

Slight Decrease Seen In Fatal Auto Crashes In State During 1931

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IS FIFTEEN FEWER THAN PREVIOUS YEAR

Month of December Shows Larger Number of Persons Killed In Auto Accidents November Is Second

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Jan. 21.

A total of 762 persons were killed and 5,075 injured in 1,696 automobile accidents in North Carolina during 1931, according to the final figures released today by L. S. Harris, chief of the automobile license division of the State Department of Revenue. This is 15 fewer killed than in 1930, however, when 777 were killed in automobile accidents.

The largest number of fatal accidents occurred in December, when 89 were killed and 476 injured in 363 accidents in which 544 drivers were involved, the accident record shows. In November 74 were killed and 483 injured, which was the largest record that far in 1931.

While it is encouraging to note that there were not quite so many deaths from automobile accidents in 1931 as in 1930, there is no getting away from the fact that there are far too many accidents and that something must be done to reduce this terrific toll of life and property, said Mr. Harris. "If 762 persons had been killed during the year in a single accident or even a series of accidents on the railroads or in any other means of transportation, the people in the State would be up in arms about it. But people seem to be indifferent to automobile accidents, despite the fact that a little more care and a little more regard for the law would eliminate almost all of them. Recklessness, speed and carelessness cause 90 per cent of the automobile accidents."

"If all the contagious diseases in the State killed as many people in a year as automobiles killed during 1931, the people of the State would be demanding the spending of hundreds of thousands of dollars for disease control, call in the Rockefeller Foundation and maybe the Red Cross," said Dr. James M. Parrott of the State Board of Health. "But when 762 persons are killed and 5,075 injured in a year from automobiles, they

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FORMER LOUISBURG COLLEGE HEAD DIES

Rev. C. C. Alexander Passes Following Illness At Home In Clinton

Clinton, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Rev. C. C. Alexander, pastor of the Clinton Methodist church here, and former president of Louisburg College, died at his home here today of double pneumonia. He had been ill for ten days. He was 39 years old.

Mr. Alexander retired two years ago as president of Louisburg College where he took up his duties after having the professorship of religious education at Birmingham Southern College. His widow and three children survive. Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

Highway Patrol's Work Causes Careful Driving

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The State Highway Patrol is bearing down harder on motorists and compelling a more strict observance of the highway laws is attested by the fact that 767 drivers were arrested by the patrol in December, while a total of 7,768 drivers were stopped and warned by patrolmen, Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, pointed out today in commenting on the December report of the patrol's activities.

A total of \$18,287 in cash was also collected as a result of the patrol's activities the report shows. Of this amount, \$13,650 went into the school funds of the various counties from fines and forfeitures collected following the conviction of drivers, while \$4,636 went into the State highway fund from the sale of new automobile licenses to those found either evading the license law or with improper licenses.

'Last Man' Is Ill



Charles Lockwood, the last man of the Last Man's club, has been suffering from a leg blood clot which is expected to keep him in bed several months. Lockwood, who is 89, now lives in Chamberlain, S. D. He is the only survivor of the Civil War Veterans' club, formed by a Wisconsin company.

BYRD BACKING IN SOUTH IS GROWING

Two More Virginians And One Tar Heel Favor Him For President

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Two Virginians and a North Carolinian have added their voices to the General Assembly's hurrahs for Harry Flood Byrd for president.

W. O. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, is the North Carolinian, who believes that "we in North Carolina recognized Harry Byrd's presidential possibilities long before you Virginians did."

As for Representative S. Otis Bland of the first district, "a Byrd boom is entirely agreeable to me."

The same goes for Allan D. Jones, of Newport News, counsel for the Virginia commission of fisheries, who said Byrd seemed to be regarded as the leader among the "dark horse" candidates.

Meanwhile former Governor Byrd has kept silent regarding his presidential aspirations. When the Virginia assembly endorsed him as a presidential candidate, Mr. Byrd expressed his thanks, urged party harmony, and gave no indication whether he will enter the field.

POLING WILL SPEAK IN RALEIGH SOON

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, nationally and internationally famed speaker will be in Raleigh on Friday, February 12 for two addresses, it was announced today. One will be for luncheon and the other will be for a great public mass meeting in the evening. Dr. Poling is chairman of the group of six speakers who will compose the flying squadron which is reaching the principal cities of the 48 states with facts regarding prohibition.

JAP PARLIAMENT IS ORDERED DISSOLVED FOR NEW ELECTIONS

Imperial Decree Promulgated After New Government Outlines Proposed Plans

OPPOSITION GIVEN NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS

Three Ministers of Government Outline Policies Just Before Parliament Is Ordered To Close

Tokyo, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Japanese parliament was dissolved by imperial decree this afternoon to make way for general elections.

The order was promulgated immediately after Premier Inukai, Foreign Minister Yoshizawa, and Finance Minister Takahashi completed an outline of the new government's program to both houses and no opportunity was given the opposition members to ask questions.

In the outline of policies the three ministers touched upon the Manchurian question, reiterating that Japan has no territorial ambitions in the territory. They also criticized the late Wakatsuki cabinet for removing the gold embargo and said industry has witnessed a revival since the embargo was replaced by themselves.

VEHICLE USED FOR KIDNAPPING FOUND

Denver Offers Reward For Information Regarding Bower Abductors

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Finding of the motor car used by kidnapers of Benjamin J. Bower, 62, held for \$50,000 ransom, gave police their first major clue today as relatives of the bakery corporation manager expressed fear that he had been slain.

An offer of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers was made by Denver officials after the car was found abandoned on the outskirts of the city. Fingerprints were taken from it.

Winnie Ruth Judd Goes On Trial For Trunk Slaying

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd leaped from her chair during her murder trial today to denounce Dr. Joseph Catton, of San Francisco, prosecution alienist.

Spectators stormed the stairway of the courthouse in an effort to reach Judge Howard Speakman's courtroom in the murder trial.

One woman jammed in the packed corridor outside the courtroom fainted twice before deputy sheriffs could force their way to her side. She was removed to an anteroom and revived.

BIG JOBLESS FUND BILL IS FAVORED

Senate Committee Reports Bill of Costigan And Lafollette Favorably

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—An appropriation of \$375,000,000 for direct relief for the unemployed was recommended to the Senate today by one of its committees, despite President Hoover's opposition.

The manufacturers committee vote 6 to 2 to report the Costigan-Lafollette bill authorizing \$125,000,000 for the present winter and \$250,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

The committee's action places squarely before the Senate the proposal for direct appropriations from the treasury to aid the jobless.

GRANGE SUPPORTS MCLEAN FOR PLACE

Urges North Carolinians For Reconstruction Finance Body Board

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The National Grange today threw its support to Angus Wilton McLean of North Carolina, for a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The Grange's support for the former North Carolina governor was brought to the president by L. J. Tabor, master of the National Grange and Albert S. Goss, of Seattle, Wash., chairman of the executive committee of the Grange.

Tabor said McLean was mentioned after they had expressed "the urgent need of placing on the Reconstruction Corporation someone who understands the rural problems and can make its provisions do what we think they can do."

WAR POLICIES OF WILSON DEFENDED

Glass Attacks Statement Made By Secretary of Agriculture Hyde

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The cabinet members—Secretaries Mellon and Hyde, were represented in the Senate today as being in disagreement over the legality of European loans made by the Wilson administration after the war.

Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, who was secretary of the treasury under Woodrow Wilson, charged that statements by the Secretary of Agriculture that the loans were "without legal right" were false in "spirit and in fact."

FOREIGN TRADE IN COTTON INCREASES

Monetary Returns For Product Smaller Than Year Before, However

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Foreign trade in United States cotton during the last five months of 1931 showed an increase in export volume over the same period of 1930, but the monetary return was less due to the prevailing low prices.

The Commerce Department reported today that shipments during the period amounted to 4,035,000 bales as compared with 3,947,000 bales during the 1930 season. The dollar returns for 1931 amounted to \$163,463,000 as compared with \$280,711,000 during the earlier month.

REPARATIONS MEET MAY BE HELD LATER

British Fail To Give Up Hopes That Lausanne Meet Will Take Place

London, England, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Postponement of the Lausanne reparations conference, announced here yesterday, does not mean that the conference will not be held later, it was said in official circles today.

The government is continuing its preliminary work and hopes that the conference will ultimately be held and be a success it was stated.

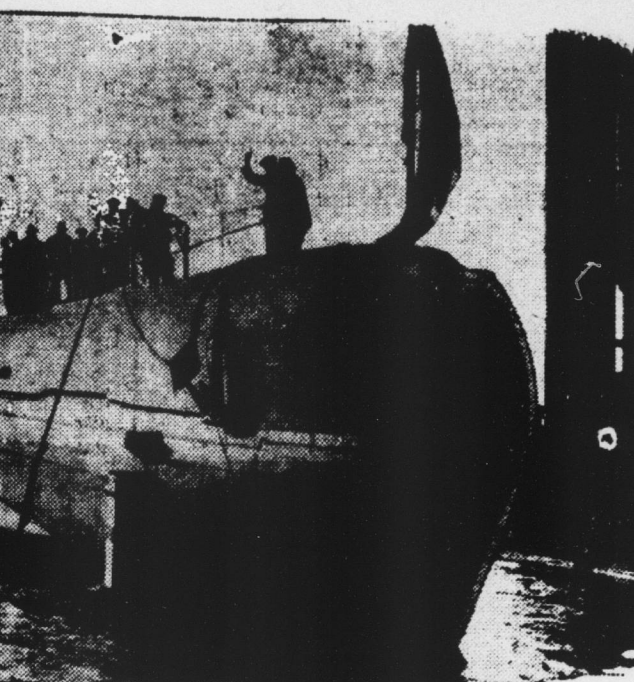
SON OF GANDHI IS GIVEN LONG TERM

Bardoli, India, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ramdas Gandhi, third son of the Mahatma, was sentenced to eighteen months in prison at hard labor today for participation in the Nationalist campaign. He was arrested last Tuesday.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and somewhat warmer to night; Friday cloudy and warmer; possibly light showers in extreme west portion; gentle to moderate winds, mostly south.

Britain's Bigger and Better Submarine



Said to be the world's largest submarine, this huge undersea craft, bearing the colorful name of "H. M. S. Sturgeon," is shown at Tilbury Docks, London, soon after her launching. The sleek and sturdy vessel, which has passed its tests to the complete satisfaction of the British Admiralty, embodies many features heretofore regarded as impractical for submarines. Besides her fore and aft torpedo tubes, the undersea monster carries batteries of disappearing guns and anti-aircraft artillery.

Says U. S. Lines Operate Bars On Trips Over Ocean

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Chairman O'Connor, of the United States Shipping Board, today told a House committee under questioning that American lines operate bars outside the 12-mile limit.

O'Connor was testifying in the investigation of the House Merchant Marine committee into the shipping board's sale of the United States Line.

MORE CHINESE ARE SLAIN IN BATTLES

Two More Encounters Reported In Official Statement by Japanese

Tokyo, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Thirty Chinese were killed, many were wounded and one Japanese soldier was wounded today in a clash between Japanese troops and Chinese irregulars near Tahushan, Manchuria, a war office statement said this evening.

In another encounter north of Chinchow sixteen Chinese were killed and nine captured. There were no Japanese casualties in that engagement.

The war office casualty list covering the Manchurian campaign from September 18 placed the number of Japanese killed at 300 and the number of wounded at 600. In addition to about 400 soldiers are still in hospitals with frostbite.

EFFORTS TO SAVE NEGROES STARTED

Alabama Supreme Court Takes Up Appeals Of Convicted Men

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 21.—(AP)—A bombardment of threatening letters and resolutions received by the Alabama Supreme Court within the last six weeks was revealed here today by Chief Justice John C. Anderson as arguments opened in the appeals of eight Negroes from death sentences imposed on them at Scottsboro, Ala. last spring for attacks on two white girls.

The girls were traveling as hoboes on a freight train and were attacked between Stevenson and Paint Rock, Ala.

"These letters and resolutions attempting to bulldoze and browbeat the court are highly improper," Chief Justice Anderson said. "If the party who circulated them were in the jurisdiction of this court he would be judged in contempt."

COTTON SPINNING SHOWS INCREASES

Census Bureau Report Shows Last Month Of 1931 Better Than in 1930

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have been operated during December at 79.3 percent of capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 85.8 percent in November and 76.1 percent in December, 1930.

Spinning spindles in place December 31 totaled 32,336,536 of which 24,637,864 were active at some time during the month, with the average on a single shift basis being 25,630,560.

FINAL APPROVAL OF BIG CREDIT GROUP SCHEDULED FRIDAY

Whole Hearted Cooperation Pushes Work of Reconstruction Finance Corporation

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Whole hearted cooperation for national economic recovery pushed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today to the verge of congressional enactment.

Carefully but speedily revised by expert members of the Senate and House, this greatest of peacetime emergency measures was returned to the two chambers for final approval, a consummation expected tomorrow.

Something approaching a record was set by the conference committee in adjusting within two days numerous and important differences between Senate and House on the two billion dollar government credit agency.

RECORD SET BY HOUSE AND SENATE CONFERENCE FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON MEASURE RECOMMENDED BY HOOVER

Record Set By House And Senate Conference For Speedy Action on Measure Recommended by Hoover

ANOTHER ATTACK IN HAWAII REPORTED

Honolulu Aroused To Manhunt After Assault On Another Woman

Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Honolulu was aroused today to a fresh manhunt by another attack upon a woman.

Mrs. Toka Okasaki, 29, mother of two children, complained to police she had been assaulted near John Rodgers airport by a man she identified through a photograph as Daniel Lyman, escaped Portuguese-Hawaiian murderer.

The assault occurred as authorities were preparing to place before the grand jury evidence in the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai, Hawaiian, alleged attacker of a navy officer's wife, and as the territorial legislature in special session was seeking a formula for better law enforcement to overcome hoodlumism in Honolulu.

It was the third serious assault case reported to authorities since last September.

ASK RAIL LABOR TO ACCEPT CUTS

Carrier Presidents Offer Statistics To Prove Earning Power Smaller

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The railway presidents came forward today with the "important statistics" demanded by union labor in support of the plea for acceptance of a ten percent wage reduction.

The presidents asserted that gross earnings on the railroads in 1931 were 33 percent less than in 1929.

Their statement presented a mass of data on railway earnings and answered the labor proposals at the joint wage conference.

State Uses Best Way To Cut Salaries, Many Think

revenue. I also think this present curtailment of expense by the various departments is going to be conservative compared to what the 1933 general assembly is going to do, unless condition take a sudden change for the better very soon."

Several other members of the general assembly have pointed out that it was by a very narrow margin that the bills introduced by Representatives White of Robeson, Moye of Greene and Davis of Warren counties in the 1931 general assembly, to reduce salaries of \$100 a month 30 per cent, salaries of \$200 a month 20 per cent and all salaries of \$300 a month or more 30 per cent, were defeated by only a very small margin. It is also recalled that virtually all of the members of the general assembly regarded as being members of the "MacLean Group" in the house and senate, as well, were in favor of cutting State salaries a great deal more than 30 per cent, and that Representative Holmes' mitt county was one of the

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