

GOVERNOR TO ARRIVE AT NEW BERN TODAY

To Personally View Situation Resulting From Terrible Holocaust That Visited the City Saturday.

CHIEF TAYLOR MAKES STATEMENT

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(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 5.—Governor Morrison left here early today for New Bern to make a personal investigation of the condition of the 3,000 persons reported homeless from the fire there last week.

Prior to his departure, Governor Morrison discussed the situation over the telephone with Adjutant General Metts, who had already sent to New Bern and was told that conditions in the fire-stricken city were more acute than at first thought.

The Governor left by train at 4:30 this morning for Raleigh and announced that he intended to motor from the capital to New Bern.

New Bern, Dec. 5.—With housing, feeding and clothing problems in connection with relieving the victims of Friday's fire temporarily cared for, the relief committee today are devoting most of their attention to sanitation and unemployment questions.

Last night passed quietly with members of the local battery unit and soldiers from Camp Bragg patrolling most of the city. No disorders of any nature were reported.

Governor Morrison will arrive here this evening to personally view the situation. Chief Taylor, chief of field work of the Southern Division of the Red Cross, who is in charge of the relief work here this morning gave out the following statement:

The relief committee has the refugee situation well in hand. Every one of those who were rendered homeless by the fire are under cover, and are being fed. None of the fire victims are suffering at present. Relief in all its branches is on a well organized basis, and we are beginning to inaugurate a definite policy of rehabilitation.

The thing that is receiving our greatest attention at present is sanitation. Every effort to prevent an epidemic of typhoid or influenza is being employed. All of the homeless are being inoculated with typhoid vaccine today, as a precautionary measure.

With the aid of several steel saws her escape was effected at 2 a. m., according to a report to the sheriff by the jailer. Belief was expressed that she had been aided by other inmates. The bars were sawed through, and after crawling out the window she dropped to the roof of an adjoining building, climbed down the fire escape and disappeared.

The escape was not discovered by the jail authorities for several hours. It is believed she escaped in an automobile. PROGRESSIVE BLOC WINS FIRST VICTORY

Wants Election by Direct Vote and Inauguration Day Changed to Third Monday in January. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 5.—Members of the new progressive bloc in Congress won their first legislative victory today by obtaining from the senate agricultural committee reports to amend the constitution to provide for direct election of the President and Vice President.

The amendment also would change Presidential inauguration day from March 4 to the third Monday in January, and members of the senate and house would begin their terms of office the first Monday in January after the biennial elections. Congress would meet in regular session annually on the first Monday in January.

Concord Will Help the New Bern Fire Sufferers

A fund to help relieve the suffering of the fire victims in New Bern has been started in Concord, and persons in this city and county are asked to subscribe immediately to this fund. There is great need for the money, and it is needed now. More than 3,000 persons are homeless in New Bern today. They have no clothing, no food, no money, and no jobs.

Dr. T. N. Spencer has started the fund here with a subscription of \$5.00. Other persons who have subscriptions are asked to hand them to Miss May Stockton, county health nurse, who has taken charge of the campaign in this county for the Red Cross. Her office is in the Maness building.

And in addition to an appeal for money H. M. Jacobs, chairman of the New Bern relief committee, has issued the following appeal for clothing: "Warm under and outer clothing in good condition for children under 12 years of age, especially babies, very necessary and urgent. Request quick assistance of ladies of your community. This action will be very, very much appreciated."

The matter has been brought to the attention of various organizations in the city, and Miss Stockton has been placed at the head of the campaign.

DEATH OCCURRED BY LIQUOR POISONING. Buckeys Were Found in the Whisky That Killed Russell Hicks. (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5.—Analysis of whisky seized at the home of W. A. Smith, residing near Nashville, probably will determine the substantiation or abandonment of the charges of murder against both Smith and his wife as the result of the death Sunday night of Russell Hicks, 19, at his home in Springfield as a result of poisoning.

The young high school student and football star bought the liquor which caused his death at the home of Smith, according to one of the seven school boys who were with him. All his companions were made ill. It is charged that "buckeyes" a species of chestnut, were found in the liquor. Buckeyes are often used to color whiskey. It is declared, but chemists say it is a powerful poison.

GIANT DIED ON EVE OF \$500 MOVIE SALARY. Captain Anger's Body Lowered From Window With Block and Tackle. (By the Associated Press.) New York Times. Captain George Anger, the circus giant, was buried in Woodlawn cemetery today, and it became known that his death occurred just when he was about to break off the freak which in which he had lived all his life, and become a giant in moving pictures at a salary of \$350 a week.

Anger was always unhappy because the only way in which he could make money was by capitalizing his size in the sideshow with the midgets and the tattooed lady. But last Summer he signed a contract to appear with Harold Lloyd in moving pictures, and thought at last he would be able to lead an existence more pleasing to him.

More than 1,000 persons stood in the drizzling rain in front of 164 Manhattan Avenue yesterday when Anger's body was lowered by means of a block and tackle from the apartment of his friends. The crowd became so great that police reserve under command of Captain Joseph Thompson of the West 100th Street Police Station were called to hold them back.

IRISH CONSTITUTION BILL PASSES ITS FINAL STAGES. Goes Through Both Houses Without Any Amendment, and Even Without Division Being Challenged. (By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—The centuries old struggle between England and Ireland ended tonight when the legislation giving the sanction of law to the new settlement with Ireland passed its final stages in the house of lords, which for generations has bitterly opposed any accommodation with Ireland.

The constitution bill has gone through both houses of parliament without any amendment and even without division being challenged. Lord Carson alone, whose influence was mainly responsible for failure to settle the Irish question in 1914, and who has throughout his political career been the bitterest opponent of home rule, persisted to the very end in his role of "last ditcher" even when the traditional anti-home rule as the Duke of Devonshire had gracefully yielded to the government view and resolved to give Ireland a chance to prove her sincerity under new conditions.

First woman to be elected to any State legislature in the South in Miss Marion Griffin, who will sit at a number of the next general assembly of Tennessee.

LIST FOR SUFFERERS FROM NEW BERN FIRE.

We shall be glad to acknowledge through the columns of our paper all contributions to the fund to be sent to relieve the sufferers from the New Bern fire. The following have been received: D. T. N. Spencer \$5.00, J. R. Sherrell 5.00.

There will be no ceremony of any kind to mark fulfillment of Treaty. London, Dec. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Without pomp or ceremony the Irish Free State will come into being after midnight tonight.

King George Gives Royal Sanction. London, Dec. 5 (By the Associated Press).—King George (this evening gave royal sanction to the legislation setting up the Irish Free State as a Dominion of the British Empire.

Large Quantities of Arms and Ammunition Seized. Liverpool, Dec. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The local police today seized large quantities of rifles, ammunition and explosives discovered on ships sailing for southern Ireland.

"The Tiger" Will Also Call on Ex-President Wilson. Washington, Dec. 4.—Georges Clemenceau today brought his campaign for France to the capital. Arriving at dusk, he was escorted immediately to the home of Henry White, former ambassador to France and member of the American committee at the Versailles peace conference, to rest in preparation for his four-day visit, which will begin officially tomorrow with calls on President Harding and former President Wilson.

Probably 2,000 persons had clustered in the station for a glimpse of the famous war figure who was among the few such who had not visited Washington either during the World War or afterwards. A furry of applause greeted him as he walked slowly through the concourse and in acknowledgement he bowed his gray felt hat and bowed.

La Follette Group Plans to Discredit Administration's Personnel and Policies. Washington, Dec. 3.—It became apparent today that the Radical-Progressive movement sponsored by the People's Legislative Service, which had gathered in the membership of all the legislative bloc and radical thinkers, has as its purpose an attack on conservatives in Congress and especially on the personnel and policies of the Harding Administration.

Decision in White Case to Be Made Soon. (By the Associated Press.) Statesville, N. C., Dec. 5.—A decision from Chief State Bank Examiner Latham, of Raleigh, as to whether he will accept in lieu of a \$10,000 bond held by the Stony Point Bank on A. W. White, cashier, who left an alleged shortage of \$14,000 when he disappeared November 2, a \$17,000 bond made by White's friends, is expected soon by officials.

Threat to Fire Other Roman Catholic Buildings. (By the Associated Press.) Montreal, Dec. 5.—Mayor Martin has received recently a number of communications, signed "K. K. K.", claiming responsibility for the Montreal University fire, and threatening to fire other Roman Catholic buildings.

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MORRISON WON'T GIVE OUT SHIP PLANS YET

The Governor Will Make His Plans Known in Annual Message to General Assembly. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.—Governor Cameron Morrison will not reveal his completed plans for a proposed ship line corporation for North Carolina until his annual message is presented to the General Assembly in January, he told The Associated Press today.

Death May Clear Up Mystery of a Light. Burning in Mansion 32 Years Since Daughter Married Against Walters' Will. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—The mystery of the light that has been kept burning thirty-two years in the vestibule of the old Walters mansion on Mount Vernon Place may be cleared up by the death Saturday of Mrs. Jennie Walters Delano, aged 70, at her home, 29 East Thirty-sixth street, New York City.

ERNEST GIBBS CHARGED WITH CAUSING NEW BERN FIRE. Only a Few Days Ago Gibbs Ran Away From State Insane Asylum. New Bern, Dec. 4.—Blame for the fire that destroyed the Roper mills, Friday morning prior to the outbreak that swept 40 blocks in the negro section and left 2,000 negroes homeless, was charged to Ernest Gibbs, a negro, who was arrested last week and confined by Fire Chief James Bryan, working with Deputy Insurance Commissioners N. E. Canady and W. A. Scott of Raleigh.

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But His Message Is Expected to Be Completed This Week—Business Pressure Delays the President. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 5.—President Harding broke a precedent today by permitting the second day of the new session of Congress to pass without delivering his annual message reporting on "the state of the Union," and outlining the administration's recommendations for legislation.

It was said at the White House that no date had been fixed for the President's appearance before the Senate and House, but that he expected to be able to complete his message in time to deliver it before the end of the week. Officials added no formal explanation for the delay, but indicated that pressure of public business had prevented compliance with the usual custom under which previous presidential messages had been placed in the hands of Congress on the first or second day of the session.

There is no provision of law requiring that the President report to Congress at the beginning of the annual short session, it was pointed out, the Constitution stipulating merely that the "Executive shall from time to time give to the Congress information on the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Responsibility for the fire in Henry Bryan's home at 30 Kilmartin street, which resulted in the blaze that threatened the town, may also be placed on an individual, it was intimated. However, Chief Bryan did not give out any names. The investigation is being continued.

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