlee Griffin has entered the Concord Hospital for treatment. He has not been well for some time, although he has been able to be at his work with the Parks-Belk Company.