

Tragedy at Manhattan Asylum Brings Inquiry

Full Investigation Will Be Made by Eight Agencies, in Effort to Place Blame for Fateful Fire. 25 PERSONS IN BUILDING BURNED

Twenty-Two were Inmates, and Other Three Were Loyal Attendants, Who Fought Blaze Bravely. New York, Feb. 10 (By the Associated Press).—Eight inquiries were underway today into the tragedy on Ward's Island, a little jutting rock in the swirling waters of Hell Gate, where yesterday five swept a ward of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, killing 22 patients and three male attendants.

Nineteen bodies had been recovered before dusk and removed to the city morgue, but six more remained in the ice covered ruins. These, it was feared, had been cremated. The blaze was believed to have been started by a terrific blast in Hell Gate, which broke the insulation on electric wiring, causing a short circuit.

The one unit of the 75 on the island that was attacked by the flames, housed the most violently insane—men of homicidal tendency who might at any moment have leaped at the throats of their rescuers.

But they did not. A few struggled as guards tried to push their way to safety through smoke and flames, but not a single attack upon an attendant was reported. The authorities starting or projecting investigations were the fire marshal, medical examiner Norris, the state architect, the chairman of the state hospital commission, the district attorney's office, the hospital's board of managers, and city detectives, while Brigadier General Burr, in charge of the dredging of Hell Gate declined to comment on the theory of city detectives that blasting by the dredgers was the original cause of the fire, but said if this theory were advanced seriously he would inaugurate an investigation at once.

NEW MEMBER OF SUPREME COURT

Associate Justice Edward Sanford Takes Judicial Oath This Morning. Washington, Feb. 10.—Associate Justice Edward T. Sanford, of Tennessee, took the judicial oath upon the re-convening of the Supreme Court today after three weeks recess. Chief Justice Taft administered the oath immediately after the court met, the new justice wearing his judicial robes, repeating it after him while the court, bar and audience looked on. He then was conducted to his seat at the extreme left of the Chief Justice, filling the bench for the first time since the present term of the Supreme Court began in October, and thus making likely the early consideration of a number of cases which have been put off, due to the vacancies.

195,184,933 POUNDS OF TOBACCO SOLD

In Independent Warehouses in State During the Past Year. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10 (By the Associated Press).—The independent warehouses operating in North Carolina this season have sold 195,184,933 pounds of producers' tobacco at an average of \$27.72 per hundred pounds, according to their reports. The co-operative association had received 56,771,454 pounds by January 1, which amounts to 251,956,387 pounds of the 1922 crop to date.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Unchanged to 1-4 of a Point Lower With Near Months Relatively Firm. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—The cotton market opened unchanged to 1-4 point lower with near months relatively firmer on continued covering by March shorts for trade buying. It seemed, however, that the advances of late last week had eased the technical position to some extent, and the later months were easier under realizing or selling for reaction which was promoted by lower Liverpool cables than expected, and reports of continued good weather in the South.

WANT FARM CREDITS BILL TO GET CONSIDERATION

Drive Begun in Congress by Leaders of the Farm Bloc. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—A drive was begun today by leaders of the farm bloc to force immediate consideration of the agricultural credits legislation in the House. Representative Dowell, Republican of Iowa, began the movement by circulating a petition demanding that legislation pending before the banking committee be brought out.

Spectacular Fires Strike Metropolis

New York, Feb. 10.—New York today was a city of spectacular fires. A unit of the Manhattan state hospital for the insane on Ward's Island, was destroyed with a loss of 25 lives. A million dollars' worth of films were incinerated in a movie studio fire in Harlem. A woman dropped dead from heart failure at a fire in the Bronx after a fireman had been hurled from a truck which had run into a snow bank while responding to the alarm. Firemen on aerial ladders rescued a woman and her daughter just as they were going to jump from a fourth-story ledge in their home in Harlem. Seven Cent Street Car Fare Tomorrow. Beginning on Tuesday, February 20th, the car fare on the street cars in Concord, operated by the North Carolina Public Service Company, will be reduced to 7 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Testify for Defense in Thomas Case

Testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe featured Saturday's session of the Thomas trial. The following is the Salisbury Post's story of the trial Saturday: There was another dramatic moment in Rowan superior court here today during the trial of O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, charged with the murder of Arthur Allen, Concord master plumber, when Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was in the car the night of the homicide, with tears in her eyes and half choking between sobs, described the incident corroborating Thomas' evidence in detail and maintained innocence of any improper relations ever having existed between her and the defendant.

Mrs. Lowe was assisted to and from the stand by her husband. Her testimony took a little less than an hour. Mrs. Lowe, nervous, trembled, related her story of the murder. She had left a sick bed in Nashville, Tenn., in order to testify, attorneys for the defense stated. She was visibly weak. She was closely followed by her husband to the stand. Mr. Lowe made a good witness. He stated that he knew of the trips Mrs. Lowe, his wife, had taken with Mr. Thomas and others and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Lowe and himself, were "the best of friends." In addition to the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, the defense put on a number of character witnesses and several other witnesses, of minor significance, who gave corroborative evidence.

Orphans in State Need Greater Facilities Now

Present Institutions Are Doing Great Work, But They Are Unable to Care for 6,400 Children Who Need Care and Training.—Features of Some of Orphanages. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10 (By the Associated Press).—In the twenty-five orphanages in North Carolina, 2,840 dependent children are being cared for at present, according to a survey of these particular institutions just completed and made public today by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. The results, which have been tabulated, give a comprehensive view of how the orphanages are meeting the problem of the dependent child in this state and form a basis of recommendations for improvements.

TWO MEN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

The Machine in Which They Were Riding Was Struck by A. C. L. Train Near Goldsboro Last Night. (By the Associated Press.) Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 10.—Two men were instantly killed and another fatally injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at a crossing on the outskirts of this city about 10 o'clock last night.

TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Are Being Held Now in This County.—Every Township to Participate. The county school officers purpose to hold a Sunday School Institute in each township before April 1. Yesterday afternoon they held an institute at Mt. Olive Church in No. 4 township. Last evening they held an institute in Westford Church in No. 11 township. Last Sunday a week ago they held an institute in Glend Church in No. 5 township, and two weeks ago in the Harrisburg Church in No. 3 township. The institutes are being well attended by appreciative audiences.

LAST CHAPTER GRISSON TRAGEDY AT GREENSBORO

Druggist Who Was Drowned in Florida Is Buried Sunday. Greensboro, Feb. 10.—The last chapter in the Grisson tragedy was written here this afternoon, when Hayati A. Grisson, brought back from Florida, after 27 days in the sluggish waters of Thomas Creek, 20 miles north of Jacksonville, was laid to rest in Green Hill cemetery here. The body, accompanied by his faithful friend and business associate, L. W. Jenkins, arrived late yesterday.

WANT FORD PROPOSAL FIGHT IS AGAIN RENEWED

Effort is Being Made to Get Action on Proposal at Present Session of Congress. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—The fight for action by the House at this session of Congress on Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was renewed today but the rules committee with Chairman Campbell reiterating his opposition on the ground that Mr. Ford had stated he would not accept the proposition contained in the bill reported by the military committee.

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REVENUE BILL MAY BE PRESENTED TO ASSEMBLY TONIGHT

House Finance Committee Working on Bill Now, and It May Be Ready for Presentation by Tonight. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10 (By the Associated Press).—While the House Finance Committee gathered here today for full consideration of the general revenue bill, Senators were preparing to receive the Milliken bill for the regulation of secret orders from the committee which is now considering it.

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ROAD BILL FOR CABARRUS

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MAY VOTE ON CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Resolution Providing for Submission of Question to Voters Favorably Reported. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Advocates of a child labor constitutional amendment won the first stage of their fight today when the Senate Judiciary Committee ordered a favorable report on a committee resolution providing for submission of such an amendment to the states.

CHARACTER WITNESSES AT THOMAS TRIAL

Seventeen Introduced During Day.—Trial Will Continue All Week. Salisbury, Feb. 10.—Seventeen witnesses, most of whom testified to the character of the defendant, followed each other in rapid succession on the stand at the opening of the fifth day of the trial of O. G. Thomas, here today. The Charlotte automobile salesman, who is charged with the murder of Arthur J. Allen, a master plumber of Concord, was not expected to know his fate until the latter part of the week, as the state is understood to have much rebuttal testimony.

PROPOSALS OF SHIPPING BILL LOST POINT

Washington, Feb. 10.—Proponents of the administration shipping bill lost a strategic battle today. The Senate voting 44 to 42 not to table a motion by Senator Reed, Republican of North Dakota, to lay aside the shipping legislation and take up the filled mill bill.

BRITISH GIVE FRENCH RAILWAY LINE

Colonge, Feb. 10 (By the Associated Press).—The British today turned over a six-kilometer strip on the west end of their zone, so as to give the French and Belgians complete control of the double track railroad line from Dusseldorf, a short strip of which runs through the British area.

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NEAR EAST RELIEF DRIVE IN COUNTY STARTS NEXT WEEK

Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, Local Chairman, Says Everything is Now Ready for Campaign Opening. Cabarrus county's campaign for the Near East Relief will be held from February 25 to March 4 and will start next Sunday with speakers who have been through the horrors of Turkish misrule over Christians in the Near East addressing local churches, it was announced today by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, county chairman.

QUOTA THIS YEAR SAME AS BEFORE

County Will Be Asked to Raise \$3,200.—Chairman Feels Certain Local Quota Will Be Easily Raised. Cabarrus county's quota is \$3,240, the same as last year in spite of the tremendously increased need as the result of over 800,000 people being driven from their homes as a result of the massacres at Smyrna. These people are now in Thrace, destitute and without food or clothing, except what the Near East Relief is able to provide.

CHARGES LAWYERS ARE CONTROLLING CONGRESS

Chairman Johnson Says Members of Bar in New York City Have Great Influence. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Charges that a clique of lawyers of New York City buy and sell the influence of Senators and Representatives without their knowledge who made today before the House rules committee by Chairman Johnson, of the House immigration committee.