

Blaze Sweeps the Waterfront at Galveston; Damage of Millions

One Block, Two Piers Smouldering Ruins, Seven Other Blocks and Three Ships Are Afire—Wind Fans Flames and Texas Port Fears Conflagration—Chemicals Handicap Firemen—Sparks Falling Over Wide Area—Blaze Starts at Sulphur Company's Pier—Community Victim of Tidal Wave Not Many Years Ago Faces Second Disaster From Another Element

(By the United Press)

Galveston, Sept. 30.—The fire damage is now estimated at \$2,000,000.

Galveston, Sept. 30.—A fire swept the Galveston waterfront today causing millions of dollars' damage.

Two piers and a block of buildings have been destroyed and seven other blocks and three steamers are afire.

A shed of a cotton concentrating company covering nearly a block and loaded to capacity has been destroyed.

Eight Blocks Afire.

Houston, Sept. 30.—Eight waterfront blocks, four piers and three ships are afire at Galveston, according to telephone messages received here.

The fire started on the Freeport Sulphur Company's pier. Chemicals are interfering with the efforts of the firemen to fight the blaze.

Wind-swept flames and sparks are flying over a wide area, causing heroic precautions to prevent a great conflagration.

Exchange Profs.

America and Czechoslovakia in Educational Trade.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Institute for International Education in its endeavor "to develop international good-will by means of educational agencies" is arranging in cooperation with the Society for the Advancement of Slavonic Study and the Ministry of Education of Czechoslovakia, for an exchange of professors between Czechoslovak and American universities.

The Institute's Committee on Grants to Professors on Leave of Absence, awards grants only to American professors who have agreed to teach for at least one semester in a foreign university, and who have submitted official evidence that they personally, as well as their proposed lectures are acceptable to the authorities of the foreign institutions which they purpose to visit.

One of the first American professors awarded a grant by the Institute is Prof. I. Andrews of Tufts College who will spend most of the coming year in the Czechoslovak Capital lecturing on American History and Institutions at the University of Prague.

Cox President

Artillery Colonel Heads 30th Division Veterans.

(By the United Press)

Asheville, Sept. 30.—The Old Hickory veterans left for their homes last night and today after concluding their second annual reunion yesterday afternoon.

Nashville, Tenn., was chosen for the 1921 convention place. Col. Albert Cox of Raleigh was elected to the presidency and Capt. Frank Bowen of Knoxville was reelected secretary and treasurer. Sergt.-Maj. Guy May, Knoxville, was elected first vice-president; Private Harold Turner, Spartanburg, second vice-president, and Sergt. Harry Baumgardner, Asheville, third vice-president.

Colonel Cox commanded the 113th Field Artillery during the war. Legion Adjourns.

Cleveland, Sept. 30.—The American Legion convention here closed with the election of F. W. Galbraith of Cincinnati as commander.

Building in Mexico

Boom Strikes Republic—All Towns Sharing in Activity.

(By the United Press)

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 30.—A building boom has struck Mexico with the advent of the first real peace the inhabitants have experienced in many years, judging by reports reaching building contractors here.

Practically every city of more than ten thousand people has reported much building activity.

Contractors have been asked for bids on paving, drainage systems, factories and railroad reconstruction they report. Cities in both North and South America are building as they have never built before, the Mexican Trade Bureau of the local Chamber of Commerce reports.

WHAT WOMEN MUST DO TO QUALIFY FOR ELECTION IN NOV'R

Rules for Registration and Voting—How the Ballots Will Be Deposited—Everything Made Easy for Novices

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—The following information relative to registering and voting, given out by Legislative Reference Librarian H. M. London, will be of especial interest to prospective women voters throughout the State:

"All persons not previously registered and who expect to vote at the election on November 2 are required to present themselves in person before the registrar of the precinct for registration between September 30 and October 23 inclusive. Voters cannot be registered in any other way or manner. They cannot be registered by mail or over the telephone. The registrar of the precinct will be at the polling place on each of the four Saturdays during the registration period with his books for the purpose of registering voters. At other times, he may be found at his residence.

"The woman voter is subject to the same conditions and qualifications as apply to the male voter, except that she is not required to pay a poll tax or exhibit a poll tax receipt in order to register and vote in the coming election. Before registering each woman voter must take the following oath:

"That she will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith; that she has been a resident of the State of North Carolina for two years of the county for six months and of the precinct in which she proposes to vote four months; that she is 21 years of age and has not registered for this election in any other precinct.

"The Attorney-General has ruled that the woman voter need not give her exact age, but she must state that she is 21 years of age or over. An act of the extra session of the General Assembly of 1920 defines the residence of a married woman living with her husband to be where her husband resides, and that of a woman living, separate and apart from her husband to be where she actually resides.

"Where a person has moved from one precinct to another precinct in the same county within four months from the election, such person should register and vote at the old precinct.

"At the coming election six boxes will be provided in which the following ballots will be deposited: (1) State officers, including United States senator; (2) member of Congress; (3) presidential electors; (4) members of the General Assembly and county officers; (5) township constable and justices of the peace, and (6) constitutional amendments.

"Under the absentee voters law, any person duly registered who may be absent from the county or physically unable to go to the polls for the purpose of voting in person, which fact shall be made to appear by the certificate of a physician or by affidavit, shall be allowed to register and vote upon application to the chairman of the county board of elections, who will furnish the voter ballots and blank certificate necessary for voting."

Discharges in Order.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The following are the eight players indicted for participation in the alleged baseball scandal.

Eddie Cicotte, star pitcher who waived immunity and confessed, according to court attaches, that he took a \$10,000 bribe.

Arnold Gandil, former first baseman.

"Shoeless Joe" Jackson, heavy hitting left-fielder.

Oscar "Hap" Felsch, center-fielder.

Charles "Swede" Risberg, shortstop.

Claude Williams, pitcher.

George "Buck" Weaver, third baseman.

Fred McMullin, utility player.

With his team, the White Sox, only one game behind the Cleveland Indians in the pennant race, the veteran Owner Comiskey served notice on the accused men that if found guilty he would have them blacklisted forever.

The New York Yankees' personnel has been offered intact to Comiskey to finish the season.

The world's series will open October 5, the national commission has decided. The first three games will be at Brooklyn.

REPRISALS AGAINST POLICE THREATENED IN COUNTY GALWAY

Forays Must Cease, Warned—While MacSwiney Improves Temporarily English Officials Puzzle Over His Case

(By the United Press)

Dublin, Sept. 30.—Counter reprisals against the Black and Tan Police are threatened in County Galway.

Wordings reaching here says the police have been told that their wrecking forays must cease or they will be attacked.

Mac Better.

London, Sept. 30.—MacSwiney slept three hours last night and was much refreshed today. While the mayor's life was slowly drifting out the British cabinet was puzzling over his case.

HOW LENOIR LEAF GROWERS WILL MAKE SURE OF REDUCTION

Will Be No Chance for Backsliders to Violate Pledge Without Being Taken to Task—Moral Obligation Enough

Leaders of the Lenoir County farmers organization to get better prices for their principal products, tobacco and cotton, are pledged in advance to abide by any regulations the State association may adopt at its forthcoming meeting. Officers of the local body declare there will be "fullest cooperation" in this county next spring and that a 50 per cent. curtailment of the tobacco acreage is not improvable.

Each of the dozen townships in the county is to have its vigilance committee, it is intimated. These will be comprised by men chosen by the neighborhood farmers themselves. The committee will watch to see that there is no violation of curtailment pledges. "Moral pressure" will be all needed to bring violators back into line it is believed. Leaders of the organization movement point out that cooperation has become almost second nature with the planters and tenants in this section.

There would be no other means for handling backsliders without violating the Sherman law, it is said.

If 50 per cent. reduction is required of Lenoir County next year the reduction will be 50 per cent., prominent farmers confidently assert. At any rate, the biggest corn, sweet potato, Irish potato and wheat crops in many years will be produced in Lenoir in 1921.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

FARMERS MEET IN PROTEST. Atlanta, Sept. 30.—Georgia farmers are to meet at the State Capitol here today in mass session to protest against the credit restriction policy. The farmers are refusing to sell cotton on a low market and reports that night riders are active are again frequent.

PEACE IN A MONTH. Rome, Sept. 30.—Italy is to declare the war ended October 31, the cabinet today decided.

Aviation Program

Calls for Congressional Appropriation \$5,000,000 Annually.

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 30.—Measures to make America the leader of the nations in aviation will be laid before Congress at the next session, Chairman Kahn of the House Military Affairs Committee today said. The plans include an annual appropriation of five millions to aid experiments, new inventions and designs developed by Americans.

STATE COUNSEL AT CHICAGO BELIEVES INDICTMENTS N. G.

Hoyne Requests Holding Up of Probe Until Return From N. Y.

GRAND JURY PROCEEDS

Apparently Determined Make Most Out of Baseball Scandal—Only Minor Charges Can Be Brought, Says Att'y

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The investigation of the alleged baseball crookedness will be continued despite the request of State's Attorney Hoyne for a delay until his return from New York, Foreman Brigham of the grand jury today announced.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The eight baseball indictments voted by the grand jury here are now held doubtful and have been ordered held up by State's Attorney McClay Hoyne, who is reported to have told the secretary they were based on a misinterpretation of the law.

Players can be prosecuted for gambling or conspiracy to gamble, but Hoyne is doubtful if indictments on these grounds would hold.

Diocesan Meeting

In Interest Episcopal Campaign to Be Held Here Friday.

Delegates from throughout Eastern Carolina will attend an Episcopal conference at St. Mary's Church here Friday to discuss the carrying on of the Nationwide Campaign which was started last year. The delegations from the various parishes will include both men and women. About 125 are expected.

The principal speaker will be Rev. Louis G. Wood, of the central offices of the campaign. He is reputed to be a forceful orator. The Nationwide Campaign of the Episcopal Church began last fall with a general survey of the condition of the church and the needs and future possibilities of the work. The first year's work in the campaign was marked by a drive for workers and for funds to extend the church's activities. The Diocese of East Carolina, of which Bishop Thomas Darst is head and Wilmington headquarters, stands highest in the United States in the results achieved during the first year of the campaign. One hundred and twenty-six per cent. of its apportionment was raised. St. Mary's church here increased its pledged income over 350 per cent. and exceeded its quota 15 per cent. during the drive.

During the remaining two years of the campaign this diocese will not have to expend any more effort on the financial side, but will be able to devote its whole attention to a drive for more workers and for the "general deepening of the spiritual life of its members."

The conferences here will open at 10 a. m. and will probably close in time for delegates who are in a hurry to catch a late afternoon train. It is probable that many will remain over, and a service will be held at St. Mary's at 7:30 p. m., with a sermon of general interest. The preacher for this service has not been announced. All the sessions will be open to the public and a special invitation to the evening service is extended.

It has been pointed out to him that the commission deals with problems touching the home and, therefore, is important to women.

Mr. Wilson has already appointed women to four other responsible federal jobs.

Wide Observance

Of Fire Prevention Day and Clean-Up Week in State.

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—The signs are propitious for a fine observance of Fire Prevention Day, October 9, as fixed by law, and the follow-up clean-up week, October 9-16, fixed by Commissioner Young.

"This awakened popular interest in the necessity for conserving the lives, limbs and property of the people of North Carolina, and the recognition of the value of a special day and week of observance, as set forth by President Wilson, Governor Bickett and Commissioner Young, is acting as a spur to all connected with department fire and accident prevention work, and will result in an unprecedentedly successful organization for observance of October 9 and the week following as a dedication of all the people to aid in the prevention of fire, accidents and death therefrom," is the conclusion of Deputy Commissioner S. W. Wade.

Another Drop

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Reduction of wholesale prices of shirts was announced today by Edgar H. Betts, head of the Earl & Wilson Co. The cuts range from \$1.50 to \$2.4 a dozen. Betts predicted similar action by other manufacturers.

COTTON

Futures quotations Thursday were:

January	22.30	21.20
March	22.00	21.40
May	21.65	21.05
October	24.75	23.50
December	23.00	22.20

No local market.

BIG CROWDS GREET COX IN KANSAS IN SPITE OF OUTLOOK

State Supposed to Be Headed Toward Republicanism; League Issue

TROUBLE FOR HARDING

Is to Get Double Quizzing on League Question—Will Be Pried Away From the Porch Again 6th of October

(By the United Press)

En Route With Cox to Hutchison, Kas., Sept. 30.—Governor Cox today carried the campaign into the wheat belt, declaring the league the only definite war prevention plan yet suggested.

He speaks at Hutchison and Newton before touring Oklahoma.

Despite reports of a strong Republican trend Cox is being greeted by large crowds everywhere. He is emphasizing the league argument in every part of Kansas, apparently believing it the best vote getter he can offer.

League Overshadows All. Washington, Sept. 30.—The League of Nations is standing out as the most important issue of the campaign, with Harding facing a double quizzing on his position on the question.

An attack is coming from the Republican irreconcilables and from the Democrats based on Elihu Root's world court plan. The Democrats say the plan is a part of the League of Nations.

The irreconcilables agree and declare they want rejection of all parts of the league.

Harding "Rests." Marion, O., Sept. 30.—Harding is back on the front porch for a breathing spell before his second campaign trip into the Southwest beginning October 6.

The candidate is somewhat worse from his open air speaking, but otherwise unexhausted.

During the trip Harding made over 20 speeches in three states and replied directly to the criticisms of Cox and Roosevelt for the first time.

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MORRISON'S COMING TO LENOIR COUNTY FOR ONE ADDRESS

Will Be Heard at Deep Run During Latter Part of October

TO BE NO JOINT DEBATE

With the Republican From Present Indications—Candidate From Charlotte to Wind Up Tour November 1

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Joint debate between the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidates, Cameron Morrison and John J. Parker, from all indications will not become a reality in the present campaign in North Carolina.

This statement is given weight inferentially by State Chairman Thomas D. Warren today with the announcement of speaking dates for the Democratic nominee up to and including November 1. It is understood that Mr. Morrison's itinerary has been held up at the candidate's request in anticipation of a challenge from Mr. Parker. Since the challenge has not been made nor is there any indication that it will be forthcoming the State chairman, who is known to have consistently frowned upon joint discussions between Democrats and Republicans in North Carolina, completes the schedule of appointments for the party's major candidate and notifies his county chairmen of the dates.

That there will be no debates between the two candidates is both a source of joy and sorrow over the State. Democrats generally, that is, the members of the organization who are taxed with the responsibility of carrying on the campaign, are opposed to such things; so are the Republican leaders. But there is a class of voters, Democrats and Republicans, who long for the battle-royal. This class is composed in the man of youngsters who know little of the political warfare of Tar Heels, past or present, and they are at all times anxious for a fight.

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