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NINE KILLED AT CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Telephone and Telegraph Companies Are Gradually Restoring Their Communication Lines.

Chicago, March 13.—Gradual restoration of telephone and telegraph facilities in the storm-swept region between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian range, today brought additional details of death and destruction that followed in its wake, the dead being a total of 40, the injured counted at approximately 200, and damage to transportation, lines of communication, homes, and business buildings reported at millions of dollars.

The worst effects of the storm, a heavy downfall of snow or rain, accompanied by a high wind that reached the proportions of tornado in some places, were felt at Pinson and Deanburg, Tenn., where the death toll was 17, and the injured between 50 and 75 persons. These little towns were approximately demolished and today Red Cross workers were on the way to the scene. Citizens of neighboring towns were raising a fund for financial relief.

Sixteen of the persons killed were at Pinson. The other were killed at Deanburg. Seven were white persons and the others were negroes. Michigan are reported to have suffered damage of one and a half million dollars. Practically the whole state of Wisconsin was recovering today from the effects of a heavy snow that accompanied the storm. Twenty cities were temporarily without light or power, due to the breaking of transmission lines.

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE PASSES TAX MEASURE

Bill Levies Occupational Tax on Every Firm and Individual in State With Minor Exceptions.

Columbia, S. C., March 13.—The South Carolina Senate today passed as a substitute for the house commodity tax bill, a bill levying an occupational tax on every firm and individual in the state with minor exceptions. The measure also levies a tax on gross receipts of all corporations and persons receiving more than \$500 a year from any source. The measure was sent back to the House for action.

With Our Advertisers.

A. B. Pounds in a new ad. today announces price reductions in coal. Read ad. carefully.

Schloss clothes to suit the most exacting can be found now at Hoover's. Society Club hats from \$4.00 to \$6.00 at W. A. Overcash's.

The co-operation "The Citizens" can give may be just what you are looking for. The bank is anxious to serve you.

Koolite hungalow shades are sold by H. B. Winkler. They will make the porch the coolest room in your home.

The Richmond-Flower Co. sell the highest grade fertilizers obtainable. See ad. in this paper.

\$100,000 Suit Against Editor.

Richmond, Va., March 13.—A suit for \$100,000 damages for "false, scandalous, defamatory and malicious libel" was filed in circuit court here today against State Senator Harry F. Byrd by the Virginia Highway Contractors Association, as an outgrowth of editorials published in the Winchester Star, owned by Mr. Byrd. He steadfastly opposed a bond issue for financing Virginia's road program, which method has been advocated by the contractors association.

Trinity Alumni Association for Cabarrus County is Perfected

At a meeting of a number of former students of Trinity College in this county, held at the Y. M. C. A. here Monday night, it was decided to organize a live Trinity Alumni Association of Cabarrus County, and after an address by Mr. R. E. Thigpen, alumni secretary of the college association, the following officers of the local association were elected:

A. G. Odell, President; Prof. A. S. Wells, Vice President; and W. H. Muse, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer. It is the purpose of the organization, as stated by the members at the meeting Monday night, to keep in close touch with the college, and render such assistance and suggestions as the association members think will be for the best interest of Trinity. Mr. Thigpen was heard with peculiar interest by the former students of Trinity. After briefly tracing the early history and ambitions of the institution, Mr. Thigpen devoted some time to an outline of the present plans for the development and enlargement of the college, paying special attention to the part the alumni are expected to play in this work.

Five new buildings will be erected at Trinity in the near future, Mr. Thigpen said. These will be the Memorial gymnasium, the law building, another dormitory, a modern science hall and a building of religious education. The alumni secretary further declared that a medical college for North Carolina is still probable, to be erected by Trinity College. "The proposition of a joint medical college, and a medical college for Charlotte seems dead," he stated, "but the proposition of such a college for Trinity is not dead by any means." He stated that he could not make public now all that he knew about such a proposition.

FEAR TWO MEN WERE LOST DURING STORM

James L. Twiford and Bonnie Burrus, of Hyde County, Missing Since Saturday.

Hyde County, N. C., March 13.—James L. Twiford, aged 40, and Bonnie C. Burrus, aged 28, Hyde County fishermen, are believed to have been lost during the 70-mile gale that swept Pamlico Sound on March 6, according to word received here today from the Sound.

Search was started when the men failed to return home last Saturday, and a sunken boat, believed to be theirs, was found, but there was no trace of the bodies. Mr. Twiford was a brother of Lloyd Twiford, proprietor of a shoe store in Asheville.

JURY SELECTED TO TRY MRS. MARY E. WELLS

Jurors Asked to Consider Evidence With Their Heads and Not With Their Hearts.

Mineola, N. Y., March 13.—The jury asked by the State to return a verdict based on evidence, not sex, has been selected to try Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wells on a charge of second degree murder in connection with the shooting of Jas. B. Pettit, at Sassequana Inn, of which he was proprietor and she was hostess. Mrs. Lillian S. Raisen and Mrs. Paulette Saludes, convicted recently in New York City of murder, were tried by juries which were cautioned to consider the evidence with their heads and not with their hearts.

This Was Some Freak

Bellaire Heights, Pa., March 12.—A freak golf shot was made on the 18th hole of No. 2 course here today. J. H. Wall, of Oshkosh, drove a ball from the 18th tee into Alex Smith's shop. George Gordon, a pro, was just going into the shop when the ball passed in.

It was easy to pay the bail out through the window but it first had to be raised. The question now comes up as to whether he had the right to raise the window under the rule of touching anything more than a club's length from the ball.

The shot through the window was a success as the ball landed two feet from the hole and an easy three was secured. If a penalty of two strokes is added for opening the window, the hole was made in five.

William Healey Executed

Cork, March 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—William Healey was executed here this morning by the Free State authorities. He was arrested while in the possession of arms during the recent attack on a house in Harney street, when an attempt was made to burn the home of Mrs. Powell, sister of the late Michael Collins.

James Tarte, Patrick Hogan and John Creevey were also executed for possession of arms. They were arrested in County Wexford.

Airplane Off For Guantanamo

Havana, March 13.—The six United States army airplanes commanded by Captain Lanther, left Camp Columbia, near Havana, at 8:20 this morning for Guantanamo, Cuba, a distance of 500 miles. Stops may be made at two points for fuel, it was announced.

The most fortunate man is he who thinks himself so.

INTERESTING SERVICE IN CONCORD THURSDAY

Dr. J. C. Seegers and Group of Speakers to Appear Here in the Interest of Lenoir College. The Concord District is to be honored March 14th, with the presence of Dr. J. C. Seegers, Philadelphia, one of the foremost theologians and pulpit orators of the United Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Seegers will speak in St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, in connection with the Lenoir College Appeal for \$850,000, which is being presented to the people of North Carolina this spring. Dr. Seegers is not unknown to the people of North Carolina, who remember his great popularity in this state when he was pastor of the prominent St. Paul's Church in Washington, and the enthusiasm of the people of South Carolina when he left that city to become professor at the Southern Theological Seminary at Columbia. He is now professor of Practical Theology at Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, one of the outstanding Lutheran institutions in the country, and has been also honored with an important appointment to the Home Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, and the chairmanship of the committee on Evangelism, while the books from his pen have brought him still greater renown. It is acknowledged in Lutheran headquarters in New York that probably no man in the entire United Lutheran Church is in greater demand than Dr. Seegers as a speaker.

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SING HYMN AS THE END COMES

Singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" Is the Last Word Watchers Hear From the Hapless Hunters.

Omaha, Neb., March 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Floating on an ice cake in the Missouri River to certain death with the banks lined by friends and relatives, unable to avert the tragedy, two Iowa men chose as their far-well message the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee."

For hours Harvey McIntosh, 30, and his brother Tom, 28, of Mountaintop, Iowa, had been marooned on a sand bar in the Missouri River, 30 miles north of Omaha, after a sudden rise of the river swept away their boat while they were hunting ducks.

Their cries brought many persons to the banks but all attempts to send aid to them failed, owing to a heavy flow of ice.

The brothers perished themselves in a stump as darkness fell and water covered the bar. Huge bonfires were lit by the watchers on the banks. As the crest of the flood came to the water rose to the men's arm pits.

"We have caught an ice cake," they shouted shortly after midnight. And then out of the darkness of the river came the strains of the hymn that grew fainter and fainter.

No trace of the bodies had been found today although searching parties have combed the river bottom for miles.

THE LIQUOR BUYER AS GUILTY AS THE SELLER

Under New Law Bootleggers Can Be Made to Furnish the Names of Their Customers.

Brook Parkley in Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, March 12.—The most efficient who has been hounding over Section 10 of the new North Carolina Volstead act has suffered a serious setback since the Raleigh police force set out to demonstrate that there are more sections to the measure than the one which Senator Ray Haymore told his colleagues of the upper house "is good enough for me."

Section 10 may keep the stuff stored in the cellar far from the eyes of hostile cops, but Sections 2 and 25, on which the Raleigh coppers have just acted with particularity, certainly do not prove of material assistance in getting it there. For these two sections make the purchaser of whiskey as guilty as the seller of whiskey; and Raleigh policemen have gone on the rampage in search of the buyers.

Five negroes are behind the bars here for the purchase of "shine," last night, upon the testimony of the man from whom they bought, the quintet was placed in the city jail. And that emphasizes the futility of the implications of section 10 in the face of the specifications of sections 2 and 25.

Section 2 specifies that "no person shall manufacture, sell, barter, transport, import, export, deliver, furnish, purchase or possess" any liquor except as provided in section 10—for which the most thanked goodness—allowing the storage of liquor, legally obtained in one's own home. Section 25 authorizes ad testificandum proceedings in the procurement of evidence.

Using section 2 first, the officers arrested one Bill Nash, of Durham, for bootlegging. Taken, picked up section 25, they used the ad testificandum; thereupon procuring evidence on which they resorted once more to section 2 and arrested the quintet of negroes. Among them Bill Nash had peddled his liquid wares. Further activities of this character are promised by the capital city coppers who have found in the new act an effective way of combatting the demand for whiskey.

It is true that under section 10, if a person can once get the liquor into his own cellar, the burden rests upon the state to prove that he procured it illegally. But how can the person know that the bootlegger from whom he buys may not turn him up; or should the bootlegger six months hence fall into the hands of the police, what assurance has the purchaser that under the ad testificandum proceedings he would not be forced to give the name of all his customers? Danger is seen in the two sections that outweigh the relief apparent in section 10.

And if detectives can make purchases of liquor to catch the bootlegger, why could they not, with equal justification, make sales of liquor to catch the consumer?

Before this Volstead act has grown into young manhood it has fair to manifest an intolerance towards the liquor seller and the liquor consumer that will prove serious hardships on the anti-prohibitionists.

Some people hold the key to the situation and there are too lazy to turn it.

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The effort made in the Senate by adoption of the Varner amendment to the maintenance appropriation bill which would have provided for the scaling down of funds devoted to state institutions to keep expenditures within the state's income, in the event the revenue act failed to bring ample money into the treasury, was described as a movement intended to aid in making a special session unnecessary for financial reasons.

By virtue of the acts of the departed legislature, the continuation of the state's constructive program in all lines already established is liberally provided for, officers of the state asserted today. Although a portion of the original \$500,000,000 road building remains to be expended, the assembly added a \$15,000,000 bond issue with the avowed purpose to guard against loss through incision as to the future course in this work and to enable the construction army built up by the highway commission to lay its plans well in advance of execution.

The institutions of charity and education, reduced somewhat from requests made, received considerably more than the proportionate part of the originally suggested \$20,000,000 for a six year program of permanent improvements for expenditure in the second two years of that period, the total exceeding \$10,000,000. Again the reason repeatedly assigned by legislators favoring this liberality was that the money should be provided while the building organization was intact and functioning rather than to keep it undernourished with funds until its reduction would necessitate reorganizing.

In addition to failing in no particular to assure the furtherance of work in construction already underway, according to officials, the assembly cut what many members regard as new pathways of progress—providing a course in liberality toward new ventures for state development. The undertaking finding its inception in this session that involves the largest amount of money is the Bowie railroad project.

The act authorizes \$10,000,000 for a trunk line railroad through the extreme northwestern counties of the state, and an unlimited amount for the construction of 49 per cent. of five branch roads which are specified.

The possibility that this act will be held invalid by the supreme court was raised by its opponents in the legislature, who contended that the Pearson decision in a former case held that the state's constitutional bar to the use of state funds or credit for the construction of a railroad not already

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