

# ACCIDENTS FEWER IN N. C. INDUSTRY

## But Industrial Workers Killed on Highways Still Serious Thing

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 19.—Industry is at last "going places" in the prevention of accidents in mills and factories, with the result that industrial accidents are becoming almost a thing of the past in many plants, due to the fact that both the management and the employees have become "safety conscious." Chairman T. A. Wilson, of the N. C. Industrial Commission, pointed out today on the eve of the opening of the eighth annual safety conference in Winston-Salem tomorrow.

But many industries are finding that highway safety has not kept pace with industrial safety with the result that highway accidents are now costing them more than shop and factory accidents, Wilson said. So the emphasis in this year's safety conference will be on ways and means to reduce the number of highway accidents.

"Take for example, the experience of the Champion Fibre Company, of Canton, during 1936," Chairman Wilson said. "During 1936 this company did not have a single employee killed while on the job in the plant itself while for five months not a single employee was even injured in an industrial accident inside the plant. But during this year eight employees were killed in highway accidents. The company figures that it cost many thousands of dollars to train these men, that their deaths were a heavy loss to the company. Out of the 83 workers killed last year while on duty, 29 were killed in highway accidents, while a total of 1,026 persons were killed in highway accidents in the state in 1936, representing a tremendous economic loss."

In the safety contest now under way in the textile plants the 37,370

employees have worked 23,555,315 man-hours since January 1, without a lost-time accident, the records of the Industrial Commission show, while 63 mills have operated for 16 weeks without a single lost-time accident.

# TALES OF HORROR TOLD INSURGENTS

## Women and Children Seek Shelter as Insurgents Sweet Toward Bilboa

Amorgieta, On the Bilboa Front, May 19 (AP)—From 500 women and children left by retreating Basque and Assuran troops, were gleaned tales of terror that climaxed a stubborn defense of Amorgieta against General Mola's insurgents.

The refugees, who fled to Mola's insurgent lines in search of food and shelter, baffled the war madness that gripped the once peaceful town of 5,000 as the Basque forces made their last stand. The women and children said the soldiers took all of the civilian men of Amorgieta in their retreat to Bilboa, last line of defense. Bilboa is only nine miles away.

There refugees said militiamen splashed gasoline on the better houses and then set them afire with hand grenades.

"Some families were trapped in the burning houses" a woman said.

# Library Game To Be Played Here At The Perry Library

Boys and girls of the first through the seventh grades in the city and county will begin to play the Library Game next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library. The board on which the players will play is drawn in the plan of the children's room of the library. The library desk is the home base. Each time that a player reads a book

his marker on the board will be moved along a space. In order to win the game each player must read fourteen books, that is, move fourteen spaces around the Library Game board. He will read not only story books, but also a life of an interesting person, a book of travel, a book of poetry or plays, and others. Each person who plays will have his name written on a marker which will be on the board. In this way he may see his progress in the game. Each school will have different colored markers. No prizes will be awarded, for everyone may win the game.

In the fall, letters will be written to teachers of the winners telling of their achievement. The winners will also receive seals on their library cards which the winner is a full-fledged member of the library.

Much interest has been shown in the Library Game. The plan is a new one, never before tried at the library. All who want to play are reminded to remember the date on which the game begins.

# STOCKS REST WITH LITTLE LOSS SHOWN

New York, May 19.—(AP)—The stock market rested on its oars today and drifted downstream, propelled by mild offerings.

Losses of fractions of a point were suffered by numerous leaders, but oils, coppers and a few rails were resistant.

Bonds were steady.

Transactions totaled about 750,000 shares.

American Radiator	21 1/4
American Telephone	163 1/2
American Tobacco B	74 7/8
Anacosta	49 7/8
Atlantic Coast Line	47 1/2
Atlantic Refining	29 3/8
Bethlehem Steel	79 5/8
Chrysler	110 1/8
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	11 1/4
Commercial	14 3/4
Continental Oil Co	14 7/8
DuPont	155
Elec Pow & Light	16 5/8
General Electric	52 3/8
General Motors	55 1/2
Liggett & Myers B	94 7/8
Reynolds Tob B	49 7/8
Southern Railway	36 5/8
Standard Oil Co N J	64 1/2
U S Steel	95 3/4

One reason the State enjoys such a favorable position is because of the diversity of its agriculture and industry. Farmers are not forced to depend on a single commodity nor industrial workers on a single branch of industry. And along the seaboard, in the Piedmont region and in the mountains are found many indications that the economic stability in North Carolina is well-founded.

Naturally, the fine standing of the State, reflected in the reports and studies sent to Congress, is a source of much gratification to the members of the delegation in Congress. It should also bring pride to all citizens, particularly at this commencement season for schools and colleges, when so many of our younger generation prepare to face the problems of life, economic and social.

On numerous occasions, my colleagues in Congress who have visited North Carolina or passed through the State en route to and from other destinations, have been loud in their

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praise of the physical appearance of the State. They have referred to the skyline of smoke belching from factory chimneys and the hum of busy machinery. They have referred to the well-painted and well-kept homes that line the highways. They have referred to the busy communities reflecting the active life of North Carolinians—all indicating that people are noticing the way in which our State is quietly going about the solving its problems to the advantage of all citizens.

Hardly a day passes in Washington that some member of Congress does not pass along to North Carolina colleagues a favorable reaction to some activity within the State. As those who have their eyes on North Carolina come from every far-flung section of the United States, here is indeed evidence that the people throughout the country are favorably attracted to the State.

It has been said on many occasions that a steady flow of visitors to the State means new revenue for our people without undermining our soil, denuding our forests, depleting our mines or interfering with basic means of income. It is gratifying to know that the State is preparing to launch an aggressive program to increase the flow of visitors, many of whom will remain as residents. Many sections of the State have been developed by the capital of the people who visited the State, became attracted by its possibilities, and have become North Carolinians in spirit and in deed.

These observations lead to one important conclusion. It is that North Carolinians should find in the interest of others refreshing evidence of what their State offers. Students should have full knowledge of the opportunities to be found. Tours of the State for and by North Carolinians should be encouraged. The fisherman at Nag's Head should know the woods-men in the mountains and vice versa. In this way a greater degree of State pride and civic consciousness will be developed and the high standing of North Carolina among the states will draw even more favorable attention.

NCREA, the State and National Forest Service and of the N. C. League of Municipalities. This committee was formed some time ago work out and adjust problems arising from the extensive rural electrification program in the State as they affected the different utility companies.

Some six or eight weeks ago Chairman Dudley Bagley, of the State Electrification Authority, received a letter from Capus M. Waynick, then chairman of the State Highway Commission, asking if some plan could not be worked out between the highway department, the electrification authority, the power companies and the county cooperatives, with a view to trying to preserve the beauty of the trees and the roadsides. Waynick pointed out that in too many cases beautiful trees were being mercilessly slaughtered by line construction crews, that apparently no thought was being given by power companies, municipally-owned companies or cooperatives to preserving the beauty of the highways and of the trees.

Chairman Bagley immediately held several conferences with Chairman Waynick, also with Frank H. Brandt, landscape engineer for the highway commission and with J. M. Grainger, engineer for the electrification authority, in an effort to evolve a workable plan to suggest to the utilities committee.

At first the representatives of the utilities companies were decidedly cold towards the entire matter and showed very little interest. But recently the committee started taking an interest in the beautification idea and at the meeting here Tuesday appointed a committee on roadside beautification to cooperate with the state electrification authority and the highway commission and to work out a series of suggested plans. The committee is as follows: Martin Swartz,

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CHAPTER 53

"YOU SAY the \$1,500,000 was to go to mother only if I weren't alive?" Jacqueline asked Charles.

"Yes, of course." She was thoughtful for a few moments, and then went on. "As soon as I saw that copy of the will I understood everything—the pretty plot to get me to sign it all away and marry Jim Asson. I never could understand why Colonel Lutman was so desperately anxious for the marriage to come off, but I understood then, I suppose he was to have a share in the spoils?"

"Yes. And so was I, Jacqueline."

"She took no notice of that confession."

"And that's why," she continued, "when I turned Jim Asson down, the Colonel so suddenly fell in love with me. He did, you know, Charles. He even asked me to marry him."

"Lutman's a swine," said the lawyer tersely.

"He doesn't make love very nicely, if that's what you mean. He . . ." She made a quick gesture. "And then I telephoned to you, Charles. You asked me to call at your flat, and on my way somebody put me out—with chloroform or something—and when I woke up I was on a barge on the river with some people called Joplin."

Charles nodded.

"You don't seem a bit surprised, Charles."

"I'm not."

"I couldn't at first understand why Colonel Lutman had done it," she went on. "Kidnaping is a pretty risky game, and it struck me that to make it worth while he must have something really big in view. And then I suddenly realized, I remembered what the will said: that if I wasn't alive the money was to go to my mother. If I wasn't alive, Charles—that's the point. I thought I saw Lutman's game. I wouldn't marry Jim, and I wouldn't marry Lutman, and his only chance of laying hands on the money was to get rid of me and marry mother. I was certain that was what he had in mind."

"I was afraid it was."

"And so it was, Charles. I got away from the barge—jumped for it and swam. There was a dreadful current and I thought I was done for; and then Lutman came along in his boat and I clung on and tried to get on board. But when he saw who it was he kicked my hands off the side and started up the engine and went off."

"Jacqueline! The swine! My God! If I ever get my hands on Lutman's throat . . ."

"Don't get excited, Charles. The police found me floating about and fished me out. As soon as they'd let me go from the hospital I dashed home. Lutman was there. He had just asked mother to marry him and she had promised to do so."

"You mean that your mother has actually promised?"

"She would, Charles. Lutman had offered to make her an allowance of \$5,000 a year of her own, and mother would promise anything to anybody to get that, poor darling! I tried to tell her a few things about Lutman, but she wouldn't listen, and it all ended up by her ordering me out and forbidding me ever to go back. And here I am. That's the whole story as I've pieced it together, Charles. Is it all correct?"

"No, Jacqueline. Nearly, but not quite."

"What's wrong with it?"

"For one thing, Lutman didn't kidnap you."

"If you're suggesting that I've imagined it all . . ."

"I'm not. I'm just saying that when you blame Lutman for the kidnaping you're wrong; he didn't do it. I know—because I did it myself."

"You!" gasped Jacqueline.

"At least I was responsible for it," continued the lawyer. "Captain Allwright actually did the job for me. He's very obliging about that sort of thing."

Jacqueline regarded him fixedly.

"Charles, you're lying."

"That's why I told you on the telephone that I couldn't see you until 8 o'clock in the evening, Jacqueline. I wanted time to get hold of Allwright and fix it up."

The girl shook her head.

"I don't know why you're doing it, Charles, but you're lying. I know you're lying, and I'll tell you why I know. Whoever did the kidnaping offered Joplin 500 pounds if he'd be kind enough to do me in and pitch what was left of me overboard. Joplin told me so himself."

"In that case," smiled Charles, "Joplin exceeded his duty. I suppose you were proving a bit of a handful, and he wanted to scare you into behaving yourself properly. All I offered him was five pounds a week to take care of you. Listen, Jacqueline. I'm telling you the truth now. I did kidnap you. I couldn't think of any other means of making sure that Lutman wouldn't find you. I knew what was in his mind. He hadn't actually said as much, but he had let me see that if he couldn't get you to marry Jim Asson and couldn't marry you himself, he meant to get the money in the only other way open to him—by getting rid of you and marrying your mother. If you and Lutman were doing it, I knew he was capable of doing it. They've never been able to get the evidence to arrest him, but I happen to know that the police believe he's guilty of two murders which have never been solved, and I didn't dare risk it. The only safe way was to hold you somewhere and keep you there until things had sorted themselves out. As a matter of fact, I went to the barge this evening and was scared out of my life when Joplin told me you'd disappeared. I was afraid Lutman had somehow managed to get you."

"He did his best, Charles. And when I couldn't be found, didn't he suspect?"

"I didn't give him the chance," smiled Charles. "I went for him before he had a chance to go for me. I accused him of having kidnaped you, and demanded to know where you were; I threatened to go to the police if he didn't tell me. He swallowed it all and had no idea that I knew where you were and was responsible for putting you there. He tried to give me the impression that he had hidden you away somewhere himself so that I shouldn't get at you and—tell you things. Now do you believe me?"

"All right, Charles; I believe you. But the next time you think of boarding me out you might find someone a bit more attractive than the Joplins. And now what? There's mother, Charles. We must do something. She has promised to marry Lutman."

"There's nothing to be done tonight, anyway," said Stuckey. "She can't marry Lutman until tomorrow, and she's not likely to marry him at all. Lutman will see to that. Your refusing to sink and turning up again will upset his

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