

REP. KITCHIN DIED EARLY TODAY AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Death Occurred at 6:14 A. M. in Wilson Hospital, Where He Had Been Undergoing Treatment.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Will Be Buried in the Family Graveyard Near Scotland Neck.—Prominent in Congress for Many Years.

Wilson, May 31 (By the Associated Press).—Representative Claude Kitchin, of the Second North Carolina District, former minority leader in the House of Representatives, died in a local hospital at 6:14 this morning.

Mr. Kitchin, whose death had been expected hourly for the last three days, began to sing shortly before midnight last night, and the end came peacefully early this morning.

At the bedside of the former Democratic leader when he died were Mrs. Kitchin, Mrs. Louis B. Suiter, a daughter, Miss Kitchin, a son, and Dr. Thurman Kitchin, a brother. They had been with him throughout the night.

The body of the statesman was removed early today to a local undertaking establishment where it was prepared for burial. Accompanied by members of his family and scores of friends, it will be carried this morning to his old home at Scotland Neck, where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. C. A. Woodard said Mr. Kitchin's death was the culmination of complications which developed after he suffered a stroke of paralysis in 1920. He had never been in good health since, Dr. Woodard stated, although the turn for the worse did not come until about three weeks ago.

During the long months of suffering, Mr. Kitchin always maintained that bright, cheerful and courageous disposition which characterized his more than twenty years on the floor of Congress. From the moment he entered the hospital hundreds of friends from near and far visited him and greeted them all cordially with a warm handshake and a broad smile—a smile which had made him one of the most beloved members of Congress.

Mr. Kitchin suffered a slight stroke of paralysis in 1920, a few minutes after he had delivered a most impassioned speech on the peace resolution. He was quickly removed from the capitol to his Washington home. He was accorded a most enthusiastic ovation when he returned to his seat a few months later. Mr. Kitchin did not retain his seat long, however, for dizzy spells began to bother him, and he again was forced to retire.

On the advice of his physicians, Mr. Kitchin entered a hospital at Albany, N. Y., where he underwent an operation. Reports from Albany were to the effect that the operation was successful, and Mr. Kitchin's friends thought he would soon be able to resume leadership in the House. Shortly after his return from Albany to Washington Mr. Kitchin was again attacked with dizzy spells and went to his old home at Scotland Neck to take a rest.

While at Scotland Neck last winter Mr. Kitchin contracted influenza, which developed into pneumonia. Little hope was held out for his recovery. This illness left him with a stomach trouble, which grew gradually worse until it resulted in his death here today.

Funeral Tomorrow. Scotland Neck, May 31 (By the Associated Press).—The funeral services for Representative Claude Kitchin, who died at the Wilson hospital early today, will be held from the Kitchin residence here at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Charles Anderson, pastor of the Baptist Church of which Mr. Kitchin was a member, officiating, it was announced today. The burial will take place in the family plot in the Baptist cemetery, about one mile from Scotland Neck.

The active pall bearers will be L. B. Suiter, Robert Josey, James Shields, S. A. Dunn, C. H. England, L. H. Kitchin, Stuart Smith, and William Leverton. The list of honorary pall bearers has not been completed.

As a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Kitchin, public schools here will remain closed until after the funeral tomorrow.

In the 20 years of his services in the House of Representatives, including four years as its leader during democratic control, Claude Kitchin never once lost his temper in the thick of bitter and stormy debate. His big, round, red face always was lighted with a smile or a grin "as he slaughtered the enemy," and Republicans often declared that Kitchin kept smiling "as he operated on them before the country."

EVERY SCHOOLHOUSE IN STATE TO BE INSPECTED

Mr. Wade Says the People Are Thoroughly Aroused to the Situation.

Raleigh, May 31.—Asserting that the Cleveland, S. C., fire, in which seventy-six persons lost their lives, has aroused the interest of citizens in school buildings, Stacey W. Wade, commissioner of insurance, today announced every school building in North Carolina will be inspected by officials of his department and where changes are necessary orders issued for them to be made issued before the beginning of the fall term.

The inspection will be started next week, the eastern section of the State being visited first by the inspectors, operating under a state law, a large part of which was written by Mr. Wade, covering all classes of buildings and giving the commissioner full authority to make changes in the interest of protection.

"While I do not believe we have any buildings in North Carolina similar to the one in which the Cleveland fire originated, I intend to find out whether changes are necessary in any of them. The people are thoroughly aroused to the situation and I am sure we shall have their co-operation. I have written the county superintendents and members of county school boards, asking their assistance."

"Special attention will be given to the number of exits and fire escapes. We have some of the best school buildings in the South and even in the small ones I know of no instance where kerosene lamps are used for lighting purposes."

"We intend to leave nothing undone to see that each school building is put into proper shape before the fall term begins," he said.

Fire Marshals Brockwell and Cannady will start the inspection next week.

words with Kitchin in the House, declared on the occasion of the latter's retirement as democratic leader, that he was vicious in debate because his attacks, like brick in a towel, were wrapped in smiles.

Kitchin's greatest fight with his legislative conscience came when the House was called upon to declare war against the German government in 1917. Congress was widely excited. Words passed back and forth among members that the majority leader would vote against it. Later, on the afternoon of April 6, members of the leader's family and some of his most intimate friends were in his office.

For once the leader had lost his smile. He was weary and fagged from loss of sleep. He told the group that he could not bring his conscience to the point of voting for war, that his right of leader because of it would be challenged, but that he didn't care because his heart spoke against it.

Then he went to the house chamber—with every seat filled and a vast throng in the galleries—and during a tense and dramatic moment, took his stand against war.

But once war was declared Kitchin threw his support, wholeheartedly, into the fight, and championed every move by the government for victory. There were times, it was said, when he was at odds with President Wilson at White House conferences, but his political enemies never doubted his patriotism after the weight of American arms had been thrown on the side of the Allies.

In the early days of 1919, Kitchin, when a Republican house, elected to the preceding fall was waiting to come into power, went to the front as the party leader with the biggest war revenue bill ever framed by an American Congress. He put it through. Long a member of the ways and means committee which framed the bill, Kitchin had every figure at his finger tips. Fordney, of Michigan, who succeeded him as chairman of the committee, fought him at every step.

It was during the revenue bill debate, while the House was considering a luxury on shirts, that Kitchin, standing before hundreds of well dressed men, declared he never paid more than \$2 for a shirt in his life. His plea for simplicity in dress while the country was burdened with the big cost of war was taken up by the press, and two dollar shirts were urged.

Not long after the big revenue bill fight Kitchin was stricken. For a long time he lay in bed, trying to get well, but it was not an easy thing for a man, so long in public life, to shake off the old habit. Feeling better, he went back to the old grind, only to be stricken again. A new party had come into power.

Champ Clark, stepping down from the speaker's chair because of minority leader, with Kitchin as ranking member of the ways and means committee. When Champ Clark died, Kitchin was made minority leader but being ill then at his home in North Carolina, he asked that Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, be designated as acting leader, in the effort to hold the dwindling ranks of the Democrats in line.

Claude Kitchin, who was born March 24, 1869, first came to Congress in 1901, serving continuously thereafter. On the closing night of that Congress—the 57th—he attracted attention by a fiery speech against French spoliation claims. From that day his reputation as a House debater was made. He was born in the district he represented. He was the son of a Congressman and his brother, William W. Kitchin, served five terms in the House prior to his election as Governor of North Carolina.

During a hot political campaign in his district in 1896 Kitchin attracted public attention by taking an active part in what was known as "the red shirt movement," a revival of Democratic tactics in some Southern states in reconstruction times. It was organized by the white people, chiefly Democrats, for the avowed purpose of eliminating the negro in politics and office holding. But its purposes were peaceful. Thousands rode to the first public meeting in Kitchin's district in red buggies, on horses draped with red, wearing red shirts, red hats, some even digging up the old red trousers of fox hunting days. The speech made by Kitchin put him in line for the House, and he won the first time from Illinois, who often crossed up.

Definite Plans Made For Auto Drawing to Be Held Saturday

Definite plans for the drawing for the prizes to be given away during Trade Week have been mapped out by the Advertising Committee of the Merchants' Association, which has had general supervision over the conduct of the trade event. The plans were announced this morning.

Heads of all business houses will close the coupon boxes in their stores at 6 o'clock Saturday night. As soon as the boxes are closed, heads of the business houses will collect the coupons and report with them not later than 6:30 at Central Graded School.

At 7 o'clock all of the coupons will be placed in one large box and the drawing started. The coupons will be drawn from the box by a disinterested person who will be in such a position that he cannot see within the box, and cannot see any of the coupons.

The first number drawn will be for the Chevrolet touring car, the first prize. If the person holding the corresponding number to the one drawn is not present, another number will be drawn. As soon as the winner of the first prize is determined, the drawing for the second prize will be started and conducted in the same manner as the first.

Heads of the business houses which have co-operated in the event and which have erected boxes for the coupons, are urged to have their boxes at the school building not later than 6:30 Saturday night. By getting all of the coupons at the school house by that time, the committee will have to get final plans for the drawing into effect by 7 o'clock when the numbers will be drawn.

The winners of the prizes must be on hand when the drawing takes place. For that reason hundreds of people are expected to be at Central Graded School when the event takes place.

Just two more full days of trading before the bargain event closes. The stores will have many fine bargains. And the numbers you get today, tomorrow or Saturday for your purchases are just as likely to determine the winner as any number already given.

ATLANTA EXPECTS 50,000 ELKS AT JULY GATHERING

Fifty Thousand From All Parts of the Country Are Looked For. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, May 31.—Not less than fifty thousand Elks from all parts of America are expected to be present at the annual convention of the grand lodge of the order which meets in Atlanta July 9 to 16. The gathering will assemble delegations from Maine to Hawaii, with present indications pointing to representation from a large majority of the 1,600 lodges in the country.

This is the first time that a convention of the grand lodge of Elks has ever been held in the Southeast, and the first time in ten years that the order has come south.

The Atlanta lodge is competing preparations to entertain a minimum of 75,000 visitors. The hotel capacity will be enlarged by July 1, college dormitories will be operated as temporary lodges, two vast Pullman cities will be set up in the heart of the city, and the grounds and buildings of the South-eastern Fair will be converted into a monster tourist camp to accommodate several thousand southern lodges which will make the trip by automobile. Thousands of private homes will also be opened.

A special railroad rate of a fare and a half for the round trip, under the identification certificate plan will be in force over practically all lines.

MEMORIAL DAY FATALITY

Firing Squad Cuts Electric Wires in Saluting the Dead. Martinez, Calif., May 30.—A horse was killed, a grass fire started, and more than 1,000 lives endangered here today when a firing squad using ball ammunition fired over the graves of the soldier dead in a Memorial Day ceremony and cut down two electric power wires, each carrying 11,000 volts.

The wires, struck the horse, killing it, and fell on many of the hundreds of automobiles parked outside the cemetery. While the fire department was responding to the alarm sent in when the tall grass started to burn, there was a panic among the 1,000 spectators and many were slightly injured.

Volunteers held the panicky crowd back until the current had been cut off. How it happened that ball ammunition instead of blank cartridges was used had not been explained tonight.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DESTROYED BY FIRE

All Children in the Pittsburgh Hospital Were Carried to Safety. Pittsburgh, May 31.—The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh was destroyed by fire today. More than 100 little patients, most of them crippled, were moved to the maternity hospital nearby. So far as the authorities were able to determine, there was no loss of life.

Detroit Tent Colony Grows as Rents Continue to Rise. Detroit, Mich., May 31.—Detroit has seen, during the last fortnight, the growth of its tent colony in the Grand River subdivision district from a handful of open-air residents to a small city containing hundreds of families, who have taken this means of fighting the home shortage and attendant high rentals here.

Rents in many parts of the city have almost doubled within the last month. This especially is true of modest workmen's houses, according to officials of the city welfare department, who daily are being besieged by scores of persons ejected from their homes because they could not meet the rent advance.

Refusal of the landlords to rent their places to families with children still further complicated matters, welfare officers say.

Eldred's Chain Sale. The big Eldred Chain Sale will begin on Friday morning, June 1, at 8:45 o'clock and will continue through the entire month of June. During this sale everything will be included, and the price reductions will be drastic. The store was closed today at 12 o'clock to mark down goods for this sale. This great sale is not only going on in the Eldred store here but in all the 33 stores of this great chain. Read the big double page ad. in today's Tribune and Times and see some of the hundreds of reductions that will be made during this sale.

BUSINESS IN FIFTH RESERVE DISTRICT SLOWED UP IN APRIL

Many Thoughtful Observers Think the Expansion of Industry and Construction Lines Has Been too Rapid.

FEDERAL RESERVE MONTHLY REVIEW

Part of the Decrease Was Seasonal, a Dull Season Naturally Following the Pre-Easter Weeks.

Raleigh, May 31 (By the Associated Press).—Business in the fifth reserve district slowed up during April, and many thoughtful observers believe that the expansion in industry, trade and construction lines has been too rapid, according to the official monthly review of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank made public here tonight.

"Part of the decrease was seasonal, a dull period naturally following the pre-Easter weeks, but there are signs that the slowing up was partly based upon a hesitancy and uncertainty about business prospects," the report reads.

Advancing prices of labor and many commodities have not only caused concern, it is stated, but have resulted in delaying some construction plans.

"The experiences of 1919 and 1922 have not been forgotten by either sellers or buyers," the report asserts. "The first determined resistance against mounting costs appears to have been advanced in the building industry, in which advances have been greater, perhaps, than in other lines. The resistance movement of the form of indefinite postponement of the erection of a number of buildings that doubtless would have built if prices for labor and material had not advanced so rapidly and to such high levels."

"How far this resistance will spread cannot be anticipated, nor to what extent if any it will flow over into other fields in addition to the building industry."

Reports to the Richmond bank show seasonal increases in outstanding loans, customers, decreased deposits and increased disbursements. These indications are the result of needed accommodations during this season of the year by customer, it is stated.

"Savings in commercial banks show a slight decline for the first time in many months, but savings reported by many banks show a continuation of the steady increase that has been in evidence in 1923," the review reads.

"The Federal Reserve Bank's reduction for members rose during April, while the note circulation declined, resulting in lowering the reserve ratio to 77.03 per cent, on May 16. Debits to individual accounts in clearing house banks in twenty-three of the district's leading cities showed substantial increases during the four weeks ending May 16th of this year in comparison with the preceding four weeks and the corresponding four weeks of 1922."

"Business failures in the fifth district in April were 41.9 per cent, fewer in number than during April 1922, and 20.9 per cent, less in the aggregate of liabilities involved. The April, 1923, number of failures was the lowest in the district since September, 1921."

Owing to what was termed the unsettled condition of the cotton market, the textile industry, in which North Carolina is more interested than any other state in the district, is at the moment marketing time, the report states:

"Up to about the middle of March a sellers' market appeared to exist, and the mills were receiving all the orders they cared to accept in the face of rising prices of raw cotton, but during the latter part of March the situation reversed itself," the report reads. "Cotton prices began declining, and mills became willing to commit themselves farther in the future, but the buyers also were watching cotton prices, and with the decline orders to the mills slackened and in many cases ceased altogether."

"Since the situation came about there have been no further developments, and there the matter stands as we write. The mills are continuing full time, operating on orders previously placed with them, and they are going on with additions to present plants and the construction of new ones, thus showing that the owners believe the present slump to be more or less temporary."

"Many authorities believe that the textile industry in the South, and especially in the fifth district, is just beginning to come into its own. The present conditions in the industry call for skillful management, but the mill authorities appear to believe that basically the industry is sound, and very few of them are disturbed over the outlook."

"There have been comparatively few cancellations of orders, and mill stocks have declined only a few points since the flow of new business ebbed two months ago. With labor fully and profitably employed, large consumption of cotton goods seems assured, and the mill managers appear to think that orders they are not receiving now are merely being temporarily withheld until prices settle, a condition which in the end may work to the advantage of the mills as well as the buyers. Not much change is looked for in the industry until this year's cotton crop advances far enough to give a reasonably safe basis for estimates of this season's production."

North Carolina mills consumed 104,904 bales of cotton during April, leading the South. The amount, the re-

W. G. BROWN NAMED AS COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER

Has Been Connected For Some Time With State Highway Commission.—Is Ready to Begin New Duties Here.

Members of the County Highway Commission of Cabarrus County have named Mr. W. G. Brown as general superintendent of this county. Mr. Brown was named yesterday and by the first of the week will be in position to take over the management of county roads.

Mr. Brown has been with the State Highway Commission for some time, and comes to Concord from Scotland Neck, where he had his headquarters recently. He has had much experience not only in road construction work but also in the management of road construction forces and camps, and was highly recommended by officials of the State Highway Department.

In addition to looking after road matters in the county Mr. Brown will have general supervision over the county's convict camps.

Mr. Brown plans to move his family to Concord as soon as he can secure a house.

The Cabarrus Highway Commission officially begins its duties tomorrow, June first. It was created under an act of the last General Assembly of the State and is composed of T. H. Webb, John W. Cress and G. S. Klutz. It will have general supervision of all road matters, and as the commissioners are named in the bill creating the commission, its personnel will not be affected by any political changes that take place in the county.

PILLOW IS DEAD FROM EFFECT OF HIS INJURY

His Two Daughters Killed and His Son Fatally Hurt in Automobile-Train Accident. Greensboro, May 30.—I. C. Pillow, aged 75, Reidsville, man, injured when a train struck an automobile in which he was riding in Reidsville yesterday evening died at a hospital here at 10 o'clock tonight.

His son, John Pillow, also of Reidsville, also hurt in the accident, is still alive at the hospital, but is in a critical condition. Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, also of Reidsville, who was also in the car, suffering injuries, who was brought here for treatment, will recover. She is suffering from shock.

Pillow's two children, James, aged 14, and Birdie, aged 16, were killed outright by the train, their bodies tossed with the automobile high in the air above box cars on a siding, which are said to have obstructed the view at the street crossing.

WILL FIGHT EFFORT FOR MILLS RECEIVER

Salisbury Syndicate Owning String of Cotton Mills Claims Inferior Cotton Was Sold. Salisbury, May 30.—The Mecklenburg Manufacturing company will fight the petition to name a receiver for their mills, according to Walter H. Woodson, one of their attorneys. Officers for this string of mills live in Salisbury, although none of the mills are located here.

Mr. Woodson says his clients will contend that the Memphis concern suing the mill company and asking for a receiver furnished inferior cotton and this is reason their bills were not paid. The mills company also contends that the Memphis concern has redress in the law and is not entitled to an action in equity.

The Parks-Belk Co. will give a bread knife free to every customer making a dollar purchase in the house furnishings department Friday and Saturday.

port continues, for South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia totals 203,680 bales, 35.3 per cent. of the total American consumption for April, which amounted to 577,396 bales.

Tobacco markets closed during April, only a little low grade tobacco having remained to be sold that month," the review reads. "The new crop is being planted, but cold weather has damaged plant beds to a considerable extent."

"Nearly all crops are getting a late start this year because of unseasonably cool weather, and it is yet too early to form any opinion as to the crop prospects."

"New construction work for which permits were secured in April broke all previous records for both number of permits and estimated valuation, but many projects have recently been postponed because of high costs, and the outlook for the building industry has become uncertain."

Retail trade was good in April, considering the date on which Easter fell, and wholesale trade was considerably ahead of the April, 1922 business."

A RECEIVERSHIP IS ASKED FOR KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Petition is Filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, by D. M. Rittenhouse and Others.

MISMANAGEMENT IS CHARGE MADE

Evans and Simmons Charged With Collusion in Settling the Recent Controversy Regarding Control.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 31.—Receivership for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was asked in a petition filed in Fulton County Superior Court today by David M. Rittenhouse and others, of Philadelphia, who charged gross mismanagement to W. H. Evans, imperial wizard. The petition also charged that the imperial wizard and W. J. Simmons, grand emperor, entered into a collusion in settling the recent controversy involving control of the organization.

Judge Humphreys signed an order temporarily restraining the use of any Klan funds and citing the defendants to show cause before him June 9th why the petition should not be granted. Judge Humphreys also restrained the Klan money to pay the expenses of the meeting of the Klan called by Imperial Wizard Evans to meet in Washington June 1st and 2nd.

The defendants likewise are temporarily enjoined from removing headquarters of the Klan from Atlanta. Twenty other Klansmen are named in the petition in addition to Dr. Evans and Col. Simmons. The petition also charged Dr. Evans and Col. Simmons with having violated the patriotic principles and with having tried to convert the Klan into a purely money making machine.

Those named as defendants besides H. W. Evans and W. J. Simmons included Henry A. Grady, Clinton, N. C.

Judge Grady One of the Defendants.

Raleigh, May 31.—Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, N. C., judge of the Sixth North Carolina Superior Court District, mentioned as one of the defendants in the receivership proceedings against the Ku Klux Klan, filed in Atlanta, in recent weeks has "repeatedly" declined to answer questions as to whether or not he was a member of the Klan, according to a story published by the Raleigh Times this afternoon.

NEW BERN BOY KIDNAPPED.

Nephew of Hon. Chas. R. Thomas Stolen but Is Later Recovered. (By the Associated Press.) New Bern, May 31.—Charles Thomas, 10 years old, grandson of former Representative Charles H. Thomas of this city, was kidnapped by an unidentified man last night about 9 o'clock as he was leaving St. Paul's school, Beaufort, after commencement exercises, but quick work on the part of citizens of the town resulted in the recovery of the child and the arrest of the alleged kidnapper, according to a message received here from Beaufort by Mr. Thomas.

An effort was also made to kidnap Frank Thomas, 4-year old brother, but the attempt was frustrated, it was stated, and the would-be kidnapper was arrested. Both men are being held in the county jail at Beaufort.

When arrested last night neither man would give his name but one admitted to the police, Mr. Thomas was informed, that they had been "hired" to kidnap the boys.

Litigation was recently brought by Mrs. Mary McNeil, of Greenville, S. C., grandmother of the children, to obtain the custody of them. The case was tried before Judge Devin in Wilmington, and he decided in favor of the father, Charles R. Thomas, Jr., of Chicago, who had placed in the children in school.

Former Representative Thomas left this morning for Beaufort.

J. W. Hovey, a self-taught artist who earns a livelihood as a collector for a gas company, has had one of his paintings accepted for this year's exhibition of the Royal Academy in London.

Now Is The Time To Subscribe For Stock in The 70th Series Concord Perpetual Building And Loan Association SERIES STARTS SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd BOOKS NOW OPEN FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS AT CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK CONCORD AND KANNAPOLIS, N. C. Do you want a good, safe, tax-free investment for your savings? Do you want to borrow money to buy or build a home? THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE. C. W. SWINK, Pres. H. I. WOODHOUSE, Sec-Treas. P. B. FETZER, Assistant Treasurer