

# CITY PLANS TO WIDEN STREETS IN BURNED AREA

## Force of Men Building Houses and Erecting Tents

### BAPTISTS ARE IN STATE CONVENTION

#### RED CROSS PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF RELIEF WORK HERE

Carter Taylor Gives Out Statement Outlining the Situation As It Has Developed At the Present Time.

#### START ERECTING BARRACKS BUILDINGS

Chief Attention Now Being Given To the Question of Housing.—Tents Also Are Being Erected This Morning.

Briefly summed up, the fire relief situation today is as follows:

Construction is begun on section of barracks-house at Riverside, which will accommodate nine families.

Tents are being erected on property near Stewart Sanitarium.

With donations which are still en route, the relief committee announces that there is a sufficiency of general clothing on hand to care for the emergency.

The number of refugees being housed and fed at the West Street Graded School has decreased considerably.

Relief stations for the white families at the Parish House and for the colored families at the graded school are still being maintained, while the distribution of donations continues at the court house.

Financial aid continues to come in from various towns and individuals outside of New Bern.

No disorders, with the exception of one or two minor cases, have occurred in the city. Members of the local battery unit still are on patrol duty nights.

Under the capable management of the Red Cross, headed by Carter Taylor, and with the assistance of the local citizens who have given every effort to relieve the local situation, the relief work is now passing through its second week with everything taking on a much brighter outlook.

Chief interest today is the construction of an experimental barracks building out in Riverside, which will house nine families comfortably. This building is being put up as a test and if it is satisfactory others probably will be erected.

An article appears elsewhere in today's paper, telling of the progress which is being made in the erection of tents.

Have Enough Clothing.

The word has been sent out that there is enough clothing on hand to care for the refugees. Quite a number of shipments are still on the way here, and with the arrival of these it is felt that the needs of all will be well cared for. Special kinds of clothing are still needed but the committee hereafter will specify just what is wanted.

Checks continue to come in. Over a thousand dollars was received yesterday and today and it is understood that several large contributions are still to be received. The amount turned over to Treasurer Scott is in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Everything now is operating smoothly. Most of the negroes, who were rendered homeless by the fire, have been taken in by friends. They are anxious, however, to get into homes of their own and are eager to have quarters in either the tents or the barracks buildings. Not so many are being cared for at the West street graded school as was the case last week.

The emergency hospital at St. Cyprian's church, is operating on an efficient basis. M. J. [unclear] The Rowland Lumber Company has started work on the rebuilding of its mill and is employing quite a number of men there.

"We're well satisfied with the way everything is going," said Mr. Taylor this morning. "We are still depending upon the citizens to aid us in relief work. Particularly are we in need

#### NEW BERN JUNIOR ORDER PRESENTS BIBLE AND FLAG

Fort Barnwell School Recipient of Fine Bible and American Flag Sunday

#### IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM WAS CARRIED OUT

Several Prominent Members of the Order Made Inspiring Addresses

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there was presented to Fort Barnwell school, at Fort Barnwell, a Bible and an American flag, the presentation being made by New Bern Council No. 520, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

The exercises were conducted in the school house and a fairly good-sized crowd was present. Inclement weather and bad roads, however, prevented many from attending, as it was impossible to operate the school trucks over the Central highway, along which a large part of school patrons live.

The exercises were opened by Rev. W. V. McRea, who offered prayer, after which the audience joined in singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Councilor Adria M. Rea then made an address outlining the principles of the order, explaining its purpose, what it is doing to promote and maintain our public school system, its desire to place within every school in the land a copy of the Holy Bible and erect over each school building an American flag.

Rev. W. V. McRea then made an address on "Virtue," and presented the Bible to the school, and encouraged the daily use of it in their devotional exercises. Mr. McRea stressed the fact that without the Bible and the adherence to its teachings, no institution could grow and thrive and be of service to the people as it should.

Mr. H. A. Tolson then made an address on "Liberty and Patriotism," explaining in the true sense what these things really are and what they mean. He encouraged the children of the school to be patriotic at all times and ever respect the flag and to never let its folds touch the dust. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Tolson presented the flag to the school.

Mr. E. E. Wooten, a prominent citizen of Fort Barnwell, in the unavoidable absence of Prof. J. W. Selser, principal of the school, in an inspiring address accepted in behalf of the school the Bible and the flag. Mr. Wooten stated, and with shame, he said, that the school had never before had in its chapel the Holy Bible, or flying over the building the Star-Spangled Banner. At the conclusion of Mr. Wooten's remarks the audience joined in singing, "The Red, White and Blue."

Mrs. Leah Jones Stevens, county welfare officer, then made an appeal to the patrons of the school to help her in her work, that of seeing to it that every child of school age was in school. She told the patrons that there were a few children in their community who were not in school, and urged them to help her make it possible for them to attend.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Stevens' remarks the audience repaired to the yard in front of the building where had been erected a flag pole. Here the program was concluded by an address by Mr. A. T. Dill, and as "Old Glory" was being hoisted to its place by Mr. J. M. Batson, the audience, with bared heads, joined in singing, "The Star-Spangled Banner," after which Rev. McRea pronounced the benediction.

The occasion will long be remembered by the citizens of Fort Barnwell and the community as a whole is high in its praise for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

#### COLDER WEATHER IS COMING THIS WEEK

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The weather man promises the appearance of the actual cold wave in the Atlantic and Gulf states by Tuesday or Wednesday.

The cold wave over the Northwest will spread eastward and southward over the great Central valleys during the next 48 hours and by Tuesday night or Wednesday night would touch the Atlantic Coast and Gulf states, attended by temperatures "lower than previously recorded this season in the regions coming under the influence of this cold wave."

#### ALLIES AGAIN DISCUSS DEBT CANCELLATION

Great Britain Willing to Cancel French Debt Providing America Does the Same

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Great Britain is to look favorably on the cancellation of the French debt due her, provided the United States cancels the French debt to America. It is the belief of British officials that the United States would be willing to at least attend a conference at which such a proposition could be discussed. It also was stated in American circles this morning that a definite agreement to pay the British debt to the United States could or might be accomplished by a proposal for a long period, say 50 years, in which only interest would be paid. It was explained that this was on the theory that the United States was primarily interested in securing the ultimate of the British debt, rather than an immediate settlement.

In conference quarters it was the general view that France has indicated her willingness to give up military penalties in return for the cancellation of debts by the United States and Great Britain, and would be ready also to give a long moratorium to Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—No request that the United States take part in a conference on cancellation of the great war debt has reached the State Department and there was no indication that department officials saw any reason to alter the well-understood position that previously has been taken on the question of the European debt.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The conference of allied premiers, called to arrange the basis of an allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels, has broken down. It was announced at 6 o'clock this evening that the premiers had taken adjournment until January 2.

As the conference adjourned, Premier Poincare said: "This is finished."

The conference January 2 will be held in Paris, it was announced tonight.

#### U. S. HEALTH MAN IS NOW HERE

Will Assist State and County Health Officials in Solving Sanitary Problems

Dr. I. W. Mendelsohn, of the U. S. Public Health Service, arrived in New Bern today to lend his assistance in aiding the city to solve its sanitary problems in connection with the recent fire.

Dr. Mendelsohn is here to assist the state authorities and the Craven County Department of Health. He spent today in looking over the burned area and in visiting the present congested district. He expects to spend several days here.

#### 2,000 CHURCHES REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION

President Spillman Is Unable To Be Present Owing To Illness In His Family

#### CONVENTION HELD AT WINSTON-SALEM

Evangelistic Conference Took Place Today. General Conference Opens Tomorrow

(By Associated Press.)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 11.—This morning and afternoon, delegates to the 32nd annual convention of Baptist State convention of North Carolina began arriving in the city and by tomorrow at noon it is expected 800 messengers from more than 2,000 churches in the state will be here for the opening session of the convention Tuesday evening. Dr. B. W. Spillman, president of the convention, is detained at his home in Kinston on account of the illness of both himself and Mrs. Spillman. Mrs. Spillman has been suffering for several days with a severe attack of a grippe. Mr. Spillman was stricken while attending her bedside.

In the absence of Dr. Spillman it is expected that First Vice President E. L. Wells will call the convention to order and a permanent presiding officer for the sessions will be elected from the floor.

Today the evangelistic conference held was attended by ministers and early arriving delegates.

#### GET RUM BARRAGERS ON TWO CHARGES NOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Conviction in a state court for violating a state prohibition law is not a bar to subsequent prosecution in the U. S. courts for the same offense under the Volstead enforcement act, the Supreme Court held today.

Vivo Lanza, Dick Barto and others were convicted in a state court in Whatcombe county, Washington, and sentenced for the manufacture and possession of intoxicating liquor when the federal government sought to prosecute them in federal courts for the same offense, the U. S. District Court of Western Washington dismissed the principal counts in the indictments as barred by the prior state conviction.

#### BEGIN ARGUMENTS IN THE BURKHEAD CASE

(By Associated Press.)  
OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 11.—Arguments were begun in federal district court here today in the suit of Miss Francis Burkhead, who is suing Governor Lee M. Russell, of Mississippi, for \$100,000 damages, based on charges of seduction. T. H. Campbell opened the argument for the plaintiff, Judge E. R. Holmes announced the argument would be limited to two hours to each side. No testimony was offered at the morning session.

Immediately after the conference between the judge and counsel, court convened and the arguments began.

#### TAFT SAYS HE IS READY TO TESTIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chief Justice Taft informed Chairman Volstead of the House Judiciary Committee today that he would appear before it at the hearing of the Kellogg impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty if his presence was desired.

#### Makes Donation To Fund

In addition to other assistance rendered their policy holders, the Gate City Life Insurance Company, through their local superintendent, E. A. Brooks, makes a donation of \$50 to the general relief fund.

#### Gave Part of Receipts

Hills, clothing, gave ten per cent of their total receipts last Friday to the general relief committee.

### SPECIAL MEETING IS HELD THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS MATTER

#### CONFERENCE OF PREMIER HAS COME TO AN END

Has Been Adjourned for Eight Days To Avoid An Open Rupture, It Is Stated

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Adjournment of the premiers' conference tonight for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations has been virtually decided upon, it was learned today.

The British cabinet rejected the measure of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincare insisted.

Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Premier Poincare that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

Poincare had made a demand for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium.

#### EXTEND FURTHER AID TO THE TAXPAYERS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Internal Revenue Bureau has made plans to extend further aid to federal taxpayers this year in an effort to reduce the number of errors which annually have kept into the income tax returns of the millions who help pay the way of the government. Schools of instruction for deputy collectors and attaches of revenue collectors' offices are being held throughout the country, it was announced today. The Revenue Bureau believes the method of training will result in reducing the amount of rechecking and delay necessitated by misunderstanding of the forms which the taxpayers must file.

Forms for the preparation of the returns soon will be in the hands of collectors throughout the country in an effort to speed up the filing of returns which must be delivered to the collectors by March 15.

#### BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL NEGRO RENEGADE

CORSICANA, Tex., Dec. 11.—Bloodhounds were being rushed from Huntsville penitentiary to Streetman today to take up the trail of a masked negro, who attacked a 20-year-old white girl at her home at Streetman this morning. Excitement ran high at Streetman and the streets and surrounding country were filled with armed men.

#### FAIRFIELD, TEX., DEC. 11.—A negro, believed to have attacked a white girl at her home at Streetman this morning, has been captured by a posse, but has not yet been identified, according to reports here. Excitement is high and hundreds of persons are hurrying toward Streetman.

#### With Furniture Company

Mitchell Rountree is now associated with the Dowdy Furniture Company. This concern recently purchased the stock of the Miller Furniture Company. In today's paper they are advertising special values in Christmas toys.

#### Ordinance Also Passed To Provide For Better Sanitation Laws.

#### OTHER MATTERS

#### Aldermen Held A Busy Session At The City Hall This Morning.

Ways and means for rebuilding that section of New Bern which was destroyed by fire two weeks ago were taken up at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen this morning, together with several other important matters.

A sanitation ordinance was passed at this morning's session and will be put into effect as soon as it is advertised.

That a forfeiture on the part of the bonding company which contracted for the purchase of \$435,000 bonds issued by the city several months ago, is likely to take effect, was indicated at this morning's meeting. Should the company repudiate its agreement it will mean that it forfeits the sum of \$3,700.00.

The Ways and Means Committee presented the following recommendations to the Board, which received favorable action:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Board of Aldermen for the City of New Bern to investigate and recommend to your Board such changes in the streets and other improvements in connection therewith, do make the following recommendations to your board:

- 1.—That Pasteur street be extended northwardly to connect with North Pasteur street.
- 2.—That Elm street between West and Ashe streets be widened to 60 feet.
- 3.—That Reizenstein Alley from Gardner street be widened to 60 feet and extended eastwardly to West street.
- 4.—That Kilmarnock street between Elm and Broad street be widened to 50 feet.
- 5.—That Rountree street between Elm and Broad be widened to 50 feet.
- 6.—That a 60-foot street also be opened along the southern line of the West Street graded school property from West street eastwardly and parallel with Cedar street.

In order that the property owners may immediately commence the rebuilding of their property, we desire it wise to recommend to your board that in the event the suggestions herebefore set out meet with your approval, that proceedings looking to the carrying out of these suggestions be immediately instituted and rushed forward as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. Hyman, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee; Clyde Ely, C. L. Ivms, W. W. Griffin, A. A. Kafer, Wade Meadows, A. H. Bangert, Geo. D. Dail, R. R. Eagle and H. W. Whitehurst.

#### CONCORD POSTOFFICE BLOWN UP BY THIEVES

(By Associated Press.)  
CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 11.—Robbers last night entered the postoffice at Mount Pleasant, nine miles of here and, after blowing off the front of the building, carried away money, stamps and other valuables. The value of the loot will not be known until a postal inspector makes a check of the books at the office. No one heard the thieves at work and there are no clues as to their identity.

### Central Relief Committee Changes Its Meeting Dates

The Central Relief Committee, it was announced today, will meet hereafter on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

It is hoped that all members of the committee will take note of this change and will make an effort to be present at the meetings as there is still much work to be done.