

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND IS GIVEN BY RED CROSS

Body of Dr. Dunn Was Found Early This Morning

DEATH IS CAUSED BY GAS

Believed To Have Been Accidental. He Was Well Known In Eastern Carolina. BURIED SATURDAY First Odor of Gas Noticed Yesterday. Was Dead Many Hours Before the Body Was Found.

The body of Dr. Ernest W. Dunn, member of a prominent local family, was found this morning in a room of the residence he occupied on Craven street. Death was due to asphyxiation and evidently had taken place several hours before the discovery of the body. The dead body of his Scotch collie dog, also was found in the same room.

Persons passing by the residence late yesterday afternoon noticed the odor of gas and commented upon it. However, they thought that it was merely a poor connection somewhere, and no one paid any particular attention to it.

This morning the odor was so strong that Dr. Watson, who has a room on the second story of the building, notified the gas company and asked that they send a man around to make an investigation.

Mr. Weather, manager of the local gas office, went to the house immediately. The odor was strongest just outside the room occupied by Dr. Dunn. Efforts were made to open the door but it was found to be locked from the inside. Mr. Weather and Dr. Watson, accompanied by a police officer, then went around to the rear of the residence and Weather was hoisted in through a window which had not been latched. The body of Dr. Dunn was found lying across the bed. The dog was found on the floor, close by.

A physician, who made an investigation immediately afterwards, announced that Dr. Dunn had been dead for some time.

Gas Turned on Full
The gas was turned on full-blown. Mr. Weather made a thorough investigation of the fixtures, which had been installed only a short time ago. He found that the gas had been turned on but that the light itself had not been turned on. The general belief is that Mr. Dunn in some manner or other turned on the gas, probably accidentally, and went to sleep before he realized what he had done.

Either that or he became confused as to the operation of the fixtures. When last seen yesterday he apparently was in good spirits. Relatives said today that he had been talking of going to Asheville for a time. He was well known throughout Eastern North Carolina. His dog, a handsome collie, was always with him wherever he went and was devoted to him.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from Christ Episcopal Church, Dr. J. A. (Continued on page five)

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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 8, 1922. PRICE: FIVE CENTS

\$12,000,000 FIRE AT ASTORIA

THREE ARRESTS IN SMUGGLING LIQUOR HERE

Guardsmen Broke Up Attempt To Bring Liquor Into the Colored Section

Three arrests, the capture of a keg of liquor, the seizure of an automobile and an exciting chase of a negro over back fences were the result of activities last night by members of the local battery of field artillery, whose services have been enlisted with special deputies to prevent liquor from being brought into New Bern at the present time.

James McGrath and Arthur Berry, two members of the battery, captured John Goddett, Jesse Mills and Ellis Hooks, all colored, in connection with the first raid which was staged last night.

Goddett and Hooks, it is alleged, managed to get by the guards at the James City bridge. McGrath and Berry saw the men while they are alleged to have been unloading the liquor at Mills' home. They arrested all three of them and took possession of the large keg in which the liquor was contained.

Put Under Bond
This morning, Goddett, Mills and Hooks were given a hearing before Mayor Clark. Goddett and Mills were placed under a bond of \$500 each, while Hooks was turned loose. Goddett furnished his bond but Mills is still in jail.

A little later McGrath saw a negro acting in a suspicious manner. The guardsman called upon the negro to halt, but instead of doing so, the man started to run. McGrath gave chase but the man managed to make good his escape.

During the night some of the guardsmen also found an automobile in the colored section. It evidently had been used for transporting liquor, for the odor was plainly noticeable about the car. They waited for a while to see whether anyone was coming after the machine and, when no one put in an appearance, they drove the car down to the city hall.

Stop All Liquor Smuggling
Greatest of precautions have been taken to prevent any liquor from being smuggled into the city. All of the guards have been warned to keep a close watch for any liquor that may be brought to town. The assistance of both white and colored citizens also has been asked in this respect.

JUNIOR ORDER TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

The local Junior Order U. A. M., will hold a very important meeting at their hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Among other important matters to come up will be the election of officers for the ensuing term and the perfecting of the program that will be given at Fort Barwell next Sunday afternoon, when a Bible and an American flag will be presented to the school at that place. This program was to have been carried out last Sunday but owing to the great catastrophe that visited New Bern this matter was postponed.

Every officer and member is urged to be present at the meeting tonight. Visiting Juniors are welcome.

27 Blocks In Business District Are Laid Waste

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—The business district of Astoria was laid in ruins by the fire which broke out shortly after 2 a. m. today, and despite efforts of the local fire departments and reinforcements from Portland, swept 27 blocks, causing a loss estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

One life was lost in the fire according to reports available at 8 o'clock. Maurice Staples, automobile dealer and president of the Astoria Bank of Commerce, dropped dead. Two other business men who were missing and believed dead, later were accounted for.

At 8 o'clock the fire had swept over 27 blocks and the flames had eaten under the pavement on Commercial street, burning the building which the city was built, and firemen were unable to cope with such a development.

(By Associated Press)
ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—Ten blocks of the business district were wiped out, two lives were lost and property damage estimated at \$4,000,000 was caused by fire which broke out shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. Most of the big houses were burned. Firemen, aided by forces from the Portland department, dynamited buildings in an effort to check the flames.

The men reported to have lost their lives were Morris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, and W. H. Felton, owner of the largest furniture store in town.

The buildings destroyed included the leading hotel, the principal stores and all the banks.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—Patient were removed from St. Mary's hospital, all the windows of which were shattered by the explosions of dynamite or gasoline tanks.

Republicans Are Worried Over Situation In Ohio

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Plans for a republican meeting at Akron in February "for the purpose of aiding and encouraging the republican party in Ohio to get back to first principles" were announced here today by Representative Knight, republican, Ohio. Fifteen or twenty "progressive" representatives, Mr. Knight said, will be there to hear an address by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, on "the necessity of re-dedicating the republican party to the service of the people."

"The meeting," said Mr. Knight, will not be for the purpose of launching, aiding or encouraging any third-

party movement in Ohio, or to encourage the candidacy of any man for the presidency."

It would seek, he added, to re-inforce the party and "get away from being an office boy for the special interests."

Mr. Knight declared in a statement that it was perfectly apparent that "Ohio is going to fall into the lap of the democratic party in 1924 unless the republicans do something," adding that the Akron meeting would seek "to arouse and bring together those forward-looking republicans who are anxious that the party go back to the service of all the people."

Scott Calls Big Fire "An Act of Providence"

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 8.—That the great New Bern fire was nothing other than "a chapter of accidents" which constituted a "providential act," was the statement made to the Daily Record today by W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner who has just returned to his home in Greensboro from New Bern where he went to officially investigate the \$2,250,000 fire that made 6,000 persons homeless and destroyed between 1,200 and 1,500 houses and the three churches.

No person, declared the insurance department official, was criminally responsible for starting the blaze—a hot box or friction started the fire at the Roper lumber plant, operated by the Rowland Lumber company, while a defective terra cotta flue was responsible for the blaze in the home of Henrietta Bryan, negro, that spread over approximately 50 blocks. The conclusion the accidents started both fires was reached, Mr. Scott informed the Record in an exclusive interview, only after numerous persons had been questioned and various rumors had been traced down.

The suspicion that belief in preparedness caused many negroes to have high explosives in their homes was repeated to Mr. Scott by various residents of New Bern, and it was passed on to the reported for what it was worth. Hence the reference to the fire as an act of providence—if the explosives were stored for usage as some persons firmly believed, then perhaps trouble was averted, for it is a known fact that explosives were discharged in a number of negro homes, in a negro church and a negro drug store. There was no legal or excusable reason for explosives being stored in such places, but they did not contribute materially to the spread of the flames.

"What I'm telling you," said Mr. Scott, "is practically the same as my official report to the insurance department." The statement, substantially in the words of the deputy insurance commissioner, follows:
"You must see the ruins to appreciate and realize the extent of the fire,

Fire Notes

Mrs. Nelson P. Angel, 84 Metcalf street reports that a trunk was left in her front hall Saturday after the fire and as it is a fairly good trunk she is in hopes that the owner will call and get it. There was not much value in the trunk, however, Mrs. Angel is anxious for the trunk being returned to its proper owner.

One of the largest donations made toward the relief fund was received here this morning by the Armstrong Grocery Company from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. It was a check for \$1000. The Armstrong Grocery Company also received an order of ten barrels of flour from the Northwestern Elevator Company.

LaGrange, N. C., Dec. 7, 1922.
Mr. Gary Pridgen, New Bern, N. C. Dear Brother:— I am enclosing a check for \$15 from the LaGrange B. Y. P. U., for which we all thank you very much to give to the relief committee. Please let me hear if you receive this check. Thanks. Your Union, B. Y. P. U. Harry Abbott, Treas.

Lecas Lewis today received a telegram from the Richards & Evans Co. advising them to "please distribute 10 barrels of Blue Ribbon Flour to the fire sufferers of your city for our account, and with our heart-felt sympathy.

B. N. Duke, of New York City, today sent his check for \$500 T. A. Uzzell announced this afternoon.

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 7, 1922
Mayor Edward Clark, New Bern, N. C. Dear Sir: (Continued on page eight).

OASIS TEMPLE HOLDS ANNUAL CEREMONIAL

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 8.—The membership of the Oasis Temple of the Shrine, which has jurisdiction over the western portion of the state was swelled by approximately 4500 members by election of 225 candidates who are to take their final oaths late today.

FRANK BACON WILL BE BURIED TODAY

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 8.—Friends and relatives of Frank Bacon, widely known American actor, and creator of the role "Lightning" Bill Jones, gathered today at the little town of Mountain View for the funeral services in charge of Mountain View Lodge of Masons, of which he was a member.

HARDING PUTS HIS PROGRAM TO CONGRESS

President Appeared In Person And Delivers Message To Joint Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Harding, in his annual message delivered to congress in person today, deals with almost a score of subjects, chief among them being prohibition, farm credits, the transportation problem, child labor and immigration.

The executive announces his purpose to invite the governors of the states and territories to an early conference with the federal executive authorities with a view to adopting definite policies of national and state co-operation in administering the prohibition laws. He says the day is unlikely to come when the prohibition amendment will be repealed, and that the nation should adapt its course accordingly.

President Harding tells Congress that if the statutory provisions for prohibition enforcement are contrary to deliberate public opinion, which he does not believe, that rigorous and literal enforcement will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification.

"Such a course," he adds, "conforms with the law and sees the humiliation of our people before the world and challenges the destructive forces engaged in wide-spread violation of officials corruption and individual demoralization."

With regard to the transportation problem, Mr. Harding proposes that the Railroad Labor Board be abolished with the substitution of a labor division in the Interstate Commerce Commission with ample power to require its rulings to be accepted by both parties to a disputed question. The executive also proposes that the law requires the carriers and their employees to institute means and methods to negotiate between themselves their constantly arising differences, limiting appeals to the government party to disputes of such character as are likely to affect the public welfare.

LARGE APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE SUFFERERS IS AUTHORIZED TODAY

Announcement Was Made Today From National Headquarters Upon Recommendation of Southern Division.

CREATE LABOR BUREAU IN THIS CITY

State Commission of Labor Shipman Announces That Emergency Bureau Will Be Started In This City Immediately.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American Red Cross has appropriated \$35,000 for rehabilitation work at New Bern, N. C., which recently met disaster by fire, according to announcement today by Chairman John Barton Payne. This money will be used to rehabilitate 500 negro families and 50 white families and also to ration 1000 persons for 60 days. The appropriation was made on recommendation of Joseph C. Logan, manager of the Southern division, American Red Cross.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 8.—An Emergency Labor Employment Bureau has been established at New Bern with Alfred H. Gerrans in charge, M. L. Shipman, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, announced today on his return from that city, which suffered a heavy fire loss last week. The bureau began operations today. W. H. Vause, of the Charlotte office, is directing the organization.

An effort is being made, said Mr. Shipman to keep as much labor as possible in the vicinity of New Bern to prevent a serious shortage of men when rebuilding of the burned area is started.

LIGHT ON PACKING SOLDIERS WILL MERGER SOUGHT GO TOMORROW

Adopts Resolution by LaFollette Calling on Harding For Information Fort Bragg Delegation To Leave Here. Detail of Three Men Will Remain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator La Follette calling upon Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to furnish all information in his possession relative to the proposed merger of the Armour and Morris packing companies. Information also was requested as to what is being done by government officials to stop the merger.

The resolution was adopted unanimously after La Follette had flayed the packers for their control of the meat industry and their efforts to create a monopoly.

La Follette charged the proposed merger would be unlawful and that if nothing has been done to prevent it immediate steps should be taken to check the packers and preserve competition in the industry.

Mrs. Vivian Harper left last night for Washington City to be at the bedside of her daughter, Miss Genese Harper, who will undergo an operation.

Miss Evelyn Johnson, of Greenville, who spent the last few days here on a visit to friends, returned to her home yesterday.

Tents Are Impracticable: Will Build Houses Here

Realizing the impracticability of erecting tents on a large scale to accommodate the homeless citizens of New Bern, the housing committee, together with a special committee appointed last night, today is busily engaged in securing sites and drawing up plans for wooden structures of a semi-permanent nature, and it is hoped to erect them at once.

T. G. Hyman, chairman, said that about a score of tents probably would be erected on the property of the Stewart Sanitarium, but that these would be for purely temporary purposes. The plan for rehabilitation, as outlined by him and approved by the committee, is to build wooden structures, somewhat in the nature of barracks buildings, each of which would be divided into sections and would accommodate nine families. It is hoped to have plans for these buildings completed immediately and to start construction work in a few days.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

All persons who are willing to give their cars for stated periods to aid in the relief work now going on are urged to telephone Mrs. M. M. Marks, No. 416, immediately.

There are ten worthy white men who were thrown out of employment by the fire. They seek temporary work. Anyone who can employ them is requested to communicate with Mr. Vache at the Parish House.

According to an analysis received today from Raleigh, the Sloan Spring water and the city water are pure and free from any germs that might carry disease.