

ECLIPSE PERFORMED AS PREDICTED FOR STATES OF AMERICA

In the Eastern States Total Eclipse Continued for 30 Seconds as Astronomers All Had Predicted.

FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR OBSERVATIONS

Not a Cloud Screened Passing of Moon Before Sun's Disc and Phenomena Was Observed by Millions.

Bronx, N. Y., Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The two-ring celestial circus, a total eclipse of the sun, was successfully performed in all its brilliant glory at 9:11 a. m. today precisely as astronomers predicted it would.

Not a cloud screened the passing of the moon before the sun's disc and all attending phenomena—Baily's Beeds, the shadow band and the pearly corona, were observed by thousands who filled the streets and housetops in the northern section of the metropolis.

Mercury, Jupiter and Venus were as clearly visible as at night. Green, rose and scarlet flashed the horizon, adding to the great spectacle. The corona of the sun was perfect.

The shadow of the total eclipse stole across the snow-covered landscape visible about two minutes before and after totality.

The total eclipse lasted for about 30 seconds. Baily's Beeds dancing like liquid topaz strung to sparkling thread hung in the sky a moment before the eclipse was total.

All colors of the spectrum seemed to burst outward from the moon's dull, reddish rim.

It seemed like minutes rather than a few seconds that the darkness saturated the earth and sky, except for that small portion where hung the circle of colorful fire.

Then slowly the shadow band appeared on the opposite side of the solar luna circle. Baily's Beeds spread over the center of the giant feature of the spectacular eclipse about which the forecast of the astronomers had said so little.

By this time the corona had subsided, chased later invisibly by the regathering splendor of the sun. A few minutes more and the spectacle turned into natural stages, looking much as it did in the initial phase, only in reverse like a quarter moon of supernatural brilliant gradually evolving to a full moon's proportions.

Twilight slowly became daylight again. New York, Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The marvelous spectacle of the total eclipse of the sun was observed here today at 9:11 a. m. under perfect conditions.

In the path of the celestial shadow it was seen in the largest city in the country, in much of the Empire State, in part of eight others, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and part of the province of Ontario.

The solar eclipse affected the activity of more than 40,000,000 people living in the totality area.

Striking the earth near Red Lake, Minn., the moon shadow about 100 miles wide, crept eastward in a curve at the rate of thirty miles a second to the Atlantic Ocean, blackening such places as Toronto, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Scranton, Pa., Patterson, N. J., half of New York City, New Haven, Hartford and New London, Conn., Newport, R. I., New Bedford and Nantucket, Mass.

Across the Atlantic it moved to disappear in space at a point near the Shetland Islands after striking the earth for 3,000 miles.

Two minutes was the longest time any city was covered.

Either side of the blackness was a twilight zone about 4,500 miles wide extending as far north as Labrador and as far south as the Amazon river.

From cities near the total eclipse area thousands entered the zones with railroads operating special trains. Several dozen army planes arose from Mitchell Field at Long Island today above the clouds some with cameras and some with radio equipment to send details to those at home.

At sea somewhere near the Island of Nantucket and above any possible observation was the navy's ship Los Angeles, held up by helium gas, discovered in the sun by study of an eclipse in the past.

In Michigan and Canada clouds obscured the eclipse.

Asquith to Become Earl of Oxford. (By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.—The Evening Standard today says it understands that former Premier Asquith has accepted an offer of an earldom with the title of Earl of Oxford.

BASKETBALL Tonight Spencer Hi vs. Concord Hi High School Gym At 8:00 O'clock

FRIEDA HEMPEL IN ENGLAND

10,000 people filled Albert Hall, London, to hear her on October 20th.

10,000 people filled the same hall on November 16th.

Queens Hall on November 2nd was jammed to capacity.

Queens Hall was sold out for November 30th.

Alexandra Palace was sold out for December 13th.

THE ECLIPSE SEEN HERE

Height of Eclipse About 9 O'clock.—Former Eclipses Recalled.

Numbers of people left comfortable homes and freeways this morning to go out into the cold of the early morning air and view the eclipse of the sun, which for a time gave to old mother earth in this section of the state an eerie aspect.

The eclipse was most pronounced at a few moments after nine o'clock when the moon overcast the greater part of Old Sol, causing him to shed down a light so weak that it resembled dusk.

A few clouds on the horizon shortly after sunrise caused the would-be watchers some little apprehension. It was feared that they might spread and completely shut off the phenomenon. At about eight, however, the sun peeped out from behind the bank of clouds and there was a general rejoicing.

From that time on, people could be seen up and down the streets, in front and back yards, in every available space, looking at the sun through their smoked glasses or films.

Shortly after nine, the sun was more nearly totally eclipsed than at any other hour. The moon covered, at this time, about 88 per cent of the sun's surface. The lessening light which for some time before nine had been apparent, now became marked and for a short time, a most unearthly and weird illumination was shed.

Radio fans, of course, spent their time between running out of doors to take a squint at the sun and in running back to hear what was coming over the wireless. The concerts and announcements which came in in this fashion were said to be as clear as those given out at night.

The music, it was stated, was especially good.

The present eclipse brought to mind eclipses of past years and the older residents had quite a time swapping yarns about eclipses of other times. Two were recalled, the first occurring about 1870 and the last about 1900. Both of these, it was said, were total. It was recalled, in regard to the eclipse of 1870, that the chickens went to roost, thinking night had fallen. The negroes were terrified and all sorts of prophecies were rife about the end of the world being at hand.

One gentleman recalled that in the year 1900, he made quite a holiday out of the day, hiring two spanking bays to convey three of his lady friends and himself about over the country, preparatory to watching the overshadowing of the sun.

Dun's Trade Review. New York, Jan. 24.—Dun's tomorrow will say: "With strong basic conditions maintained, the general business outlook continues favorable. Despite increased irregularity in both demand and prices, there are still more points of gain than of loss, and the unusually large consumption of goods remains a prominent feature. Successive weekly returns of freight traffic show conclusively that distribution of merchandise is exceptionally heavy, car loadings being without precedent for this season, and most of the other statistical measures also make satisfactory comparisons. Notwithstanding a sharp decrease in stock market operations, bank clearings at New York city this week are 38.1 per cent in excess of those of a year ago, while outside centers report an increase of 16.8 per cent. Improvement in mercantile collections is a phase commented upon in dispatches from various cities, with a liquidation of all indebtedness in the west and northwest reflecting the strengthened financial position of the grain farmers."

Weekly bank clearings \$0,585,319,000.

Bill To Divide State Into Three Federal Districts. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—North Carolina would be divided into eastern, western and middle judicial districts under a bill introduced today by Senator Overman with terms of court provided for the eastern district at Raleigh, Elizabeth City, Wilson, Washington, New Bern and Wilmington, for the middle district at Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, and Wilkesboro, and for the western district at Charlotte, Shelby, Statesville and Asheville. The cities of Wilson, Salisbury, Winston-Salem and Shelby would be required to furnish facilities at one expense for holding court.

Pushing Gus Price For Judicial Appointment. Salisbury, Jan. 23.—The creation of a new Federal judicial district is now an apparent certainty and the friends of A. H. Price, of Salisbury, believe it as equal a certainty that he will get the appointment.

Mr. Price has had extensive legal training. At the age of 26 he was assistant United States attorney. For eight years he was Special Master in Equity for the Western District and heard a number of celebrated cases that have arisen in North Carolina, such as the Whitney case, the Glen Williams case and others. Later he acted as referee in bankruptcy.

Eclipse Successfully Photographed. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—The total eclipse of the sun was successfully photographed at the Yale observatory, everything working to perfection according to the program, a Yale astronomer said. All features of the heavenly spectacle were clearly visible.

THE ANNUAL BOBBING



DIES AS RESULT OF AUTOMOBILE INJURY

Frank Hunsucker, Veteran of the Spanish-American War, Passes at Mooresville.

Mooresville, Jan. 24.—Frank Hunsucker, aged 62 years, died at his home on College street as a result of injuries received last Saturday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile.

He had started hunting and when reaching a point on the Charlotte road near Camp's filling station a friend in a car stopped on the west side of the road and hailed Hunsucker, who attempted to cross to the car when William Christie, a jitney driver, attempted to go around the standing car and struck the man, but did not run over him. His head was badly cut on the headlights and the skull was probably fractured when his head struck the hard road bed.

Decensed was a native of Cabarrus county and is a son of William Hunsucker, 96-year-old farmer of number four township, that county. At the outbreak of the war with Spain, Hunsucker volunteered as a member of Company L, 1st N. C. regiment and went with that company to Cuba under Col. Arnfield. He was a valued employe of the Mooresville Cotton mills and had been here for a long number of years. He is survived by his widow and four young children.

Funeral and burial services were held at Rock Hill, S. C., this morning, following a short service at the home here. Three brothers survive, Sam and Lloyd Hunsucker, of Cabarrus, and John Hunsucker, of Spartanburg, S. C.

OPIMUM CONFERENCE IS SAVED FROM COLLAPSE

Resolution Providing for Joint Committee to Inquire Into the Trade Adopted.

Geneva, Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The international opium conference was saved from collapse today but everything in this big store except contract goods is reduced.

All-steel bedsteads finished in brown, walnut or mahogany at the Concord Furniture Company.

Radio batteries at the Ritchie Hardware Company, 117.

Just one more week of the big January White and Clearance Sale at the Pinks-Belk Co's. Not only winter goods but everything in this big store except contract goods is reduced.

Vassar Girls Want Rules for Smoking. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 21.—An overwhelming majority of Vassar students want more lenient rules governing smoking. It was revealed when tabulation of a referendum was completed today. One hundred and eighty-three girls went for and expressed the opinion that a place should be set aside by the college for smoking purposes.

The referendum revealed that 433 girls smoke and 524 don't. Three hundred and two of the students said their parents approved of their use of tobacco.

Short Wave Lengths Follow the Sun. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—From tests made of the behavior of the ether of the air during the total eclipse today officers of the Radio Corporation of America deduced that short wave length follows the sun, that static is not entirely a local condition because it is affected by general conditions and that long wave length irregular before the eclipse because noticeably regular during totality.

THE COTTON MARKET

March Sells Off to 23.15 and May to 23.45.—Later Prices Advanced.

New York, Jan. 24.—Accumulation of overnight selling orders weakened the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were steady at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2 points but active months soon showed net losses of 5 to 7 points, March selling off to 23.13 and May to 23.45 owing to new low ground for the movement.

Considerable trade buying was reported on these deliveries and after initial offerings were absorbed the market steadied on covering for over the week-end, May selling up to 23.57 by the end of the first hour.

Opening prices were: March 23.20; May 23.55; July 23.75; October 23.55; December 23.53.

With Our Advertisers. W. J. Hethcox installs, repairs and sells anything electrical.

The Respect, the Simplex burial casket, sold here by the Bell & Harris Funeral Parlors.

The answer to the Crossword puzzle in the ad. of the Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store is: "Good word sale. All styles. All sizes. At big savings. Buy now. They won't last long. Buy and Save." Mrs. G. B. Means was the lucky one to win a pair of shoes by bringing in the first correct answer, while a number of others won discounts.

Three big floors full of good merchandise and plenty of counterless sales people to wait on you at the new Ebird store.

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SOUTH CAROLINA EDITOR CALLED BY GOV. McLEOD

Retraction of Article Alleging Whiskey Drinking and Card Playing Is Demanded.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—Governor McLeod has "called" and that strongly, an editor who published what the governor declares to be untruthful criticism of the executive and several leading men of the state.

The editor is Dr. Dreher, of St. Matthews, editor of The Calhoun Times, who published recently a criticism of the governor who with other men, including State Senator Thomas B. Pearce, of Columbia, and former Representative Claude N. Sapp, and A. M. Lumpkin, of Columbia, were guests of Bernard B. Baurich, former South Carolinian, but now New York financier, on Mr. Baurich's hunting range in Georgetown county.

The Calhoun paper's editorial, under date of January 8th, expressed the opinion that if the governor and his friends were on a plain country hunt, rather than enjoying Mr. Baurich's fine whiskeys and playing poker for high stakes, the state's interests would be better served.

Members of the party have stated that Mr. Baurich did not serve whiskey at all, and that deer and duck hunting were enjoyed in a sportsmanlike manner. There was no gambling.

Governor McLeod has written to The Times, at St. Matthews, as follows: "In the issue of The Calhoun Times of the date of January 8, 1925, under the title, 'The Antidote,' you make a statement that is a malicious libel upon all the parties named therein.

"Messrs. Sapp and Pearce, together with myself, were the guests of Bernard Baurich. Governor Manning was not with the party. We were entertained by a gentleman who respects the laws of South Carolina. Liquor in no shape whatever was offered to or indulged in by any of us, nor was there card playing. I do not drink liquor of any kind at any time or anywhere. My information and observation is that neither does Mr. Sapp or Mr. Pearce.

"My public acts as governor and my private life are subject to legitimate criticism, but they are not subject to manly and slanderous statements without foundation in fact. Any legitimate investigation on your part, were you desirous of being fair, would readily have ascertained the lack of any foundation for the slanderous charges you have published.

"In justice to myself and the other gentlemen involved, I ask a correction from you of the article above mentioned."

Date For Next Automobile Race May 11. (By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 24.—The date for the next 250-mile automobile race at the Charlotte Speedway is Monday, May 11, according to an announcement that has been made by Osmond Barringer, manager.

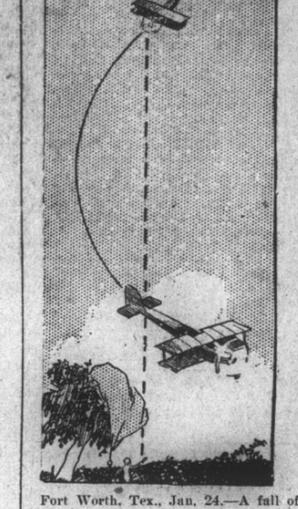
This announcement followed the action of the speedway directors recently when they endorsed the date that had been offered them by the Contest Board of American Automobile Association through Richard Kennerdell, chairman.

208,335,430 Pounds of Tobacco Sold on North Carolina Markets. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Tobacco sold in North Carolina during the past season, which ended December 31, in the eighty-eight warehouses reporting, is placed at 208,335,430 pounds, according to a report compiled by the United States and North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The tobacco sold for an average of \$23.00 per hundred pounds, as compared with \$20.28 for 262,233,005 pounds sold in 1923. The total crop produced last year, according to the report, is 278,320,000 pounds, as compared with 400,500,000 pounds produced in 1923.

DEATH FOILED

Falls 2500 Feet—Escapes Without a Scratch. By NEA SERVICE



Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 24.—A fall of 2500 feet without a scratch!

Sounds impossible—but that was the thrilling experience of Frank Armstrong, Fort Worth parachute jumper.

And not the least of this miraculous escape was the death-defying efforts of Herbert Kindred, aviator, who nosed his plane straight down, on full motor, in an effort to get beneath the falling man.

Kindred had ascended to the 2500-foot level and Armstrong had prepared his parachute along the fuselage of the plane for the jump.

A projection on the tail of the plane tore a great rent in the parachute, which failed to open as Armstrong pushed off into space.

Kindred, seeing the plight of his companion, dived straight down, hoping to turn under Armstrong as he plunged downward with meteoric swiftness.

The plane passed under Armstrong, missing him by inches, and Kindred leveled off the ship and watched the apparently certain death plunge of his partner.

A hundred feet from earth the parachute spread wide open, and its fabric hooded the top of a big tree, permitting Armstrong to ground with only a nominal jolt.

Armstrong insisted on making another jump so as not to disappoint the crowd.

TO SHUT OFF DISCUSSION ON STONE NOMINATION

Republican Leaders Invoke Senate Rules Today—Senate Goes Into Executive Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The Republican leaders invoked the Senate rules today to shut off incipient discussion in opposition to Attorney General Stone's nomination to the Supreme Court in the Owenby case which involved a litigation affecting the Morgan estate.

"That's right," said Senator Overman, objected to further observations of that kind, but Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, took up the argument on the other side and President Cummins ruled that Senator Helin could answer the query in the New York paper.

Objection was raised again, however, and then the LaFollette insurgents and some others including Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, joined with the democrats in an effort to go into executive session. This was explained as a move to avoid technicalities, it being planned to open the doors later so discussion could go on in open executive session.

The motion to go into executive session was carried by 37 to 36.

It's 20 to 24 Below Zero in Several New England States. Boston, Mass., Jan. 23.—New England today was in the grip of a cold wave with temperatures in northern and hill sections 20 to 24 below zero. A northwest gale drove two big waves against the Boston harbor. The coldest weather of the year, it was predicted, would arrive before daylight in many districts.

LEGISLATORS HELD

BRIEF SESSION AS USUAL ON SATURDAY

Several Local Bills Were Presented During Day But Only One State-wide Bill Found Way to Hopper.

IMPORTANT BILLS COME NEXT WEEK

Bus Matter Will Be Taken Up On Tuesday and Revenue Bill May Be Presented to Solons on Saturday.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—When the General Assembly adjourns Monday night it will have consumed one-third of the course around the allotted circle of sixty days prescribed by the constitution for biennial sessions of the law-making body of the State. Brevity marked this morning's deliberations. The Senate adjourned before 10 o'clock, having assembled at 9:30. At 10 o'clock the House took up its work and before 11 o'clock many members were on the way home for the weekend.

Only one new bill originated in the upper house. This is designed to do away with the necessity of posting three notices of sale. If the bill passes only one posting will be necessary. In the House a bill containing an amendment to the State insurance law was introduced by Representative Creekmore, of Wake, who stated that he was submitting the bill at the request of Insurance Commissioner Wade.

Representative Matthews, of Mecklenburg, announced today that Monday night he would introduce a bill making two years of separation sufficient grounds for divorce in place of five years. The present law calls for five years. The time formerly was ten years.

The house this morning passed on the third reading three local bills. One related to Madison county officers, one to Jackson county officers and the other to Franklin county finances, the last named requiring that semi-annual statements be published.

It was announced in the house that the hearing on the proposed statewide game law would be held on February 3 instead of January 27 as announced last night. New bills introduced today brought the House total to 237. In the brief time the House was in session five new local measures found their way to the hopper, besides the state-wide insurance bill of Representative Creekmore.

The report of the tentative commission and submission of the tentative draft of the revenue bill are expected next week. The time for each has been extended to January 31, which is one week from today.

In the meantime there will be several important hearings before the committees. The bus bill will come up before the House and Senate road committees Tuesday.

Governor Probably Will Go Before Body Next Week. Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Governor McLeen will probably appear before the general assembly next week with definite recommendations as to the amount the State should issue in new highway bonds and it is authoritatively learned to expressed opposition to the proposed sum of \$35,000,000. The exact amount the executive will recommend for continuation of the highway construction program was not indicated directly or indirectly.

Mr. Corpening To Be in Concord Monday. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—The itineraries of H. C. Corpening and Claud M. Andrews, Assistant Supervisors of Vocational Rehabilitation in North Carolina for the week beginning Monday, January 26, and ending Saturday, January 31, have been announced as follows:

Mr. Corpening: Monday, 26, at Concord; Tuesday, January 27, at Salisbury; Wednesday, January 28, at Lexington; Thursday, January 29, at High Point; Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, at Greensboro.

Mr. Andrews: Monday, January 26, at Smithfield; Tuesday, January 27, at Goldsboro; Wednesday, January 28, at Kinston; Friday, January 30, at Snow Hill; Saturday, January 31, at New Bern.

Allied Reply to German Protest Delivered Today. Paris, Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The Allied reply to the German protest against continued occupation of the Cologne bridgehead which was telegraphed last evening to Berlin, was delivered to the German government today by Ambassadors of the allied powers.

The note simply reaffirms the allied position without going further into details of the violation of the disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty by Germany.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



HEMPEL IS COMING in her famous JENNY LIND CONCERT