

Ten Women Die In Flames That Sweep An Infirmary In Severe Cold Weather

WIDOWS, DAUGHTERS CIVIL WAR VETERANS HOUSED IN HOME

Fifteen in Building at Time of Fire, Five Saved Through Heroic Efforts

TEMPERATURE WAS 18 BELOW ZERO MARK

Fire Gained Great Headway Before Arrival of Firemen; Nozzles, Hose Lines and Plugs Freeze; Strong Wind Whips Flames Rapidly

Bookville, Pa., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Ten women, widows and daughters of civil war veterans were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the infirmary of the Pennsylvania Memorial Home early today.

There were fifteen women in the one story frame building, one of a group at the institution, when the blaze started and five of them were rescued as firemen battled the flames in bitter 18 below zero weather.

The home is operated by the women's relief corps of Pennsylvania, a charitable organization.

The far below zero temperature froze fire hose, nozzles and fire plugs and greatly hampered the work of the fire fighters.

The firemen said the blaze had gained great headway by the time of their arrival and they found difficulty in getting close to the burning building.

Most of the patients, infirm women who apparently were helplessly trapped as the flames burst forth.

A strong wind whipped up the fire and attendants worked heroically to rescue the helpless women.

They carried out five, bundling them in blankets and overcoats to protect them from the freezing cold. But a wall of flames, growing even hotter blocked efforts to get at the remaining ten.

TEXTILE SENIORS AT STATE ON TOUR

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Members of the senior class in the Textile School at N. C. State College began their annual inspection trip this morning. Thirty students composed the party and were accompanied by Dean Thomas Nelson, head of the Textile School.

The inspection trip will include visits to the Burlington Mills and the May Hosiery Company located at Burlington; the Proximity Print Works and the White Oak Mills in Greensboro; the Carolina Cotton and Woolen Mills in their plants at Leaksville, Spray, and Draper in North Carolina and Fieldale, Va.; and the Riverside and Dan River Mills in Danville, Va.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS HAD AT SMITHFIELD

Sanders Building Gutted, Presbyterian Church Is Damaged by Blaze

Smithfield, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Fire early today destroyed the Sanders building here, a structure occupying a quarter of a block and damaged the Presbyterian church of Smithfield.

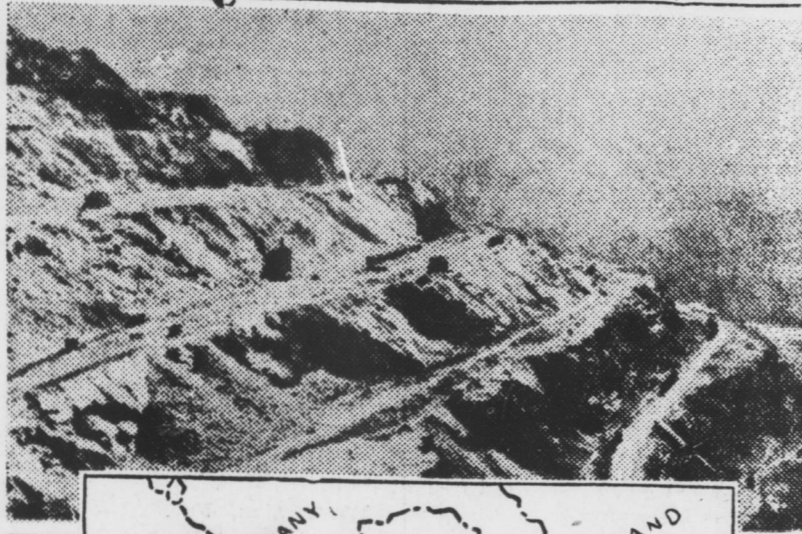
Owners of the building and fire department officials this afternoon estimated the loss at \$100,000 partially covered by insurance.

The Sanders building owned by William Sanders, of Raleigh and Smithfield, housed the local post office, Western Union and theatre of 650 seating capacity in addition to a number of small offices.

For a time after the flames were discovered at 12:30 a. m. they threatened to spread to a number of nearby buildings, and as a precaution guests were made to leave the Smithfield hotel. The church, however, was the only other building damaged and the hotel guests returned to their rooms when the fire was brought until controlled two hours after it was discovered.

The mail was saved from the post office.

GERMANY SEEKS MOUNTAIN OF ORE?



Here is a view of Erzberg mountain, so-called "mountain of ore", in southern Austria, which foreign observers assert may become a potential cause of war in Europe. To bring Erzberg within German borders is declared to be a reason why Germany would like to gain possession of Austria. The mountain, which contains 300,000,000 tons of iron ore, would keep Germany supplied with all the ore she needs. As a result of the Treaty of Versailles, Germany lost three-fourths of its iron ore in Alsace-Lorraine, Luxembourg and the Saar. Location of the mountain is shown on map.

COMMUNICATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND AREA BLOCKED BY SNOW

Violent Gales Pile Drifts into Moutainous Proportions Stopping Traffic

SNOWFALL IS ONE TO TWO FEET DEEP

New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Cancels Train Service; All Rail Communications from Boston, Springfield to New York Blocked

Boston, Feb. 20 (AP)—Violent gales and heavy snow cut off Boston and other New England cities from all rail communications with New York city, imperiled ships and lives at sea and caused serious collisions on land and the demoralization of motor and railway traffic.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad announced cancellation of all train service between Boston and New York and Springfield and New York since yesterday. All service on these lines to New York City was annulled officials announced until further notice.

Snow fall of 1 to 2 feet were driven into mountainous drifts, isolating whole communities, demoralizing traffic and causing serious accidents.

Several passengers were reported injured in a collision of a narrow gauge railroad train and a snow plow between Boston and Lynn. At Waltham, Mass., a big oil truck stalled on a railroad crossing and was demolished by a train.

APPEAL IS MADE TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Ask That They Request Congressional Action to Regulate Non-Signers

Woodsdale, Feb. 20.—An appeal for flue-cured tobacco growers to request Congressional action to regulate non-signers of the reduction contracts was made today by Claude T. Hall of Person County, chairman of the Tobacco Growers Advisory Board in North Carolina.

He stated that it is imperative that the production of non-signers be controlled.

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SOUTHERN PINES BUSINESS SECTION IS HIT BY FIRE

Fire Discovered at 8 a. m. In Grey Building Out of Control Two Hours Later

AID IS SENT FROM TWO NEARBY TOWNS

Eight Hose Lines Played on Blaze; Building Is Owned by Dr. McBrayer; Loss Is Estimated, Unofficially, at \$25,000; Offices In Building Burned

Southern Pines, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Fire broke out in the Grey building in the business section of Southern Pines today and was still out of control two hours after it was discovered.

The fire, discovered at 8 a. m., threatened the entire business district.

Pinehurst and Aberdeen fire departments were called to assist the Southern Pines department but smoke hampered their efforts.

Eight hose lines were laid immediately and the streams of water were played from all directions of the blaze but the flames continued to reach through the building.

The building is owned by Dr. L. E. McBrayer, head of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and houses the Western Union, a barber shop and the offices of the North Carolina Medical Association and the Tuberculosis Association.

As the morning wore on, the fire fighters continued to battle the flames which roared on out of control. Unofficial estimates this morning placed the damage at \$25,000.

CHAUFFEUR FINED \$20 IN ALBEMARLE

Governor's Driver Pays for Speeding; Trial Had Before Recorder

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Friends of Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus here are hoping that Albemarle is satisfied with the pound of flesh it got yesterday when it fined the Governor's chauffeur, "Red" Aldridge, who is a native of Stanley county \$20 yesterday for violating the speed limit when he drove the Governor's car through there the other afternoon taking the Governor to deliver an address at Gatsonia. Governor Ehringhaus would make no comment today other than to say that he had directed his secretary, Charles Powell, who went to the trial before a judge of recorder's court there with Aldridge to plead "nolo contendere" to any charge or evidence offered and that he had signed his own personal check in blank to be filled in for whatever the fine and costs might be.

Experienced legal minds here say that no officer in North Carolina has any power to arrest any state officer or any one operating his car, if the car is proceeded by a state or city.

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REPEAL NOT EFFECT CORN SURPLUS MUCH

Dean Schaub Points Out Only 1 Percent of Crop Used Before Prohibition

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Repeal of the 18th amendment will have practically no effect upon the corn surplus of the Nation, says Dean I. O. Schaub, extension service director at State College.

The amount of corn used by distillers of spirituous liquors will be so little in comparison with the national corn production, Schaub said, as to be negligible.

Before the 18th amendment was

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Cotton Spinning During January 98.5 Of Capacity

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have operated during January 98.5 of capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 73.15 in December and 95.1 in January last year.

Active spindle hours in North Carolina during January were 1,453,968-397 and the average per spindle in place 277.

67 Killed In January Automobile Accidents

Figure Lower Than In December But Highest In Past Three Januaries; 317 Accidents With 401 People Injured In Crashes

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—While the number of killed and injured in automobile accidents in North Carolina in January was considerably fewer than in December, with 67 killed and 401 injured in 317 accidents involving 488 cars, as compared with the December figures of 103 were killed and 463 injured in 357 accidents, they still exceed the number of killed and injured in January of both 1932 and 1933, according to the figures released today by Director L. S. Harris of the Motor Vehicle Bureau. The figures for the three years period are as follows:

	Killed	Injured	Accidents
Jan., 1932	55	370	282
Jan., 1933	46	353	248
Jan., 1934	67	401	317

Both Director Harris and Captain Charles D. Farmer of the State Highway Patrol are glad to see the reduction from the December figures, which were the highest on record, and ascribed most of this reduction to the psychological effect of Governor Ehringhaus' appeal for safer and saner driving and his orders to the State Highway Patrol to be more severe with reckless drivers, drunken drivers and irresponsible drivers. While the Highway Patrol has not completed its full report for January, it is known that more arrests were made in that month, the number running into the thousands. Many of these, of course, were for having improper license plates. But many of them also were for reckless driving, drunken and careless driving.

In this connection reckless and careless driving were responsible for a far larger number of killed and injured in January than drunken driving.

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House Certain To Vote On Cash Payment Of Bonus March 12; Names Secured

Succeed To Throne of Belgium



A recent picture of Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and his wife, the former Princess Astrid of Sweden. They have two children.

Sales Tax And Liquor Seen As The Principal Issues In '35 Assembly

BANKHEAD CONTROL PLAN FOR TOBACCO

Advisory Board of N. C. Association Seek Method to Protect Control Signers

CONFERENCE IS HAD

N. C. Congressional Delegation And Farm Heads Meet With Group at Representatives Kerr's Office

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Application of the Bankhead principle of compulsory control to flue-cured tobacco as well as cotton was advocated today by the advisory board of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association.

Board members here to seek some method of protecting farmers who joined the acreage reduction plan for having their objectives of a smaller crop defeated by non-cooperators, agreed the Bankhead compulsory control plan was the "most feasible."

Claude T. Hall, of Woodsdale, N. C., president of the board, indicated an effort might be made to the cotton control bill introduced by Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, amended to include tobacco.

Hall, and other board members, later today were to attend a conference in Representative Kerr with farm administration officials and members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

Representative Hancock, Democrat, North Carolina, who arranged the conference, invited Chester Davis, AAA Administrator, J. E. Hutson, chief of the Farm Administration tobacco section, and J. C. Lanier, tobacco specialist, to meet with the delegation.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in east portion tonight; slowly rising temperature Wednesday.

FOR HENDERSON. For 24-hour period ending at noon today, highest temperature, 45; lowest 17, .66 inches of rain, northwest wind, clear.

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ROOSEVELT NOT TO SANCTION PAYMENT IN CASH AS NOW

Message From Bankers Of Business Improvement Is Received By President

HOUSE TO PASS AIR MAIL BILL TODAY

Emergency Bill Expected To Go Through Before Adjournment; Federal Spending Leaped Past Four Billion Dollar Mark on Bill Recommended

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Despite expressed opposition by President Roosevelt to cash payment of the bonus, the 145 signatures necessary to get that proposition before the House of Representatives were obtained this afternoon and a vote March 12 is certain.

PRESIDENT SEES TROUBLE AHEAD IN HIS POLICIES

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Sighting troubles ahead for some of his policies, President Roosevelt passed the word today that he could not sanction cash payment of the bonus now.

This was given to the press by Speaker Rainey a short time after the President had a reassuring message from bankers that they have been impelled to more lenders by business improvement.

He received representatives of the American Bankers Association before turning later in the afternoon to the Western Congressional objections to the sugar control prospects, who had plenty to say.

Senate and House concern, meanwhile, was mainly over strengthening navy sea power and tightening administration of that department.

House leaders decided to pass the administration emergency air mail bill before adjournment tonight. A spicy point of today was the frankness with which a stock exchange specialist, Charles C. Wright, testified how he made \$138,000 last summer in the stock in which he was a specialist. He had referred to some dealings when the stock was going down as "a nightmare."

Federal spending for the fiscal year leaped past the four billion dollar mark today to the accomplishment of a recommendation to the House that \$82,226,000 be allowed the agricultural department and Farm Credit administration for the year beginning July 1.

Two Ships In Distress In Blizzard

Furious Seas Hamper Coast Guard, Unknown Number Imperiled

(By the Associated Press.) Distress calls from two ships caught in a raging blizzard off the Massachusetts coast sent Coast Guard craft plowing through furious seas to the rescue today.

The steamer, Northern Sword, a coastwise craft of 2543 gross tons, ran ashore at Winthrop Head, just off Boston. An S.O.S. was sent to Mackay and Radio Marine Corporation at 8:30 a. m.

A short time early, the fishing schooner Hope Leslie a crew of ten, clinging to the rigging, sent out distress signals off Buzzard Bay. Signal rockets called for quick assistance shot upward in the binding sleet and snow. An unknown number of lives were imperiled aboard the two crafts.

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