

VICTIMS OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN WESTERN CAROLINA TO BE BURIED SEPARATELY, DR. HARPER HERE AND HIS WIFE AT CONETOE

Local Dentist Who Suicided After Killing Helpmeet at Village Near Asheville Afraid of Tuberculosis, Said—Had Declared He Would Not Succumb to the Disease—His Funeral and Interment Here Thursday Morning—Mrs. Harper's Remains Going to Town Where Father's Family Reside—Medical Man Had Told Dr. Harper Use of Alcohol Would Make Him Susceptible to Disease—Was Former Officer in Militia

The funeral of Dr. Henry D. Harper, the dentist of this city who suicided at Weaverville, N. C., near Asheville, Tuesday afternoon after killing his wife, Mrs. Dora Dawson Harper, will be held here Thursday. The body will arrive tonight or in the morning. The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 by Mr. B. P. Smith, with Masonic honors. The interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

The two victims of the double tragedy will be buried apart. The remains of Mrs. Harper are to be carried to Conetoe, where her father's family reside, and there buried Thursday. Relatives of Mrs. Harper residing here have gone to Conetoe.

Dr. Harper, according to a member of the family, feared tuberculosis, and had remarked before leaving here for West Carolina several months ago that he would not die from that disease. A physician had warned him against excessive use of alcohol, advising that tuberculosis might result from that.

Dr. Harper was once a captain in the National Guard, and later a staff officer with a higher rank. He once held a commission in the naval militia. He was an heir to the estate of his father, the late H. D. Harper, Sr., but was of inconsiderable means when he died. His once lucrative practice as a dentist here had become small when he left this city. Mrs. Harper, once considered beautiful, six years younger than her husband, who was 38, was a woman of splendid disposition, stately and accomplished. Her family at Conetoe stand high in business and social circles. The couple were childless. Dr. Harper was of athletic figure and considered handsome by many of his acquaintances.

The Free Press in an extra carried the following account of the affair, from Asheville Tuesday night:

Asheville, Aug. 15.—Dr. H. D. Harper, a prominent dentist of Kinston, N. C., shot his wife today, killing her instantly, it is believed, and then fired a bullet into his brain, dying two hours later in the mission hospital.

The tragedy took place in Weaverville, near Asheville, about 1 o'clock p. m. in a boarding house where Dr. and Mrs. Harper had been summer visitors for about three weeks.

Mrs. Harper was found lying in bed as if she had been asleep, dead in a pool of blood. Dr. Harper, fully dressed, with a pistol in his hand, was lying unconscious on another bed. The young dentist was brought to the Mission hospital in this city, where he died a few minutes after 3 o'clock.

The couple were apparently devoted to one another, and no cause has been given for the tragedy further than a report that Dr. Harper had been drinking. Dr. Harper was about 38 years old. He was a son of the late Dr. Henry Harper of Kinston. His brother, Jack V. Harper of Gastonia, married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins of Asheville.

Mrs. Harper is thought to have been before marriage a Miss Dora Dawson of Eastern Carolina. She was 32 years old. The couple had no children.

Mrs. Henry D. Harper was Miss Dora Dawson, member of a prominent family at Conetoe. Her father is living. She was a niece of County Treasurer John Dawson. Dr. Harper was a brother of Dr. Carl Harper, Mrs. Hugh Ward and Miss Mildred Harper, all of this city, and Mr. Jack Harper of Gastonia.

HEADQUARTERS CO. IS NEW UNIT SEC'D INF.

(Special to The Free Press)
Camp Glenn, N. C., Aug. 15.—Formation of the new headquarters company of the Second infantry was completed here today. The company includes the non-commissioned staff, as sergeant-major, color-sergeants, quartermaster and commissary sergeants of the regiment and battalions, the band, mounted scouts, stable detail, etc. F. T. McDevott, trumpet sergeant, was appointed first sergeant of the headquarters company acting drum-major.
Kirby Pittman, drum-major of the band under the old order, was here today to draw his discharge, announced authorized yesterday. Members of Company B from Kin-

ston authorized to receive discharges under the "Dependents order" are J. T. Taylor, Harper O'Sullivan, John Rivenbark, Richard Williams, James Kennedy.

TALK ABOUT COST OF PAPER BUT DON'T ACT

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—Cost of white paper was the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of newspaper men here today. Representatives of the afternoon papers in session entered into a contract with a northern agency to place all foreign advertising. The discussion showed that papers were paying from 2 1/2 to 4 cents for paper, but no action was taken.

BIG NAVY INCREASE ASSURED BY ACTION OF HOUSE TUESDAY

Adopted Bill Already Passed By Senate by Overwhelming Majority—Will Give United States 157 More Men-of-War

Washington, Aug. 16.—The House late yesterday adopted the building program of the naval bill by a vote of 283 to 51. The Senate had already passed the bill.

Authorized are 10 battleships, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, 50 destroyers, nine fleet and 58 coast submarines and one submersible with the Neff propulsion system, three fuel ships, two ammunition ships, one hospital ship, one repair ship, 4 destroyer tenders, one fleet, submarine tender and two gunboats, a total of 157 new ships.

Three North Carolina congressmen voted against the measure: Kitchen, Page and Webb. The first two spoke against the bill.

The appropriation is the largest ever made by any country. It will put the United States Navy in second place.

MOSQUITOES ALMOST KILLED BABY GIRL

(By the United Press)
Mount Olive, Aug. 16.—Blanche, 2-year-old daughter of F. P. Quinn and wife, a Duplin county couple, wandered a mile from her home and was found after an all-night search almost dead from exposure and the effects of mosquito bites. The child's face was so badly swollen she could hardly see. She will recover.

SEABOARD CONTRACTS OUT RECONSTRUCTION

Hamlet, Aug. 15.—The Seaboard Air Line has just awarded the contract to the Vaughn Construction Co. of Shaville, Va., for rebuilding the line from Hamlet to Gibson. This is a part of the main line to Charleston, and the only part of the line not of standard construction. The new work will be about ten miles long and the cost will be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS SIX HUNDRED RAILROAD EMPLOYEES THURSDAY; TO BE HISTORY-MAKING SCENE IN WHITE HOUSE

Members of Four Brotherhoods Will Journey to Washington to Hear Speech by Chief Justice In East Room—Both Sides Wary of Bringing About National Calamity and Bringing Down Upon Their Heads Condemnation of the Nation's People—Enginemen, Trainmen and Others Agree to Hear President Talk But Have Arrived at No Other Conclusion in Conference, Says New York Report—Workers Cautious

Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson tomorrow will address 600 representatives of the four great railroad brotherhoods in a determined effort to prevent the nation-wide transportation tie-up, which he believes would be "a national calamity."

The East Room of the White House, famed for its splendid social gatherings, will be the scene of this event, unparalleled in the history of American labor. Men are coming to hear the appeal the President has made to their sub-committee for co-operation to avoid the strike.

Word from New York is that the delegates have already agreed to come to Washington to meet the President, but have come to no other decision. The employees are believed to have reached the position where, it is believed, either side would be extremely wary of appealing in the light of turning down President Wilson completely.

"Both sides," said an employees' official, today, "will do a whole lot of thinking before they will be branded by one hundred million people as responsible for such a national calamity."

COURT ORDER ISSUED IN THE LATEST N. S. RIGHT-OF-WAY CASE

Summons Nearly Dozen Individuals to New Bern Federal Court—Railroad Trying to Secure Valuable Property Claimed By It

Jos. Stricklin, J. T. Skinner and Mrs. Beulah Skinner, Clyde Tyndall, Robert C. Curtis, Mrs. R. E. Grady, Mrs. Kate M. Cobb, Carl W. Hartsfield, Mrs. Estelle K. Stroud and N. W. Jones were summoned today to appear in Federal Court at New Bern on October 24 to answer to a complaint by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, demanding, as its rightful own, property lying along its right-of-way in the vicinity of Caswell and East streets' intersection, where most of the persons named reside. U. S. Marshal W. T. Dörth was here with

the order, issued today. The order is to be at Wilson in judge's chambers on August 30.

A similar order was issued some months ago in connection with other property, claimed by the railroad to have been granted it many years ago and since squatted upon by individuals, but the persons involved and the Norfolk Southern compromised the matter, the latter taking over the property and compensating the individuals. The company is seeking to widen the right-of-way, in this case for increased trackage for union station and cotton platform purposes, it claims.

Two colored men and a colored woman were badly injured when a soda fountain exploded in a store at Washington. All three sustained broken limbs or severe cuts and the men lost several fingers.

THIRTY MILES OF ALLIED ARTILLERY NOW POUNDING AT GERMAN DEFENSES IN THE SOMME SECTOR; COMPLETE MASTERY AIR

French War Balloons Stretch as Far as the Guns—Wireless Equipped, They Direct the Gunners' Fire—Every Instant on Every Part of German Front a Shell Bursts. Stupendous Cannonade May Be Greatest in History—French Aeroplanes Fly at Will Over the Enemy Lines, But Never a German Aircraft Is to Be Seen—Not One Thing Left Standing in Bacquincourt Save a Charmed Figure of Christ—Pathetic Scene

(By Henry Wood)
Berlin Report.
Berlin, Aug. 16.—The Russians today made only weak attacks north of the Dneister, following their recent heavy losses. These attacks were repulsed, it is officially reported.

With the French Armies on the Somme, Aug. 16.—A thirty-mile horseshoe of solid artillery fire, one of the most terrific rains of shell in the history of the world, is drawing a line of flame along the Somme battle front. The stupendousness of the great artillery struggle is indescribable. Shells of all calibres burst at every instant at every point along the entire front with a rapidity that defies counting.

Equally impressive as this thirty-mile semi-circle of fire, is a thirty-mile horseshoe of French observation balloons, their wireless directing the French fire. Innumerable French battleplanes dart in and out, among the balloons, crossing and re-crossing the German lines every minute. Despite the great activity of the French air forces, not a single German aeroplane or balloon is to be seen, testifying to France's undisputed mastery of the air.

In a visit to the razed village of Bacquincourt, the only thing found standing was a slender wooden cross bearing a miniature statue of Christ. A yard away a shell had mowed down giant trees, also carrying away an arm of the cross. But the figure of Christ remains untouched, pathetically reviewing the barren waste that formerly was Bacquincourt.

German Officers Think Force of the Russian Advance Has Been Broken.

Headquarters of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Aug. 16.—"The worst of the Russian offensive is over," is the opinion of German commanders on the eastern front. It has been completely halted at the Stochod river, near which the Russians have shifted their attack southward, always against the Austrians. The faster they advance their left wing in the southeast, German officers declare, the more they endanger their right wing along the Stochod. It is admitted that the Austrians were surprised at the beginning of the offensive. It is not believed, however, that the Russians' attacks will have such force now that the whole Austro-German front has been reorganized. It is declared that the fall of Stanislaw and Goritz was offset by the failure of the Slavs to reach Kovel and Lemberg. The Germans arrived at the critical moment, stiffening the Austrian lines.

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—General Brussilov has renewed his offensive on the entire Galician front. He is striking his hardest blows at the extreme ends of the Austrian line to the eastern theater of war to confer with Von Hindenburg. Russian successes in the Carpathians are menacing the Austrian flank end at Joblonitz Pass, one of the main gateways to the Hungarian plains.

WEBB EXPORT TRADE BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED TO HOUSE

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 16.—The Webb export trade bill of Congressman Webb of North Carolina, intended to "aid and encourage our manufacturers and producers to extend our foreign trade," was favorably reported to the House by the Judiciary Committee yesterday. The bill would permit the organization of co-operative selling agencies or associations among exporters.

PRESIDENT IS TO DEDICATE BIG DAM

The "Elephant Butte" to "Bring In" 2,000 Acres of Fertile Lands When Waters of Rio Grande Start Flowing Through It

(Special to The Free Press)
El Paso, Texas, Aug. 16.—When President Wilson touches the golden key which will start the waters of

the Rio Grande flowing through the spillways of the great Elephant Butte dam on October 14, he will "bring in" 200,000 acres of fertile lands in the chain of valleys in New Mexico, Texas and Old Mexico. The first meeting of the 23rd International Irrigation Congress will be held at the dam dedication and followed by sessions in El Paso, Oct. 16, 17, 18.

The Elephant Butte dam is a mass of concrete and steel thrown across the Rio Grande on the desert of New Mexico at the point where a great rock, formed like the head and body of a mastadonic elephant, seems to drink from the Rio Grande. This giant impounding dam has formed the largest irrigation reservoir in the world. More than 45 miles in length and 8 miles across, the lake stores the melted snows of the Colorado mountains.

The dedication of the Elephant Butte dam by President Wilson on October 14 will be an event of world wide importance in the irrigation field.

Give Fireman Long Vacation.
The Aldermen Monday night allowed Driver Bert Sellers two weeks' leave from the downtown fire station, for "faithful service." Mr. Sellers will leave next week for New York and other places.



Justice: "In Europe They Wouldn't Arbitrate"