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WEATHER
Cloudy tonight. Tuesday unsettled, probably rain in west and south portions.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

GOOD SERMON IS DELIVERED AT NEWTON

Newton, Jan. 30.—A crowd that filled the seating capacity of the Methodist church was present tonight to hear Rev. M. E. Cotton, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, deliver an address on "The Responsibility of Citizenship."

The occasion was a union service, and was held in the city with the Rev. W. B. Shinn, pastor of the Methodist church, calling on Rev. John A. Ditzler of the Newton church, to read the sermon, after which Rev. A. T. Cotton was introduced by Rev. Shinn and for more than an hour he attracted close attention, pointing out to them the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

"A great thing to be a citizen," said the speaker, "is that has done so much for the world. The efforts now being made by the leaders of the world should cause every citizen to feel just pride of citizenship in such a nation. It is a great thing to be a citizen of the great state of North Carolina." "A state that makes the lead in so many forward movements. I am proud that a citizen of such a great commonwealth. But there is one part of that record of my state of which I am ashamed. I refer to the fact that in 1920 one fourth of all the men captured in the United States Federal authorities were captured in North Carolina.

"This is a condition that should be, and will not be when every man as wakes up to his responsibilities as citizens," said Mr. Cotton.

The speaker made an earnest appeal to every man to stand up and be counted in the night to enforce the prohibition law, saying that an earnest effort was being made by the less element of this country to nullify the 18th amendment of our constitution. Good citizens have encouraged the illicit traffic of whiskey by offering their services as drivers when the violators of the law have brought to justice. They also encouraged the whiskey traffic by signing petitions asking the pardon to pardon these convicted criminals. Good citizens cannot afford to do that and it is to be hoped that the day is at hand when a man will think too much of his citizenship to do in any way to encourage lawlessness on the part of a small part of our people.

This address was well received by a large crowd present, and it is believed that its effect will be seen and felt in the days to come. The good citizens of Newton that this address should be heard every section of Catawba county and state of North Carolina.

HOME MERCHANTS NOW GETTING BUSINESS

(BY MAN ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Mail order houses in the east and west are finding that they can no longer compete with "home town" merchants and as a result the "country merchant" has recaptured a great mass of former trade in the last year, says the Daily News Record, of New York City, which has just received opinions on the mail order business in general from all sections of the country.

From the resume made public by the New York retailers' daily paper it is indicated that North Carolina farmers and farmers in other states of the south are doing their trading at home businesses, the merchants having just recently sought to divert the steady stream of money which in years past went to mail order houses in the east and west. The News Record's opinions emphasize the fact that the mail order houses have seen their best days, this being seen in the announcement from big department stores that have done away with their mail order departments.

Using the 16 million dollar loss sustained in 1921 by Sears, Roebuck and Company, probably the largest mail order house in this country, as a basis the New York publication queried business men and retailers in all sections of the country and from the responses gives the following reasons for the decline in all mail order businesses:

"Various causes are ascribed in the decreased business of the big mail order houses in Chicago. The most general opinion is that it was due mainly to the lowered buying power of the farmer. The inability of keeping up with the declining market with a bulky and expensive catalog supposed to last for months is generally admitted, and the advantage of a small town merchant in such a market it pointed out.

"The country merchant, it is declared, has recaptured a great mass of former trade in the last year by exchanging his goods for farm products, by extending credit and by advertising that his prices are lower than those shown in any mail order catalog. This next year is seen as a great opportunity for the small retailer. He may hold the farmers and make further inroads on catalog business or he may lose much or little or what he has gained.

"The influence of the automobile toward easier and quicker transportation is admitted by many business men interviewed to have hurt the mail order business. It is so much more desirable to motor to the nearest town and purchase over the counter that the catalog is doomed to a speedy death, some declare. They believe the best days of the mail order houses are in the past."

BRIEF FOR BARON CAUSES SUICIDE

New York, Jan. 30.—Grief over the death of Baron Rosen, former Russian ambassador to the United States, was believed to be responsible for the suicide here today of Capt. Francis M. Barber, formerly of the United States navy. The two men had been intimate friends for more than two score years and since Baron Rosen's death has been described by Captain Barber as being despondent.

Captain Barber was found in a wash room in the University room with his throat cut. A razor was in his right hand. He was 76 years old.

BETTER CONDITIONS SEEN IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Improvement in the employment situation in New York was seen in the increase of 59 cents in the average weekly wage of New York state industrial workers, the commissioner of employment announced today.

Reports from 1,468 representative manufacturing plants were taken in compiling the average.

TOWNEY RELEASED FROM STATE PRISON

Jackson, Minn., Jan. 30.—A. C. Townley, president of the national non-partisan league, today completed a 90 day sentence for violation of the Minnesota espionage act. He has promised to appear at Spargo to answer to a charge of conspiracy in the embezzlement of \$3,000 from the bank.

TWO PAGES KILLED IN PICTURE WRECK

Washington, Jan. 30.—Two house representatives pages were among those killed in the Knickerbocker theatre Saturday night.

They were Laverne Sproul, a new representative of Sproul of Ohio, and Cutler Laffin, Jr., both of Chicago. Laffin worked as an usher at the picture show at night.

HARDING CALLS OFF RECEPTION TONIGHT

Washington, Jan. 30.—Declaring "there is so much grief in Washington today," President Harding today announced postponement of a reception tonight at the white house at which Washington residents of Ohio birth were to meet in observance of the birthday of President McKinley.

ANOTHER DEATH

Washington, Jan. 30.—The death toll from the Knickerbocker theatre disaster Saturday night was brought to 108 today with the death in a local hospital of Miss Mary Forsyth, a resident of Washington.

Leaders of India's Non-co-operative Movement



Here is the first photograph to reach this country of leaders of the non-co-operative congress, comprising volunteers from all parts of India, who are now in session discussing the formation of an independent India. The non-co-operators have grown to tremendous power since the arrival of his royal highness the prince of Wales.

DEATH TOLL REACHES 108 IN BIG THEATER DISASTER

Rescuers Still Busy Endeavoring to Find Bodies in Wreck of Steel—House Collapsed Saturday Night Under Weight of Snow—Believed One Man Yet Alive Under Debris

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 30.—With a total of 108 dead and 132 injured removed from the ruins of the Knickerbocker motion picture theatre up to an early hour today, the searchers were still working to remove a heavy wreckage which overspread the scene of the Knickerbocker moving picture theatre Saturday night.

Brigadier General Banfill, commandant of federal troops in the district, said it might be another 24 hours before it could be determined the exact number of dead under the mass of twisted steel.

It was believed, however, that the section now being exploited would reveal few additions to the awful list of victims, it being under the rear of the balcony, which held up when the front of it crashed down.

A party of the rescuers had been struggling today to release one man believed to be yet alive, although imprisoned under the mass for nearly 36 hours. The great weight of the steel beams which crashed with the roof has in many instances been removed.

The capital city was bowed in great grief today to learn the full extent of the tragedy in the recovery of bodies yesterday and last night.

This was more intensely shared by the rest of the country because of the considerable number of visitors who shared the catastrophe.

Edward H. Shughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, who was one of the 14 listed as seriously injured, was making a fight today at the Walter Reed hospital. Among those listed as injured was former Representative A. J. Barchfield of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. B. Virginia Farrand, sister of the minister of Guatemala.

Most of the dead still lay early today in the basement of the new by Christian Scientists church to await identification.

PROBE IS ASKED BIG THEATRE DISASTER

Washington, Jan. 30.—Investigation of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster by a senate committee is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas.

Supporting the resolution, Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey said the investigation should be a "widespread one of the entire district government," adding that he knew that many buildings in Washington were fire traps and needed to be exposed.

"I think the time has come when some committee of congress should be appointed to inquire into the enforcement of laws in the District of Columbia," said Senator Frelinghuysen. "For one thing there is a laxity of statute law and administration."

BIG DECREASE IS SHOWN IN EXPORTS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Exports to Europe during the past year fell off by more than two billion dollars as compared with 1920 while exports to South American countries fell off more than three hundred thousand dollars.

During the year 1921 the exports aggregated \$2,364,000,000 compared with \$4,466,000,000 in 1920, while imports for the year aggregated \$765,000,000 as against \$1,228,000,000 in 1920.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 30.—The rallies of late last week were followed by renewed weakness in the cotton market today by weak Liverpool cables. There was a break in the Egyptian market, which further depressed the local market.

	Open	Close
March	16.55	16.14
May	16.28	15.19
July	16.02	15.64
October	15.60	15.21
December	15.60	15.10

Hickory cotton 16 1-2c.

What a pity the world is not as straight as strait.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

FORD'S NEW PLAN BETTER THAN FIRST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 30.—Two important modifications in the original proposal of Henry Ford for the purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate plant were contained in the official copy of the contract received through the mails today by Senator Harris, Democrat of Georgia.

Appointment of a commission by the president was provided in the contract as finally approved, which would be empowered to determine whether the contract was being strictly lived up to in the matter of furnishing fertilizer to the farmers or in making earnings of more than eight per cent.

The other change was an agreement by Mr. Ford to pay an annual rental of 4 per cent in whatever sum necessary to complete Ctn No. 3.

In the original proposal the contract provided for a payment of a rental of four per cent on the amount which Mr. Ford estimated would take to complete the dam.

The government experts were of the opinion that Mr. Ford's modifications meets the objections of the government engineers, and removes the dispute over the cost of completing the project.

SHANTUNG ISSUE SETTLEMENT IS NEAR

Washington, Jan. 30.—Further indications that a settlement of the Shantung controversy was imminent today when the Japanese and Chinese delegates were called together to resume their consideration. Every issue has been settled except the railroad settlement and resumption of the negotiations was taken to mean that the two groups were ready again to take up the railroad question.

At the same time a call was issued for late in the day of the naval committee of 26 to discuss the Japanese reply to the fortifications, which was the only feature of the naval treaty not yet completed.

ROOFS OF BUILDINGS FALL AT HENDERSON

Henderson, N. C., Jan. 30.—As the result of the weight of 22 1-2 inches of snow the roofs of two structures collapsed here yesterday and today. The roof of the Cooper tobacco warehouse fell in yesterday, entailing damage estimated at \$2,500 and the top of the Corbett Motor Truck storage warehouse collapsed this morning doing damage estimated at \$5,000. No one was injured.

GODDARD TO SING IN HICKORY SOON

James Goddard is one of America's greatest singers and is looked upon by many critics as being the second best baritone singer in the world.

Mr. Goddard for several years has filled concert engagements with such celebrated artists as Caruso, Scotti and others of equal fame. He is every inch a man in appearance being six feet and five inches in height and he has an ideal man's voice. He not only has a wonderful voice, but he knows how to use it. He also has lyrical sense which is by no means as common in opera singers as might be thought.

The London Times said: "If there exists today a better natural Basso than that of Mr. Goddard it is doubtful to imagine who can be the possessor of it."

The concert will be at popular prices within the reach of every one. It is distinctly an educational feature for the benefit of the high school library sponsored by the Kewanee club.

GIVE PEACOCK NO EXTRA FAVORS IN PRISON

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, prominent Thomasville physician, now incarcerated in the criminal insane ward of the state prison here for killing Police Chief Taylor, will not be granted favors that are not accorded other prisoners, says George Ross, 1st, superintendent.

Recently a request was made upon Superintendent Ross to permit Dr. Peacock to give medical attention to prisoners of the state prison here and at the central prison farm in the outskirts of Raleigh, but it was refused. A request for a recommendation from the prison officials to allow Dr. Peacock to work in the state's hospital for the insane in this city has also been turned down.

Until there is a special legislative act Dr. Peacock will be kept in close confinement at the penitentiary since Superintendent Ross says he will not attempt to set aside the decision of the court which placed the Thomasville physician in the prison for life.

Any effort to obtain the man's release or transfer to another state institution will be resisted by Davidson county citizens, the capital bears. Certainly there will be no effort made in this direction until the 1923 legislative meets, if then.

While North Carolina's fire loss since January 1 is not out of proportion to the losses in other states it is "staggering to think of," says Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade.

Reports received by the insurance department since the first of the year indicate that the loss by fire in North Carolina was around one and one-half million dollars. The loss of the United States is just as heavy in proportion also but this does not explain the big damage to property at home. Commissioner Wade thinks Governor Cameron Morrison is back at the capital after a week's visit to homefolks in Charlotte where he spoke to about all of the civic organizations.

The governor made the trip to Raleigh by motor and found the roads in excellent condition despite the heavy snow and sleet which was general over the state the last three days of the past week.

The state supreme court is today holding the semi-annual examinations for applicants for law license today. After the examination the court will resume its sitting and will hear argument in cases scheduled to come before it.

STREET CAR STRIKE NEAR SETTLEMENT

Norfolk, Jan. 30.—President Thos. S. Wheelwright of the Virginia Railway & Power Company was expected to appear before a board in connection with the street car strike. Both the Virginia Railway and Power Company and the employees have agreed to abide by the decision of the board.

DISCUSS PURCHASE WITH MR. HARDING

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary Weeks will discuss the proposed purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals power plant by Henry Ford with President Harding before sending the contracts to congress for final action, it was said at the war department. Since Mr. Weeks had made no engagement today at the white house, it was assumed the subject would be brought up at the regular cabinet meeting tomorrow. The contract probably will be submitted to congress Wednesday, Mr. Weeks said.

NOTRE DAME STARS CONFESS TO PLAYING

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 30.—Notre Dame University athletes today voluntarily confessed to Father William Cary, chairman of the athletic board, and Knuto Rockne, football coach, that they played in the semi-professional football game at Taylorville, Ill., November 27, 1921, with the Carlinville, Ill., team. They were immediately disqualified from further athletic competition in athletics at the university.

MANY SHIPS ARE IN DISTRESS OFF COAST

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—From all portions of the storm swept Atlantic coast have come calls by wireless from vessels in distress. Coast ships and cutter have been busy for a week.

The coast guard Manning arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday after a several days' battle with the hurricane trying to tow the Blanche C. Pendleton, smashed in a collision with the tanker I. C. White off Symbol Shoals, near Cape Hatteras.

Supplies and fuel will be taken on here by the coast guard cutter Yamacraw which will arrive late today.

The Yamacraw has been helping the six vessels trying to tow the Arathusa.

A radio from the coast guard cutter Seminole last night said the Arathusa, which was in tow was again adrift. Sixty persons were aboard the ship.

Badly battered the oil tanker, Robert H. Hopkins, which barely escaped going ashore on Wednesday's shoals, steamed slowly into Norfolk port today.

SINGER IN PAPAL CHOIR GOES MAD

Rome, Jan. 30.—Suddenly becoming violently insane, a member of the pontifical choir today created a sensation in the Sistine chapel before the singing of the requiem mass for Pope Benedict by shouting "Down with the Pope!"

He insisted on leading the procession out of the chapel preceding the cardinals and somewhat roughly elbowing a cardinal out of the cortege before he was overpowered by the Swiss guards and locked up.

EXTENDS SYMPATHY IN BIG DISASTER

Washington, Jan. 30.—The sympathy of France in the grief which has overtaken Washington as a result of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster was extended today by Albert Sarraud, head of the French arms delegation, in a message today to Secretary Hughes.

RECORD BAD LUCK

"What is sadder than a man who loses his last friend?"

"A man who works for his board and loses his appetite!"—Stanford Chaparral.