

# BIG WAREHOUSE AT GOLDSBORO BURNED

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## HARDING DELIVERS MESSAGE ON MARINE BILL

### New Bern To Have Building Boom

### \$75,000 LOSS IN BIG FIRE

### Planters Warehouse At Goldsboro Completely Destroyed By Fire Today.

### SOME INSURANCE

Loss Included Building, Considerable Loss of Tobacco And 450 Bales of Cotton.

(Special to the Sun-Journal.)  
GOLDSBORO, Nov. 21.—Five this morning completely destroyed the planters warehouse, the only grain-warehouse on the Goldsboro tobacco market this season, and also damaged two residences directly opposite the structure, resulting in a total loss which is estimated as being in excess of \$75,000.

The blaze started in the grading room of the warehouse and broke out while the tobacco sale was in progress. The flames spread rapidly over the frame structure and warehouse, burning for hours. Farmers and others were forced to flee from the building. The fire department was unable to check the flames and the fire was not brought under control until early this afternoon.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It destroyed a large quantity of tobacco, which was stored in the warehouse, as well as burning all that which was being sold on the floor. In addition, it burned up 450 bales of cotton, which were also stored in the house and which belonged to farmers of Wayne county.

The residences destroyed were occupied by George W. Brown, editor of the Goldsboro Record, and Emmett R. Brown, editor of the Freeman Messenger. The warehouse was operated by D. F. Curdick, who had leased it from George Newwood, a banker of this city.

The loss was partly covered by insurance. The warehouse is insured for \$8,000, while the tobacco in storage was insured for \$6,000. The cotton was also covered by insurance, although the amount carried could not be learned.

Hundreds of persons gathered in the vicinity of the warehouse shortly after the fire broke out at ten o'clock this morning and the firemen were given every assistance in their efforts to check the flames. Practically nothing was saved from the house except the office records and the books.

Mr. W. C. Dendinger, federal officer stationed in this district for the control of tuberculosis among cattle, passed through New Bern last night en route to Goldsboro from Beaufort, where he has been engaged in testing dairy cows. Dr. Dendinger stated that all cattle tested were free from infection.

### SULTAN'S WIVES ARE 'ALL WELL AND HAPPY'

(By Associated Press)  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21.—Officials of the Sultan's palace today received a radio message from Mohammed VI, who has fled to Malta, inquiring after his wives, all of whom he left behind. The following reply to his inquiry was forwarded:  
The most anxious of the Sultan's harems is a young beauty, a daughter of the palace gardener, to whom Mohammed VI was recently married. Her installation in the imperial household aroused considerable rivalry among the other members of the harem, for she immediately became a favorite and her master lavished extensive gifts upon her. She has now returned to her parents.

### COTTON SALES SYSTEM WRONG

### Change in Future Contract Law Ir Urged by South Carolina Senator in Address

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The present cotton future contract law "reverses the laws of common sense and the customs of merchandising" by permitting the seller to deliver any one of ten grades to the buyers, Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina, declared today in an address before the Southern Commercial Congress. He urged amendment of the act to give the purchaser rights equal to those of the seller. Under the present system, he said, the growers suffer because purchasers sell their hedges rather than accept delivery of inferior grades and the consequent heavy sales depress the price.  
Figures to show that in 1920 only 33,340,000 bales of cotton were grown in the United States, while there were contracts sold for 128,907,500 bales, were cited by Mr. Dial. From August 1, 1920, to July 31, 1921, the actual number of bales delivered at New York was only 267,000 and at New Orleans 106,600.  
"Under the present practice," Senator Dial said, "even the lowest grades of cotton are not sold at their true value because you have not brought the right parties together."  
Furthermore, the prices quoted on the exchanges do not reflect the prices of the market. For example, on March 23, 1920, March contracts in New York were 36.52; spot, 40c a pound. In July, spot was 43.75; contracts 36.50.

### PRISONER-FIREMAN WAS UNWILLING LEAVE POST

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 21.—John Storry was still firing the boiler in Kilby prison today, although he might have been free.  
Paroled by the governor yesterday, Storry refused to leave the prison until a man could be found to take his place firing the boilers.  
"It is my duty to stay until then," he explained.  
Storry, sentenced to 25 years for robbery, had always contended he was innocent and was released on petition of his neighbors and prominent residents of Shelby county.

### Entire Town In Virginia Is Threatened By Big Fire

FRONT ROYAL, Va. With fifteen buildings already consumed, this entire town was believed threatened with destruction this afternoon as the water supply was almost exhausted and the firemen were unable to control the flames which were being fanned by a high wind.

The fire, which started in the cellar of the Front Royal Milling Company, spread along both sides of Main street, and, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, it was only two doors from the Strickler Hotel.

### Much Construction Work Will Be Undertaken Here During Next Few Months

### Interesting View of Situation Is Given By H. M. Jacobs, Who Outlines Reasons For Optimism Here.

New Bern is on the verge of one of the greatest building booms in the history of the city. Steps taken recently have made it possible for the man of moderate means to secure his own home with every assistance offered him in a financial way.

Over a quarter of a million dollars in building and loan stock has been sold to New Bern people within the past thirty days. A development company of Wilson, of which B. F. Hagood is local representative, has set aside an unlimited amount of money to aid men in building homes for themselves.

### New Bern Is Asked To Bid For Big Exposition Here

Details concerning the big Eastern Carolina Exposition—the first event of its kind—ever attempted in this section of the state, are contained in a letter received today by Secretary Barlow, of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, from N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber. The letter contains some interesting facts concerning the proposed exposition and reads as follows:

"At the last meeting of our executive committee we were authorized to go ahead with the arrangements for the big Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held some time the latter part of February or the first of March.

"The plan is simply this: We expect to pull off a real big winter show and, incidentally, Eastern Carolina to the outside world. We will get the railroads to put on special rates into the town that gets this show and also grant side trip rates from the location to nearby towns, etc. We will arrange to have about ten days of real entertainment, something similar to the Made-in-Carolina Show at Charlotte, except ours will be a little bigger. We will cover an territory of about 1000 miles in advertising. We will get some of the biggest men in America to come and be the big drawing cards during the show. In short we will have a mighty good attraction.

"Now the town that gets this big event must do something herself. It will take \$10,000 to pull this big event. We want the \$10,000 raised, not as a gift, but simply as an investment, the proceeds to be divided after the exposition. Is over, fifty-fifty with the subscribers and the Eastern Chamber of Commerce.

"In order that all of our towns may have a fair chance at this monster entertainment, we are going to open it up to competitive bidding, same to be opened November 24. You simply raise as much of the money as you want to, then fill out your bid reading as follows: 'We hereby submit our bid for \$— for the Eastern Carolina Exposition and enclose certificate check for said amount. It is under-

### OVERHEARD

(Expressions heard locally from various persons on various topics.)  
During the past month New Bern has subscribed \$28,000 to various causes, including the Ham-Ramsay meeting, church drives, the Y. M. C. A. and for other purposes. When you come to think of it, that isn't a bad month's worth at all.—C. W. Walker.

Some people seem to think that a clergyman's dress bars him from close association with other persons. But I don't feel that way. I like to associate with men and to mingle with men.—Dr. G. MacKinnon in address made last night.

The co-operative plan of marketing undoubtedly will prove a success. The chief difficulty is being experienced during the first year. After the farmers see how it works I believe that all opposition will vanish.—Owen G. Dunn.

People have been complaining about taxes for centuries. One of the most common complaints heard is to the effect that they can't see where they are getting any returns from the money which they have to pay out for taxes. Almost everybody seems to feel that taxes are too high, regardless of how low they may be.—Ben Jones.

### SYDNEY CATTIS IS ACQUITTED

### Former Florida Governor Is Found Not Guilty of Charges of Peonage Against Him

PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 21.—Following deliberation lasting only nine minutes, a jury in the U. S. district court here late last night found Sydney J. Cattis, former governor of Florida, not guilty of the charge of having held in peonage John Henry Rodgers, negro.

### TWO-HEADED SNAKE AGAIN CHANGES HANDS

Goldsboro, Nov. 21.—A two-headed snake valued at \$800 was delivered to Carson Loclear, Indian, yesterday when he signed "John Doe" to a bond; and so one of the strangest cases in the history of Wayne county will go into Superior court when court convenes November 27—the suit of two men over a two-headed snake. Willie Wortham, colored, and the Indian, Carson Loclear, both claim ownership of the snake.

Roscoe Butler, Clinton attorney, counsel for Loclear, and Paul Edmondson, counsel for Willie Wortham, have agreed to file their complaints and answer in time the coming session. Butler is filing the complaint and Edmondson the answer, which perhaps is the first complaint and answer ever filed in the annals of court proceeding over a two-headed snake.

The snake is said to have been captured two weeks ago in Sampson county. All who have seen it say that it not only has two heads, four eyes, and two mouths, but that it eats with both mouths. It is an Adder about six inches long.

One of Stonewall Jackson's Men Is Dead, 90 Years Old

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 20.—William Henry Hall, one of Stonewall Jackson's men and one of the oldest residents of Richmond, died here last night. He was 90 years of age.

Mackerel are so thick a Nova Scotia ship found sailing difficult, so boarders are out of luck again.

### SHIP SUBSIDY WILL BRING A BIG SAVING ASSERTS PRESIDENT

### Harding Delivered Message At Noon Today To A Joint Session of the House And Senate On Important Legislation

### NOTHING UNFAIR ABOUT THE BILL, SAID Denies Rumors That It Will Favor Special Interests And Enrich A Few.—Says It Is An Issue of Real Economy.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Enactment of the administration merchant marine bill was urged upon congress today by President Harding as "necessary to relieve the government of present staggering losses" in operation of the war-built merchant fleet and to establish a program of assured shipping to serve the nation in war and give a guaranty of commercial independence in time of peace.

Personally addressing a joint session of the house and senate, the executive declared that actual monetary saving to the government would result from the proposed law. He challenged every insinuation of favored interests and the enriching of the special few at the expense of the treasury. The legislation, he asserted, automatically guarded against enrichment or perpetual bestowal.

"If success attends, as we hope it will," he said, "the government out of its opportunity to earn remains, and American transportation by sea is maintained."

The President said concern about the American merchant marine policy was not limited to "our own domain," adding that the maritime nations of the world were in complete accord with the opposition here to the pending measure. He declared those nations had a perfect right to such an attitude but that he wished to stress the American viewpoint which, he said, should be the viewpoint "from which one sees America carriers at sea the dependence of American commerce and American vessels for American reliance in the event of war."

Mr. Harding declared it most discouraging if a measure of "such transcending national importance" must have its fate depended on geographical, occupational, professional or partisan objection. The commercial eminence on the seas and ample agencies for the promotion in carrying of American commerce, he asserted, are of not less importance to the people of the Mississippi and Missouri valley, the great Northwest and the Rocky Mountain states than to the seaboard states and industrial communities inland.

"It is a common cause with its benefits commonly shared," said he. "If government aid is a fair term to apply to authorization aggregating \$75,000,000 to promote good roads, the President added, it is equally fit to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of American highways on 'the salty seas.'"

As to present government operation of the Shipping Board fleet, Mr. Harding said there was the unavoidable task of wiping out a \$50,000,000 annual loss and costs aggregating "many hundreds of millions" in work-out, sacrificed or scrapped shipping. He called attention to the government ships that were being worn out without any provision for replacement and that a program of purchase and sacrifice and the liquidation which he declared would be inevitable unless the proposed legislation were enacted would cost scores of millions. The cost of the proposed legislation, giving the direct aid, he said, with ocean carrying maintained at the present average, would not reach \$20,000,000 a year and a maximum direct aid if American shipping were so promoted that it carried half of America's deep sea commerce would not cost more than \$20,000,000 annually.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The administration merchant marine bill, with amendments agreed to yesterday by republican members, was formally reported by the house merchant marine committee today without a second vote while President Harding was arranging to go to the capital and address a joint session of congress in the interest of legislation.

### PRICE OF RADIUM CUT ALMOST IN HALF NOW

Washington, Nov. 21.—The price of radium has dropped from \$120,000 a gram to \$70,000 and is now lower than at any time since radium began to be used in treatment of cancer and other diseases.  
This reduction, announcement today by the U. S. Geological survey, was caused by discovery of vast quantities of radium bearing ores in Africa. The survey announced the state of New York and city of Philadelphia have each bought grams of radium for the use of their physicians, and the city of Quebec, Canada, also bought one gram.

### COLORED LODGE BURNS

JACKSONVILLE, N. C., Nov. 20.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the colored lodge at this place early Friday evening. The damage was not estimated.

Three of our most beautiful words are "It's a check."

### Mrs. W. H. Felton Has Been Sworn In As U. S. Senator

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, the "Grand Old Lady of Georgia," won her fight today for a seat for a day as the first woman senator.

Without objection from any senator, but after a long delay, during which the status of her appointment to the senate was reviewed in the light of the precedent, Mrs. Felton took the oath of office at the vice-president's desk and wrote her name in the senate membership book.

29 MORE DAYS TO SHOP  
JUST SITTING AWAY NEVER FILLED AN XMAS SOCK

