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Were Electrical and Wind Storm Did Damage In City; No One Was Seriously Hurt

Wind Storm Was Confined Almost Wholly to Concord

The wind storm which wrought havoc in Concord last night seemed confined almost wholly to this city, judging by reports reaching here today. Rain fell in other parts of the county and there was plenty of lightning in the rural sections around the city, but damage from wind was reported only in isolated spots in the county.

Charlotte reports a heavy rain from 8 to 9 o'clock last night but there was no wind and no destructive lightning. Mt. Pleasant and Kannapolis report rains with no wind to amount to anything.

Some crops between Concord and Mt. Pleasant and other spots, according to reports, were damaged by hail and wind, but generally speaking the hail and wind were confined to Concord. Along Big Cold Water Creek, between this city and Mt. Pleasant, some corn was damaged by wind and

Rare Operation



In order to save the life of Edith Levens, 14, of Cambridge, Mass., surgeons were forced to cut open her heart. Edith, now on the road to complete recovery, is believed to be the only person in the world whose heart has been opened and who lived after the operation.

BELGIAN DEBT NOW GIVEN THOUGHT AT THE CAPITAL CITY

Conferees Trying to Find New Ground on Which to Continue Efforts to Reach Agreement.

FIRST PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTED

This Proposal Made to Belgian Mission Yesterday, and Its Failure Made the New Move Necessary.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A new ground upon which to continue their effort to reach an agreement for refunding of Belgium's war debt to this country was sought today by American and Belgian debt commissions.

This was made necessary by the rejection by the Belgians of a proposal made yesterday by the American in counter to that of the visitors previously found unacceptable by the American government.

Wizards and Goblins Parade



Here is Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans, center, and his aides in silken robes leading the parade of Klansmen down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington, D. C.

CONFESSED SLAYER BEING TAKEN BACK TO MISSOURI TOWN

Everett Adams, Confessed Slayer of A. R. Clawson, Will Be Tried for Murder in Sedalia, Mo.

BODY OF CLAWSON FOUND NEAR THERE

Adams Was Arrested In Kansas But He Told Officers General Location in Which He Placed Body.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Everett Adams, 17 year old Wilmington, Ohio, high school boy, the confessed slayer of A. R. Clawson, school teacher of Lodi, N. Y., today was on his way to Sedalia, Mo., from Garden City, Kans., in custody of officers, to answer a charge of first degree murder.

Sedalia is the seat of Pettis County. It was near Lamotte, in that county, where the decomposed body of Clawson was found yesterday in a ditch where it had lain since August 1st. Adams confessed he had put the body there after he had shot Clawson to death following an attempt to rob him.

Urges Greater Care With All County Government

Governor McLean Tells Commissioners New System of Managing County Affairs Is One of the Greatest Needs In State at This Time.

(By the Associated Press)

Blowing Rock, Aug. 13.—"An antiquated system of county government, as in State government, is largely responsible for the defects in administration which exist in many counties," Governor McLean today told the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, in a written message. "I regret it is impossible for me to appear before this body in person," he wrote. "I deem it a privilege, however, as well as a pleasure to accept the invitation to address this message to your association."

Governor McLean declared that his administration was earnestly trying to place the State government on a sound business basis, "so flexible as to be adjustable to progress and human needs." He urged reformation in county government in North Carolina.

"At the outset," the governor wrote, "I desire to express to each member of the association my appreciation of the earnest efforts being made in a number of counties to improve local government by increasing the value of the service to the people. . . . Due to constantly increasing activities and services which each county government is now called on to perform, I am sure you will agree with me that the present system has become in a large measure inadequate and unadapted to present day needs. In many instances it lacks organized unity under definite and responsible executive leadership. There is sometimes duplication of effort and overlapping duties, and an absence of proper fiscal control. Such a condition is not the fault of the officials, most of whom are competent and faithful. It is the fault of a system that at one time was fairly adequate for the needs of the day, but which now, under the changed conditions, has become inadequate because of its failure to meet the demands made upon it. Those who now hold county offices, have inherited this antiquated system. I think all of us agree that county government, unless State government, must be made adequate for present day needs. The confidence of the people in local government must be maintained. I believe that our future progress is dependent, to a large extent at least, upon the confidence which our citizens have in their government, and this confidence will be secure only when the people realize that public funds are used in such a way that every dollar is accounted for and expended wisely in purchasing needed service for all the people. Our efforts have been directed of late to the task of placing the State government on a sound business basis, and it is not too much to say that good results have been accomplished. The State government is a large unit, composed of the smaller units—the counties. The strength of the State then, in a large measure, rests upon the successful conduct of the affairs of the counties."

"We are earnestly striving in North Carolina to place our State government on a sound business basis, so flexible as to be adjustable to progress and human needs. I believe this will inspire greater confidence in

and create greater respect for our State government at home and at the same time conserve our credit and resources in such a way that we can continue to expand our highway system, our schools, and other works of public improvement generally. There is a growing and insistent demand that there shall be improvement in local government also.

"We are expending annually twenty and in some instances a hundred times more for schools, roads, and other public services than we expended a generation ago, and in some instances our methods of expending and accounting for public funds have not improved or become properly adapted to the tremendously increased volume of business that our counties are carrying on today. We need to study this condition and to make the business method of government, both State and local, the chief business of our people, if we are to secure and maintain that degree of confidence which is absolutely necessary to enable us to continue to progress."

"In order to bring about a reformation in county government, there is no necessity, in my opinion, for any radical modification of our present State laws. These laws are adequate to enable us to set up better standards of county government and adjust ourselves to them. Neither the chief executive nor any department of the State has any desire to interfere with local government, nor to take away any function that belongs to the counties, but this is an age of improvement and progress and it is my belief that by proper study and sympathetic co-operation with your county officials in discussing ways and means we can help to bring about needed reforms that will be of lasting benefit to the people of our State, and put North Carolina in the forefront in the matter of conducting the affairs of government wisely and efficiently. For the purpose of considering some plans to bring about the result outlined, I desire especially to have your opinion on these questions:

"1. Would it be helpful to the counties, in your judgment, for me to appoint a carefully selected commission in county government to study conditions as they exist today, as well as to what reforms or changes in administration may be effected under present laws and under the guidance and authority of the county commissioners, that would improve local government?"

"2. Could such a commission, by a thorough study of the functions of county government, be in a position to give you helpful suggestions that would aid you in determining the best methods of improving county government?"

"Many counties have already made great progress in improving their methods, and it seems to me that a commission, by studying the best practices of the State then, in a large measure, might be able to set up general standards by which the officials of each county may measure the efficiency of their own county government. Such a service as this is what I have in mind in suggesting a commission to study

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EX-KAISER'S MOTHER BLAMED HER SON

For Any Ill Feeling Between Germany and Great Britain.

Berlin, July 20.—A frank criticism of the E-Kaiser by his mother, the late dowager Empress Frederic, is revealed by the memoirs of Baron von Reischach, the last lord marshal and royal equerry of the Hohenzollerns.

In his book of memoirs, "Under Three Emperors," the author quotes the dowager Empress Frederic in a letter she wrote to him from England in 1897 in response to his appeal to her to try and modify the prevalent severity of opinion about Germany in certain leading circles of England at the time.

She wrote:

"It is, naturally, my heartfelt desire to do everything within my power to assuage any existing feeling of irritation or bitterness of opinion. But it is utterly impossible for me to exert any influence on the press of either country. I have seen nothing in the recent papers which come to my hand here, as the Times, Globe, Standard, Daily Telegraph and others, that might be considered offensive. The indecent ones I never see, heaven be praised, and we may safely ignore them. It would be deplorable indeed if the Kaiser were to consider preeminently such papers, from which he could never glean anything but a very distorted picture of public sentiment in England."

"But quite apart from all odious exaggerations, a feeling of distrust still prevails for which, however, the Kaiser only has himself to blame. For the exceptional sympathy and popularity which he enjoyed represented a card in his hand with which he might have attained inestimable advantages for Germany. Now our only hope must be that in time grass may grow over past errors and ultimately a more comfortable relationship be established."

"If, however, the German press continues to copy the hostile attitude of the Kaiser, Germany will inevitably be driven into the arms of Russia and France and thus bring to grief the consummation of that policy which all my life I have most ardently desired—an alliance between the two Germanic nations and great protestant countries."

With Our Advertisers.

Ford (the universal car) is sold on the plan of best value for the money. The Reid Motor Company is the local agent.

The first Egyptian woman proprietor of a newspaper is Miss Munira Sabet, a cultured Mohammedan writer on women's children's, and other social subjects who has received from the Egyptian Government permission to issue a French-language paper in Cairo.

Gloria Gould, granddaughter of Jay Gould and in private life Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, has signed a contract to become managing director of a new motion-picture theatre in New York City.

Senator Simmons Does Not Intend to Quit Senate Soon

Statesville, Aug. 12.—United States Senator F. M. Simmons spent several hours in Statesville today and in an informal interview let it be known that he did not expect to retire from office at the expiration of his present term; that he expected a considerable discussion of the evolution question at the next session of Congress and that he would favor a reduction of from \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 in federal taxes for next year, 000 in federal taxes to depend upon the exact amount from the present year and reduced appropriations.

Senator Simmons came to Statesville this morning from Blowing Rock with ex-Governor and Mrs. Cameron Morrison, with whom he had been on a short vacation trip since Saturday last week. Governor Morrison's few words to two newspaper men who interviewed him were in praise of Blowing Rock and other Carolina re-

ICE COMPANIES IN RALEIGH GO FREE

Verdict of Not Guilty Returned in Case in Which Unlawful Tactics Were Charged Against Firms.

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A verdict of not guilty was returned by Wake county jury in Superior Court last night in the case against the four ice manufacturing concerns of Raleigh who were tried on charges of forming a combine in the restraint of trade.

The case went to the jury yesterday afternoon about 7 o'clock, the jury deliberating until about 9 o'clock before reaching a verdict.

The four companies acquitted are: Powell & Powell, the Johnson Coal & Ice Company, the Wyatt Burrus Ice & Fuel Company, and J. L. Dorminy, part owner of the Raleigh Ice & Storage Company.

The State concluded its testimony yesterday morning, the defendants offering no testimony. Six hours of argument by counsel followed after which Judge Albion Dunn delivered his charge.

It is now known that France and England are thus far agreed in principle that the British yearly demands for payment of the French debt will be fixed not according to the amount of the French debt, but according to France's capacity to pay.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH ATTACKING WHITE WOMAN

Tom Robinson Alleged to Have Made Attack Within City Limits of Wilmington.

Wilmington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Charged with attacking a young white woman within the city limits of Wilmington, Tom Robinson, negro janitor, was arrested here today on a criminal assault charge. Robinson, and Morris Tindie, negro held as a witness, were rushed to Raleigh for safe keeping by Sheriff George C. Jackson.

The attack is said to have occurred during a thunderstorm last night in a vacant lot within a block of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where the young woman has been employed as a nurse for the past two years.

DESTROYERS TO GUARD PLANES DURING TEST

Will Form Sea Patrol for Planes in Non-Stop Flight to Hawaii.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two destroyers today were ordered to take up stations for the trip to San Francisco of the naval planes which will make a non-stop flight to Hawaii late this month.

Commander John Rogers in charge of the flight, notified the navy department that the destroyers, William James and McCawley, will stand off Cape Mears and Cape Blanco respectively, for the flight from Seattle of the TB-1. The same crew will guard the PN-0 from San Diego to San Francisco, and later they will work with the planes until satisfactory radio communication is assured. When the hop-off is made, the destroyers will form links in the sea patrol, which has been arranged.

Negro Killed by Train

Salisbury, August 13.—(AP)—Tom Durham, a negro living near here, was instantly killed by a passenger train at Elmwood near this city last night. It was said he was sitting on the railroad track and failed to hear the approaching train.

Want George H. Carter Ousted

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A resolution demanding that George H. Carter, be ousted as the public printer of the United States was adopted without a roll call by the International Typographical Union here this morning.

Appointed Solicitor

Swampscott, Mass., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Green H. Hackworth, of the District of Columbia, today was appointed solicitor for the State Department.

CHURCH PUBLICATION BANISHES EVOLUTION

Theory Will Appear in Biblical Recorder Columns.

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Evolution has been banished from the columns of The Biblical Recorder which opened its pages to discussion a few weeks ago and let the protagonists and the antagonists fight it out.

The Recorder congratulates all disputants that they have been considerate of each other and have observed the amenities from the start. There has been no blackguarding. The evolutionists have been free from patronizing the "ignorant" and the anti-evolutionists have not called anybody infidels. The paper says that it is receiving requests from every section to discontinue the discussion and these appeals come from people who have strong convictions and see a good reason from agitation. Moreover, they see a great deal of harm because attention is taken from the convention to the contention.

The Recorder tried it six weeks. In that time it says it has had to carry over much material and evangelistic meetings have been undisciplined on account of the space demands. A promise was made to one pastor to print several of his articles. If he delays he is lost. Dr. Mullins is running a series which will be finished but the evolution battle is over. Editor Livvy Johnston after expressing his happiness that there was no bitterness, says: "Let us give ourselves unreservedly to the promotion of things that are eternal and abiding."

French-Spanish Junction Success

Fez, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Information reaching the intelligence department of the French headquarters here shows that the first results of the junction of Spanish and French forces in the northwestern part of the fighting front for combined action against rebellious tribesmen were highly satisfactory. A profound impression has been made on the dissident tribes who have made it clear to their leader Abd Krim that they either will not fight any more or they will not fight outside their own territory.

Odd Fellows to Meet Next Year in Furniture City

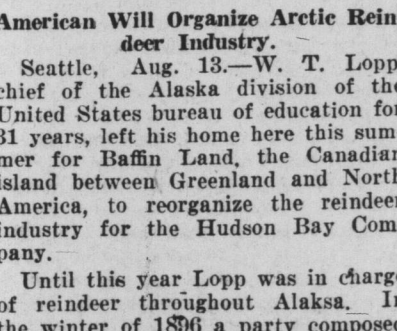
Charlotte, Aug. 12.—C. P. Burdette, of Winston-Salem, was elected grand patriarch of the grand encampment of North Carolina, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, this morning at the final session of the 78th annual meeting here.

High Point was chosen as the place for the 1926 meeting to be held the third Tuesday in August.

Other officers elected at the sessions this morning were: I. H. Paris, of Raleigh; grand high priest; W. A. Barbour, of Wilson, grand senior warden; J. R. Young, High Point, grand warden; L. W. Jeanneret, of Asheville, grand high scribe (recorder); John E. Wood, of Wilmington, grand treasurer; M. E. Jennings, of Elizabeth City, grand marshal; N. M. Fleming, of Charlotte, grand sentinel; B. H. Cosby, Asheville, grand orator; and H. M. Ballard, of Asheville, grand representative.

Believing that the "elixir of youth" may be obtained from the California redwood trees, an Oregon scientist is now experimenting with the sap to determine whether it will prolong life.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably local thundershowers.

blow from this morning. The wind struck a flue at the White-Park Mill a house construction was partially covered by an old sign. The wind struck in its grip and caused the home of Leonard

the morning and concluding session of the encampment was devoted to a general discussion under the head of "for the good of the order." The outstanding topic discussed was a proposal for the building of an up-to-date swimming pool at the Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldsboro. It was decided to start work on this project some time next year.

This afternoon delegates here for the meeting were given a ride over the city. The encampment opened yesterday afternoon with about 100 delegates in attendance.

J. P. Roberts, white, driver for the White Bus Line Company, today forfeited a \$200 bond when he failed to appear for the building of a road to answer a charge of reckless driving. Roberts was driver of a bus which collided with a Ford car near Newell's last night, resulting in painful injuries to Anthony Noos, traveling man.