

# TURNBULL GIVES OUT STATEMENT OF HIS PLAN

## Report on Fire Made By Insurance Commissioner; Local Fire Fighters Are Criticised for Their Efforts

### REBUILD THE MILL AT ONCE

Work To Start As Soon As Insurance Adjusters Are Through.

### EVERYONE HAPPY

Lumber To Be Cut At Mount Olive And Finished Here.

The news of the purchase of the Roper mill property by Mr. A. R. Turnbull was very favorably received here last night and today and the news that the mill will be immediately rebuilt was like a wave of enthusiasm.

Mr. Turnbull in a statement to a Sun-Journal man today said that the old mill will be rebuilt on the most modern method on its present location and that he will add a veneer plant and a few other things.

He will cut lumber for the present at the Mount Olive mill and ship it to New Bern to be dried and put through the planing mill.

The work of cleaning up and rebuilding will start at once or as soon as the insurance men get through which will probably be tomorrow.

Mr. Turnbull says he is anxious to help in every way possible to rehabilitate New Bern and make it a bigger, better city.

He will probably return to the city tonight and immediately take personal supervision of the great program ahead.

### NEW WITNESS IN THE HALL MURDER CASE

(By Associated Press)  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 7.—Fred A. David, Middlesex county detective, announced today he planned to question a New Brunswick banker who, he believes, may have been an eye-witness to the murder of Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Mills on September 14.

According to David, the banker, whose name he declined to divulge has been mentioned in the case and has been questioned at least twice, but has refused to confirm or deny the story that he was on the Phillips farm the night of the crime. David would not indicate why he wanted to question him further.

### HEFLIN OPPOSED TO FERTILIZER PROJECT

Washington, Dec. 7.—Proposals for government development of fertilizer factories at Muscle Shoals, Ala., were opposed in the Senate today by Sen. Hefflin, (d), Ala., who said such a policy would mean postponement of the general development of the Muscle Shoals project.

### Weather Forecast

Washington, Dec. 7.—Weather forecast for Eastern Carolina is rain tonight and Friday. Warmer in the interior tonight and in the north Friday.



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### RELIEF FUND AT KINSTON IS GROWING FAST

Kinston People Responding Nobly To the Distress of the People Here

KINSTON, Dec. 7.—Kinston people are responding to the appeals in the two papers but not in as large numbers as is desired and necessary to be of immediate and paramount importance in New Bern. Many more who cannot give large sums, are urged to send in their contributions, large or small. Every dollar will be appreciated. Those who do not wish publicity will be gladly accommodated. Every one ought to take part in this work of helping the helpless.

Every hour the fund grows in Kinston and other cities. Daily contributions are being sent to New Bern. The negroes of Kinston are planning a drive and mass meeting to aid their fellow colored in New Bern. Other organizations in the city, than those already making appeals, are taking action. In fact support to the drive for funds is general and heart-felt.

Dal F. Wooten, treasurer of the Red Cross here, to whom contributions may be sent announced the following contributions yesterday:

John Harvey, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ashford, \$5; and R. E. Cox \$10. The Kinston Free Press added to its list yesterday afternoon with the following: Caswell Cotton Mills, \$50; Lenoir Oil and Ice Co., \$25; F. C. Dunn, \$10; E. L. Tyndall, \$10; M. M. Harper, \$10; H. Galt Braxton and family, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Dawson, \$5; G. M. Tucker, \$2; C. G. Cummings, \$1; and cash, \$2. Previously acknowledged, \$200; total to date from both sources, \$350.

### RALPH DE PALMA ONLY SPEEDER HELD IN JAIL

(By Associated Press)  
MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Ralph De Palma, noted race driver, serving time in the Madra county jail for speeding, has only one complaint, he told Earl Cooper, another race driver, who visited him there. De Palma is "peevish," he declared, because he is the only inmate in the county prison not convicted of prohibition law violation.

### FUND BEING RAISED AT WINSTON-SALEM

(By Associated Press)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 7.—The fund which The Evening Sentinel is raising in this city for the sufferers of the New Bern fire is now well above \$3,000.

In addition to the cash donations, several boxes of clothing have been sent and others will go forward today and tomorrow.

### EDNA PURVIANCE IS ILL WITH PLEUROSIS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—Edna Purviance, leading woman for Charlie Chaplin, is ill with pleurosis, according to an announcement from her home. Her physicians stated, however, her present condition is not dangerous.

### LOCAL CONCERN READY TO SERVE

New Bern Electric Supply Company Prepared To Give Prompt Service

The New Bern Electric Supply Company, No. 43 Pollock street, are calling attention to the fact that their staff of electricians are ready to answer the call of local citizens who are in need of electrical work at any time and are inviting the public to call upon them.

This concern is prepared to assist in taking care of any work in their line that needs to be done and are assuring prompt service.

Jack Dempsey says he will fight anyone in the world on short notice. We often feel that way ourselves.

### Fire Notes MANY BUILDINGS BEEN CONDEMNED

The Austin Heaton Company of Durham, N. C., millers of Oooneechee flour have instructed the Maxwell Company to turn over to the Relief Committee ten barrels of their flour for the use of the feeding of the victims of the fire. Mr. Maxwell will gladly recognize an official order for this flour.

The Business Women's Club of Salisbury has wired Mrs. Leah Jones Stevens, superintendent of Public Welfare here, asking in what form to make relief donations. Mrs. Stevens replied that children's clothing and funds for bedding and furniture are the greatest needs at the present time.

A check for \$10 was received from Thomas J. Nixon, Jr., Hertford, for the relief fund. Mrs. Nixon is sending by express a box of clothing.

A check for \$10 was received from J. C. Crow, Washington. Another check for \$25 also was received from Washington this morning, the signer asking that his name not be published.

The Kiwanis Club of Wilson is sending a truck load of supplies thru the country for the relief of sufferers.

Scottish Rite Masons of Asheville today sent their check for \$100 for the relief fund. It came through Dr. Joseph Rhoads.

A check also was received from Sol Isaacs, of Goldsboro, by Dr. Rhoads. Also clothing from Mrs. Jos. Isaacs of the same city.

J. H. Millsaps this morning received the following telegram from W. England: "General Manager Owens wires you that you are authorized to provide free transportation of donated clothing and other supplies for destitute sufferers at New Bern when consigned to recognized organized relief committees." Mr. Millsaps is agent for the American Railway Express Company here.

J. Bailey Owen, prominent banker of Henderson, today sent Dr. Joseph Rhoads his check for \$50, to be added to the relief fund.

The Burlington Coffin Company, of Burlington, N. C., last night sent J. K. Willis of this city a letter of sympathy over New Bern's great fire loss and also a check for \$100 to be applied to the relief fund. It was sent by J. L. Scott, secretary.

Joe Ahlen, although his mother was burned out in the fire, has contributed considerable merchandise and \$10 in cash to the relief fund.

Mayor Clark received the following telegram today from Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of Eastern Carolina: "Absence from home prevented me from sending message of sympathy sooner. Was truly distressed to hear of great disaster that had befallen upon your beautiful city. Please be assured of my desire to cooperate with you and your splendid citizens in your plans for relieving present distress."

A. T. Gerrans, of Perry, Fla., wires Mayor Clark: "I greatly regret the terrible disaster that has come to New Bern, particularly to those out of employment. I am mailing contribution of fifty dollars."

Coplon's store has given donations of clothing and cash amounting to hundreds of dollars. Hill's also has made a number of donations of clothing. Other merchants also responded liberally to the fire sufferers.

Estelle Clarke Way, of Asheville, N. C., writes Mayor Clark: "I cannot express in words the deep sorrow and sympathy we feel in this calamity for the people of New Bern. Enclosed find checks for \$100 from Mr. Way and myself."

MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS HAS NOT BEEN FOUND

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 7.—Reports that Mrs. Clara Phillips, Los Angeles "hammer slayer" had been seen at Tijuana, Mex., yesterday, proved false today after investigation by Sheriff William Tregar, of Los Angeles and a posse.

B. Y. P. U. to Meet

The B. Y. P. U., of the Tabernacle Baptist church will meet tonight in regular session. An excellent program has been arranged and it is hoped that the entire membership will be present.

Wholesale condemnation of city property in the fire district has been the order today by Chief Bryan of the fire department and a representative of the insurance commissioners office from Raleigh.

All of the buildings condemned were considered unsafe and great hazards, and the condemnation proceedings are meeting with unusual approval with the people of this city. The following buildings have been condemned and red tags placed upon the property:

Two buildings on Craven street owned by Owen G. Dunn, next to his large printing establishment.

One frame building on the south side of Mr. Dunn's office owned by George Henderson.

One building at the rear of the house that is located next to the New Bern Motor Company.

One old building back of Coplen's store.

Both Chinese laundries on Middle street owned by Aldermen Bangert and Kafer.

Horse shoe shop on Broad street.

The houses on Craven street owned by the Frank Hill estate.

The small shack on South Front street at the approach of the Trent river bridge, occupied by "Aunt Sarah."

The Langren Lunch room and the meat market at 115 Ha. street which adjoins the cafe.

Three houses on Queen street near the Union station.

The owners of these buildings and others that have not yet been listed with the paper are to be torn down in sixty days.

### ALL LOT OWNERS TO MEET AT CITY HALL

An important meeting will be held at the City Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock when all owners of lot property in the burned area are requested to meet with the permanent building committee to map out some plan to rebuild the burned district.

It is hoped that all who wish to sell their lots or build upon their property will be on hand to have a part in the deliberations of this important matter of re-construction.

This is not a scheme to force anyone to sell or confiscate property but an honest-to-goodness discussion to handle the big proposition that is before the people of New Bern.

### COPLON MAKES AN ESTIMATE ON DONATIONS

Mr. Charles Coplon in Statement Gives List of Relief Contributions

Donations given for relief of the sufferers in Friday's fire by S. Coplon and Sons totals \$824, according to Mr. Charles Coplon in a statement given over yesterday. Thirty dollars of the amount, he said, was given in an emergency before the fire relief committee had organized.

The following list of donations was given by Mr. Coplon:

\$30 in cash.

\$300 given out by Mr. Charles Coplon during the progress of the fire for emergency relief.

\$20 given by Mr. Abe Coplon during the progress of the fire and at the store.

\$200 worth of merchandise given away at the store Saturday.

\$24 worth of underwear for children sent to West street school Sunday.

\$300 worth of shoes, hats and other wearing apparel for men and women to West street school.

\$20 from Mr. W. J. Montgomery, of the John B. Stetson Company.

Mr. Coplon stated that none of the donations made had gone through the regular channels, hence had not been credited. "We don't feel we have gone the limit in giving," he added, "and will respond as aid is needed."

### FEDERATION TO RESUME THEIR WORK AGAIN

Mr. Charles Coplon in Statement Gives List of Relief Contributions

All are Urged To Be At the First Baptist Church on Tomorrow Night.

All of the members of the Laymen's Federation are urged to be at the meeting to be held Friday night at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock.

There has been a lull in the interest of the activities of the Federation on account of the great fire that visited us last week, but it is now time to be about the Master's business and it is hoped that a full attendance will be on hand.

### Phone Officials Make Addresses

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 6.—Prominent telephone officials today featured the business session of the third annual assembly of the Southern Association of Bell Telephone employees with addresses which stressed importance of service, proposed enlargements and advantages of membership.

Chief among the speakers were E. K. Hall, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; W. D. Moore, plant manager; F. E. Montague, general traffic manager of Atlanta; H. R. McClintock, of Columbus; G. and E. T. Hatcher, of Thomasville, Ga.

### Girls To Play Basket Ball Friday

Te Washington High School Girls' Basketball team will meet the New Bern High School girls at the Y. M. C. A. hall Friday night. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

### CHIEF BRYAN DENIES PARTS OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY MR. SCOTT

### FIRST ACCURATE LIST OF LOSING WHITE FAMILIES

Joe K. Willis Spends Much Time Tabulating Burned Out Folks

The first complete list of white sufferers in Friday's fire was available today. It was compiled by J. K. Willis and is as follows:

Richard Avery, Pasture street.

Mrs. Eva Barnes, George street.

James Bell, George street.

Bengel, George street.

Archie Brinkley, Pasture street.

E. E. Brinkley, barber shop.

Matthew Caton, Howard and Primrose street.

Phillip Carawan, George street.

D. M. Carawan, George street.

Mrs. Mary Clark, George street.

Horace Clark, George street.

Bryan Caton, George street, (two married daughters and their families.)

Pulaskie Cahoon, Pine street.

Ben Cahoon, George street.

Dave Cahoon, George street.

Mrs. Dollie Cannon, George street.

Mrs. Fannie Dixon, Metcalf.

A. B. Davis, George street.

John DeForest, George street.

Leon Dawson, Pine street.

John Duke, Pasture street.

S. L. Dill, Sr., Queen street.

Mureo Daniel, George street.

Archie Edwards, Pasture street.

(Eaton)

M. D. Fulcher, butcher shop on Queen street.

Hugh Gaskins, Pasture street.

R. C. Godwin, Metcalf street.

Thos. Gaskill, Sr., George street.

Thos. Gaskill, Jr., George street.

Thos. Gautier, George street.

Daisy Gray, No. 6 Dryboro alley.

Mrs. Higgins, Metcalf street.

Mrs. M. J. Hancock, Metcalf.

Geo. Howard, Metcalf street.

Duff Harris, George street.

Mart Harris, Court street.

Ray Hill Pasture street.

Willie Higgins Pasture street.

Jarvis, George street.

Kilburn, New street.

Mrs. Lamb, George street.

Davis Lee, Pasture street.

Clay Miller, Pasture street.

Merritt Store, Howard Primrose.

W. Melton, George street.

Miss F. Oldfield.

John Pittman, George street.

S. H. Pittman, George street.

John Pollock.

Lewis Rice, George street.

Madison Rowe, Pasture street.

Harry Rowe, Pasture street.

Sadie Rice, George street.

J. Southard, George street.

Herman Smith.

George Tippet, George street.

Bert Tippet, George street.

Anderson Taylor.

James Vinson, George street.

James Vinson, (son) George street.

M. D. Wayne, George.

R. M. Wayne, George street.

Clarence Wayne, George street.

Richard Wetherington, George St.

James Whitley, Pasture.

B. R. Wiley, Pasture.

### NASSEF CO. ARE TO RE-BUILD

The first New Bern enterprise to rally to reconstruction from the ruins of last Friday's disastrous blaze is the Nassey Manufacturing company, it developed yesterday when officials of the company announced that plans for the rebuilding of the factory were being drawn up.

While the factory is not to be put back on the original site, it will add much to the appearance of the section in which it is to be located. A two-story brick building at the corner of Queen and Pasture streets will be built by the company.

The building will extend on Pasture street as far north as the old factory and on Queen street there will be two stories. The second story of the larger building will be occupied by the factory and the lower floor divided into stores.

### Ridiculous To Think of Only \$35,000 Insurance on Property.

IT IS AN INJUSTICE

The Statement of Scott Laughed At Here By Those Who Know Different.

The statement given out in Raleigh by the Insurance Commissioner's office caused a wave of protest to sweep over this city because of the gross inaccuracies contained in it.

In the first place the amount of insurance said to be carried on the property here was ridiculous and absurd on the face of it. That only \$35,000 was carried was a misstatement of the facts and will tend to do this city a world of harm.

Chief Bryan is answering the balance of the statement with a statement of his own, which is as follows:

"It is true that there was no nozzle on the truck wagon at the time it arrived at the fire and that a delay of 3 minutes resulted from this. The statement concerning the wrench is untrue. I connected the hose and turned on the water myself. There were only three houses on fire at that time.

"While the coupling at the Roper mill is not standard, we had the proper connections on our truck and absolutely no delay was caused on this account."

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 7.—Criticizing the city fire department, estimating the loss at \$2,500,000 and asserting that a large amount of "high explosives" was found in negro houses and even in one of their churches, the State Insurance Department today issued the report of W. A. Scott, deputy commissioner, on the New Bern conflagration last week.

"A strange incident of the fire," reads the statement, "noted by Captain Scott, was the finding of many high explosives in one of their churches."

"As to the origin of the fire," he says, "it was unquestionably due to ignition of a shingle roof by a spark from a terra cotta flue in use for 20 years in the home of Henrietta Bryan, colored. A small boy discovered this fire, ran and told Henrietta and she, with a half-dozen others, saw the fire burning around the flue in the attic."

"By delay of the fire department reaching the scene," the statement continued, "five houses were burning fiercely and the wind blowing a gale before help arrived. When the department arrived it found it had left a nozzle and, on coming with the nozzle, found that it had forgotten a wrench and had to go for that."

"In addition to this," Captain Scott reports, that the Rowland Lumber Company fire, which was outside the incorporate limits, had the entire fire department there when the other fire began, and at this fire precious time was lost by the company not having a standard sized coupling, causing a great delay here, where the loss was \$300,000 (with a total loss of \$3,000,000).

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