

More Than Score of Deaths Are Reported in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee as Result of Storm

TWENTY DEATHS IN TENNESSEE VILLAGE

Seventy-Five Others in Same Vicinity Were Injured.—Fifty Dwellings Wrecked by the Winds.

THREE DEATHS IN KENTUCKY

School Boy in South Portsmouth, Ohio, Killed When Roof of School Building Hit the Ground.

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson, Tenn., March 12.—Twenty persons reported killed and seventy-five injured in the vicinity of Pinson, Tenn., 12 miles south of Jackson, by the storm which swept over that section last night.

A number of the dead and injured are negroes. About 50 dwellings about Pinson were wrecked, according to meager reports received here. A freight train was blown from the tracks in that vicinity. Only minor property damage occurred here. Relief parties were sent from Jackson and plans made to bring the injured to hospital in this city.

Wire communication with Pinson is cut off. Three Killed in Kentucky. Richmond, Ky., March 12.—Three people were killed, two fatally injured and a number seriously hurt by a storm which swept over a small section of the Madison-Fayette county border shortly before midnight.

School Child Killed. Portsmouth, Ohio, March 12.—Dennis Boggs, aged nine, was instantly killed, and five other children were injured, two seriously, this morning when a high wind uprooted the school building in South Portsmouth, (Ky.) opposite here, and carried it over into the schoolyard where the children were playing.

The Hermitage Damaged by Wind. Nashville, Tenn., March 12.—The Southern Methodist Publishing House here received word this morning that Mrs. J. L. James, wife of the Methodist pastor at Pinson, was killed in a storm that swept that place last night, and that they, Mr. James was injured. He had been removed to a hospital at Jackson, the report said.

At the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson, the wind blew down 40 ancient cedar trees planted over 80 years ago.

FOSTER ON TRIAL

First of 32 Communists to Be Placed on Trial in Michigan Court. (By the Associated Press.) St. Joseph, Mich., March 12.—Wm. Z. Foster, of Chicago, was placed on trial in Berrien county circuit court this morning charged with writing, advocating and "deliberately justifying" the doctrine that "industrial and political reform should be brought about by crime, sabotage and other unlawful methods of terrorism."

Foster is the first of 32 persons arrested after a raid on the national convention of the communist party last August to face trial.

No Decision in Pothier Case. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Rejecting a petition for review, the Supreme Court announced today it would not determine at this time whether the Federal courts have jurisdiction to try Kol and Pothier, indicted for the murder of Major Alex P. Cronkite at Camp Lewis, Wash., in 1918. The court held that the appeal should have been taken to the circuit court of appeals, and the case was referred to the first circuit court of appeals.

COAL PRICES REDUCED. Best Jellico Lump \$11.75. Best Lump Pocahontas Furnace Coal \$13.00. Ice customers will please notice. In order that I may check up ice drivers after each day's delivery it is absolutely necessary that they receive cash or tickets for all ice delivered each day, and am going to ask my customers to please comply with my wish, promising always the best service, best quality goods and at lowest cash price. A. B. POUNDS

GERMAN MAGNATE IS BEHIND RUM RUNNERS

American Quarters in London Learn of One Fleet That Makes Regular Trips to American Coasts.

London, March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Wholesale rum running in the United States by a fleet of four or five ships registered under the Panamanian flag, is being financed by a prominent German magnate, according to information received in responsible American quarters. The fleet, it is declared, is being chiefly operated from the United States end by a former German captain of a Hamburg-American liner.

The fleet itself is under the command of a character of questionable nationality who achieved notoriety in connection with marine operations of a dubious nature during the war. While absolute proof of these vast operations is lacking, the information received by American circles here points to a landing of liquor cargoes in the United States chiefly from Glasgow.

MISTRIAL DECLARED IN MRS. EUGENE INGRAM CASE

Woman Was Charged With Sending Objectionable Letters to Principals at Wedding.

Florence, S. C., March 9.—At 6:30 o'clock this evening, Judge H. A. M. Smith, in federal court, ordered a mistrial in the case of Mrs. Eugene Ingram, formerly of Benedict, Md., and Washington, D. C., now of Columbia, who was under trial on the charge of sending obscene letters through the mails of the principals in the wedding of Miss Margaret McGregor and Thomas Boyle, in Columbia, last October. The jury had been out since about noon this morning.

Mrs. Ingram has been on trial here for the past three days. The case was given to the jury at 11:30 a. m. this morning. At 11:30 a. m. this morning the jury returned a verdict that the defendant was not guilty. The judge declared a mistrial because the jury was unable to reach a verdict, and that no additional instructions would assist them in reaching an agreement.

Throughout the trial the prosecution had stressed the testimony of handwriting experts to prove that the defendant was the author of the objectionable letters. The defense played up the apparent lack of motive.

All parties interested in the trial were prominently connected and well known throughout South Carolina.

Kept Girl Prisoner For Number of Days

Henderson, March 11.—John George was given six months on the roads by Judge Allen in Vance Superior Court Saturday. George, with Lorenzo Cox, was tried before Recorder Sutherland several months ago on a charge of having taken a girl to a lonely spot above the North Henderson mill village and mistreating her, keeping her prisoner there for several days. Both drew long terms in the recorder's court. Judge Allen sent them both to the roads for six months, with the stipulation that the time already served by Cox should be deducted from his sentence.

Oldest Episcopal Bishop Seriously Ill

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—The Rt. Rev. Daniel Tuttle, 86 years old, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, who has been ill with grippe for a week, was reported to be in a critical condition today. He is said to be the oldest Episcopal bishop in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett left yesterday for Elkin, where they will spend two weeks.

ENTIRE MISSISSIPPI BADLY AFFECTED BY DAMAGING STORMS

Dozens of Cities in Valley Have Been Cut Off From Communication With the Outside World.

BLIZZARD DOES SEVERE DAMAGE

Transportation Both Steam and Electric Are Badly Crippled.—Rain Adds to Misery in Two States.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., March 12.—Dozens of cities in the Mississippi Valley today were deaf and speechless as far as their relations with the outside world were concerned. A storm coming up from the southwest, spread fanlike over the great plains, and caused death and property loss and demolished lines of communication. Telephone and telegraph lines were blown down, isolating some cities completely, while other communities of many thousands of inhabitants conversed with the rest of the world by a single copper strand.

As communication was restored today, stories of death and property destruction began to arrive. It was reported several persons, mostly negroes, were killed by the storm at Pinson, Tenn., and a half hundred homes were destroyed and a freight train blown from the tracks. The absence of wire communication with the stricken district made details impossible, but it was reported 75 persons were injured.

High winds which did much damage through the central states, seemed to have spent their energy before they reached Chicago. The wind and the rain were accompanied in Chicago by an electrical storm, which, as far as known, did little damage.

A tornado took three lives in Kentucky last night, according to meager reports received early today.

Central and southern Wisconsin are tied up by a blizzard which started last night and still raged today. The snow is heavy and in some parts of the state high drifts have formed from the high wind. The storm has created the greatest damage of its kind this winter. And one man is dead of exhaustion from battling the elements, according to the correspondent.

Transportation, both steam and electric, in the storm area is badly crippled, and wires of all kinds are down in many sections.

Thousands of Milwaukeeans were compelled to walk to work this morning because of stalled street car service. Many automobiles were stuck in huge drifts. Eighteen inches of snow fell in Madison.

Rain, accompanied by a wind which at times attained a velocity of 60 miles an hour, was general over the Eastern part of Missouri and southern Illinois last night and today.

CASE AGAINST E. Y. CLARKE CONTINUED

Former Imperial Wizard of Klan To Be Tried in Texas in the Near Future. (By the Associated Press.) Houston, Texas, March 12.—When the case of E. Y. Clarke, of Atlanta, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, charged with violation of the Mann Act was called today in Federal court, district attorney Holden announced he had received word through the Atlanta district attorney that Clarke would be ready for trial the latter part of this month or early in April. Federal Judge Hutcheson will set the date of trial late today.

Program for Howell's Community Club

The Howell's Community Club will meet on Friday, March 16th, at 7:30 p. m. Following is the program to be carried out: Business. Opening Exercise—President Hartsell. Recitation: "Lonesome"—Rosalie Hartsell. Spring Song—By Children. Declaration: "Glutton"—C. W. Boat, Jr. Solo—Willie Ruth Best. Reading: "A Branch of Hospitality"—Beatrice Morgan. Duet—Mrs. Will Black and Miss Linda Garmon. Monologue—"Wait a Minute"—By Messrs. Boss and Felix White. Pantomime—"The Old Oaken Bucket". Address. Closing Song.

Mrs. M. L. Blackwelder has returned to the city after spending several months with her children in western North Carolina and South Carolina. Mr. Theodore Q. Blackwelder, who accompanied her home, will leave this afternoon for his home in South Carolina.

THE GREAT PROGRAM OF ROAD BUILDING

Working Every Day to Complete the State's \$65,000,000 Program. Raleigh, N. C., March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Some of hard toil and steady brainwork, engineers of the North Carolina Highway Commission, like cops in a great, fast running machine, are working every day, regardless of weather conditions, to complete the state's \$65,000,000 road building program, which, when completed, will total approximately 2,000 miles of hard surface highways.

So smoothly is this machine working that if it rains one day and stops over 4,500 miles of improved roads in the state, under maintenance by the highway department, will have been dragged before the end of the next day. In some sections, the engineers have to ride miles on horseback to their work, being unable to operate automobiles on account of the road conditions. Yet, in six months or a year these sections will be accessible through modern highways.

When a decision is reached by county and state authorities to build a new road, the chief engineer sends one of his engineers in the district to make an inspection. When the report is completed, it is submitted to the chief engineer, who holds a conference with the highway commissioners involved and a decision is reached as to the location of the road.

The plans and recommendations of the engineer then go to the drafting and planning department in Raleigh, where they are studied and improved, if possible. The location of materials plays an important part in the decision reached as to the road to be constructed. The division which designs bridges work out plans for the type of bridges to be placed over waterways intersecting the highway. After the contract has been granted for the construction, all plans are placed in the hands of the contractor.

A state highway inspector takes up his duties on the day the contractors start work and remains on the job until the work is completed. He sees that all materials are properly and tested and that all specifications are followed.

In order that the best materials may be used in the highway, all shipments are inspected before they leave the factories or quarries. After arriving on the scene of operations, they again are tested. Samples then are shipped to the commissioner's laboratory in Raleigh, where a third test is made. After the highway is completed, samples are taken from it and sent to Raleigh. These are given a thorough test in order to ascertain that all specifications have been followed.

In addition to this, daily samples of completed sections are sent in for examination in order to insure proper mixtures.

"It is most difficult," said Charles M. Upham, chief engineer tonight, "to obtain efficient inspectors. We are compelled to have a school for them, being one of the few states in the Union to have such institutions. We want our men thoroughly trained in order that we may construct the best highways possible."

The resident engineer makes regular visits to the highways under construction. When they are completed, he makes an inspection and reports to the district engineer, who, in turn, gives his findings to the chief engineer. Each district engineer has about thirty jobs under his supervision.

In discussing the construction program, Mr. Upham said the \$15,000,000 in bonds, recently voted by the general assembly for highway work, would keep the present plan of operation going for three years. At the end of this time, he expects to have completed more than 2,000 miles of hard surface highways in addition to improved roads of other types. One thousand miles of hard surface roads already have been completed or are under contract. Approximately 2,000 miles of improved roads of all types are being constructed or have been placed under contract.

The maintenance department of the commission is considered by officials to be one of the most important of all because of the wide scope of its activities and value to citizens. It serves to keep all roads and detours in good condition at all times and protects the modern paved highways after they have been completed.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 8 to 29 Points With Old Crop Months Firm. (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 12.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 8 to 29 points with old crop months relatively firm on covering and the firmer showing of the Liverpool cables. May contract sold up to 30 1/2 right after the call, or 34 points net higher, but the new crop was easier under liquidation and October contract sold off the 28 1/4 during the early trading, or 9 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened firm, March 30 1/4; May 30 1/8; July 29 3/4; Oct. 28 1/4; Dec. 26 1/8.

Troy Helms From Hospital

Master Troy Helms, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Helms, has returned from the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia, where he had been taking treatment for the past several months. When he entered the hospital, he could not walk, or even stand on his feet. His condition is a surprise to his many friends, as with the aid of crutches he is now able to walk and can use his feet and legs to advantage in walking. He expects to re-enter the hospital later for further treatment.

Biddle University Quintet Tonight. The Biddle University Quintet will appear at Westminster Presbyterian Church tonight at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Seats will be reserved for white people. A silver offering for missionary work will be lifted.

FOUR MEN ARRESTED HERE CHARGED WITH NUMBER OF CRIMES

It Is Alleged They Made An Assault on Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Means and Daughter Early Last Night.

HELD UP OTHER PARTIES FROM CITY

All Were Bound Over to Cabarrus Court—Three Pistols and Liquor Taken From Them.

Four young white men, all giving Norwood as their homes were arrested here last night charged with various offenses, ranging from intoxication to assault with deadly weapon. All were given a preliminary hearing this morning, and were bound over to Cabarrus Superior Court.

The men gave their names as E. W. Galls, Charles Dees, G. S. Smith and Clarence Shuping, and their troubles began when they are alleged to have tried to stop Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Means and daughter, of this city, as they were returning from an automobile ride to Kannapolis, about 8:20 o'clock. Later, it is charged, they stopped another car and made the occupants try to repair their car, which was broken down.

According to testimony given in recorder's court this morning, the men were drinking, and three of them were armed. Galls, Smith and Shuping plead guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and Smith also plead guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. A charge of carrying a concealed weapon was not entered against Dees, though Mr. Means testified that Dees was the member of the party who fired at his car.

Mr. Means testified that the trouble occurred just south of Cook's Crossing on the National Highway. He testified that when some distance from the crossing he saw a man standing in the road waving his arm. "My wife told me to stop, saying there is a man in trouble," Mr. Means testified, "and I replied the man is drunk and drove around the man. When about fifty yards from the man he started shooting. At the first shot I pushed my wife and baby in the foot of the car. My wife told me to speed up, but fearing I would be struck and the car wrecked, I did not increase my speed. The man fired five times at my car. The man doing the shooting was Dees, Mr. Means said.

Mr. Means stated further that he took his wife and child home, went by police headquarters and got two officers and also notified Sheriff Mabry, who joined the party when it started for the scene of the shooting. When the party reached the car of the four men, it was brought, two of them were missing. Mr. Means said that Shuping ran around on one side of the car and pointed his pistol at Patrolman Holdbrooks. At that time Mr. Means stated he struck Shuping twice on the head, knocking him down. Shuping came into court with his head tied up and showing the results of the blows Mr. Means delivered.

Smith at this time was in the car, and Galls and Dees were missing. Mr. Means and the two officers started off to find the two men and just as they started Galls came up and asked what the trouble was. He was arrested. Mr. Means said he took the officers to a spot near the old county home and they started down the railroad track, while he drove back to see if he could see the man near the crossing. When he got back to the party, Smith had been arrested.

Mrs. Means corroborated her husband's testimony as to the shooting. She said she saw three men at a car and "a small man in the road" as they drove by the car.

Patrolman Holdbrooks also corroborated the testimony of Mr. Means as to Shuping's threat.

Fred Widenhouse, William Hershman, Walter Russell, Brooks Widenhouse and Clifford Bramley testified to an assault made by Smith on Fred Widenhouse. They testified they were just behind Mr. Means and when they reached the defendants they were told to halt. They got out of the car and Smith, they said, shot five or six times at Fred Widenhouse. They saw Smith reloading his gun, some of them testified.

The four defendants knew nothing of the shooting when called to the stand. Dees said Shuping had his gun and that he did not shoot at all. He thought Smith or Galls must have done the shooting. Shuping did not shoot, he testified, and he also stated that he was trying to throw his gun down when Mr. Means thought he was going to shoot Mr. Holdbrooks.

Smith testified that his home is in Parkton and not Norwood, as he told the officers last night. He is married, was driving his own car and was headed for Kannapolis. He did not shoot at Mr. Means and did not shoot at Mr. Widenhouse, he said. He said he thought if there was any shooting Dees or Shuping did it.

Galls said he was from Wilmington originally, but had been working in Raeford. He said the crowd had two pints of liquor, which they clipped in and bought. He did not shoot, and said his gun was not fired. He was

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Crisis in Ruhr Nears As Clashes Increase

300 PRISONERS TAKEN IN RAID.

Dublin, March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Nearly 300 prisoners taken in the week-end raids in England and Scotland are understood to have been landed here from British warships, 200 men from one and the remainder including about 20 women, from another. All were conveyed under heavily armed guards to jail.

ROE PENSIONERS BY A SLIGHT OF HAND TRICK

Changes Envelopes After Money Is Placed in Them by Unsuspecting Pensioners.

Washington, March 11.—A "sharpie" is going through the south cheating veterans or the widows of ex-soldiers out of pension money. A slight of hand trick is used to swap the old pension. This fellow has worked his way through Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia and is traveling toward the Carolinas and Tennessee. The federal government is after him. Gaily dressed and glib of tongue the fellow makes headway where a less pretentious and a special agent of the pension bureau, the department of interior warned today, "this man has been calling at the homes of pensioned soldiers with an announcement that an increase in their pensions to \$72 has been awarded them, providing they pass a simple test."

"The surprised pensioner, according to the information obtained by the bureau of pensions, promptly agrees to any sort of test and the swindler then presents an empty envelope and asks that the former soldier place all the money in his possession inside of it."

Here's the proposition, the fake pension agent then explains. All the pensioner wants to know is whether you're an honest man. Now, in going to seal this envelope with the money you've just given me in it, and leave it with you to keep until the commissioner of pensions comes around tomorrow. If he finds the money untouched you've passed the test and proven you're an honest man. If he discovers you've torn open the envelope and taken out the money, it shows that you're dishonest and no increase in pension will be given you.

"Sims running all the way from \$75 to \$70 have been eagerly dug up by the pensioned widows or old soldiers, and the clever flim-flammer in each instance has deftly slipped the money into the envelope and given it to the pensioner to hold awaiting the arrival of the commissioner of pensions the following day. But the commissioner fails to put in his appearance either the next day or any subsequent days. Growing impatient the pensioners finally give up hope and tear open their envelopes. Instead of finding their money in it they are startled to discover a few pieces of old newspaper."

The sleek stranger claiming to be a pension agent has worked a slight of hand trick in transforming the money and instead of putting the currency in the envelope has placed it in his pocket.

Department of justice agents and special examiners of the pension bureau are conducting a search for the swindler but have so far been unable to catch him.

173,466 Bales of Cotton Exported in January

Washington, March 10.—Raw cotton exports during January amounted to 473,466 bales, valued at \$65,250,000, the department of commerce announced today, compared with exports during January 1922, of 475,910 bales, valued at \$45,233,000.

Cotton exports during the seven months ending with January totaled 3,752,730 valued at \$464,502,000 as compared with 4,132,232 bales worth \$375,509,000 for the same months ending with January, 1922.

Humor in conversation is more agreeable than wit, and kindness please better than learning.

Eight State Liberty Squad as Result of Clashes in Various Parts of the Ruhr District Last Night.

MORE TROOPS TO BE USED AT ONCE

Recklinghausen, March 12 (By the Associated Press).—Eight Germans are dead as the result of clashes with French troops in various parts of Recklinghausen district last night. One French soldier and three Germans were wounded in a riot at Dortmund. A stage of siege has been declared in the entire Recklinghausen district in consequence of these disturbances. Additional troops have been sent to preserve order at Buer, where a French army officer and a French civilian official were killed Saturday night and where excitement has since been running high, resulting in renewed shootings.

Of the Germans who met death two were shot down while trying to escape from the Germans in the Buer disturbances. Five others were killed and several wounded an hour later when a crowd attacked a French guard post. The eighth German was killed at Dortmund when a crowd attacked a French guard.

Disturbances were caused at Buer last night when French gendarmes went to the home of a German suspected of being implicated in the assassination of the French official. Two Germans who were found there were arrested. They were being taken to a guard post when, according to reports, they tried to escape and were shot.

SOUTHERN TRAINS ARE DAMAGED IN WRECK

Extent of Damage Not Known, as Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Down. (By the Associated Press.) Cincinnati, March 12.—Destructive damage to telephone and telegraph wires, interfered today with officials of the Southern railway here when they endeavored to ascertain the extent of damage caused when a train from New Orleans ran into the rear of a passenger train at Pulaski, Ky.

It was reported that several persons were injured, but how severely could not be ascertained. Both trains were bound for Cincinnati.

At the Union Central Station here it was reported that the Queen City Special, coming from New Orleans and the Carolina Special from Asheville and other North Carolina points, were late.

Two Hurt. Cincinnati, O., March 12.—Two men were hurt early today in a rear end collision on the Southern railway at Pulaski, Tenn., which was caused indirectly by a wind storm, according to a report received by officials of the road here.

PROHIBITION AGENTS MUST TAKE ACTION

State, Army and Navy Department, Not to Take Action Against Members Who Have Whiskey. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—Prohibition officials themselves must take whatever action appears necessary in connection with the discovery in a recent bootlegger raid, of a list of Washington residents which included the names of several officials of the State Department and of many officers of the army, navy and marine corps.

After a preliminary inquiry today it was indicated that state, war and navy departments would take no further step in the matter, but would regard each case as a personal matter between the men named and the prohibition enforcement authorities.

Too many of us confuse ambition with a desire to have things handed to us.

Special Notice

The Radio Corporation of America are now offering their Radiola R C Radio Receiving Set, using no storage battery, extremely sensitive tubes, complete less loud speaker and Antenna, at \$142.50. This set is extremely sensitive and the operation simple. The upkeep is reduced to a minimum. Magnavox (the best loud speaker on the market) formerly sold at \$45.00, are now \$35.00. Let us demonstrate one of these wonderful sets in your home.

Concord Telephone Company