

PERITONITIS TODAY PRESIDENTIAL FOR GERMAN PRESIDENT

President Ebert, First President of German Republic, Dies of Disease Which Followed an Operation.

GALLANT BATTLE MADE FOR LIFE

Man Who Rose From Saddle Maker to Ruler Made Good Even His Most Bitter Enemies Have Had to Admit.

Berlin, Feb. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Frederick Ebert, the first President of the German republic, died at 10:15 this morning from peritonitis, which followed an operation for appendicitis five days ago.

The former saddle maker, whose skill in guiding the infant republic through the first turbulent years of its existence, was admitted by his enemies, made a gallant fight for life. But his system had been undermined by an attack of influenza, and his heart was not equal to the burden imposed by the poison which had spread through his system.

Around his bedside when the end came were his wife, his daughter, Amelia, and her husband, Dr. Wilhelm Jaenecke, and their sole son to survive the war, Frederick, Jr., State Secretary Meisner was the only other person present aside from the doctors and nurses.

The political attack upon the President which culminated in the Magdeburg trial and the efforts to connect him with the Barmat loan scandal added greatly to the burden imposed upon him as chief executive of a new republic whose people had not been trained in the constitutional government, and whose chancellors have changed almost with the moons because of inter-party strife.

At the widow's request the funeral will be held Wednesday at the executive mansion. Chancellor Luther will deliver the funeral address.

At this morning's cabinet meeting the chancellor made a brief address, commending the masterful manner in which President Ebert had handled the executive duties. He said all who had been thrown with the President were impressed with his patriotism and the manner he administered the affairs of the state.

The horse was closed today because of the President's death.

Secretary Hughes Expresses Regret. Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Hughes expressed regret today at the death of President Ebert of Germany.

BLAZE GETS WOMAN OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Dinah Lawson, Supposed to Be 125 Years of Age, Burned in Mount Olive—Was Blind.

Mount Olive, Feb. 27.—A horrible accident occurred here this afternoon about 5 o'clock when Dinah Lawson, aged negro woman, residing in the edge of town, was burned to death.

"Aunt Dinah," as she was known, lived alone in an apartment, and was said at the time of the accident to have been sitting by a heater when it is supposed that her clothing caught on fire and when friends found her her clothing was practically burned off of her and her body badly burned from her knees upward and life was extinct.

Pathos is added to the accident by reason of her advanced age. According to her story, and nobody here is old enough to know anything to the contrary, she was 125 years of age, probably the oldest person in North Carolina. She had been totally blind and practically helpless for about a year and was usually attended by a granddaughter who lived near her.

\$10,000 For Mecklenburg Celebration. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 28.—An appropriation of \$10,000 is carried in the deficiency appropriation bill for the use of the United States-Mecklenburg Sesqui-Centennial commission for participation on the part of the government in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the citizens of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, from the sovereignty of the English crown, to be held in Charlotte next May.

Will Investigate Judge's Conduct. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 28.—A resolution providing for an investigation of charges against Federal Judge English, of the eastern Illinois district, to determine whether there is ground for impeachment was adopted today by the house.

Henry S. Babbage Dead. (By the Associated Press) Aiken, S. C., Feb. 28.—Henry S. Babbage, retired capitalist of Montclair, N. J., died here last night. His body is being taken to Montclair, accompanied by Mrs. Babbage.

Volley Ball AT Y. M. C. A. Tonight Concord VS. White Oak Admission 15c and 25c

MANY MEASURES ARE ACTED ON TODAY BY STATE LEGISLATURE

Gov. McLean Makes Suggestion That Board of Twelve Be Named to Study State School Matters.

REVENUE BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

Both Houses Adjourned for Week-End to Meet Monday Morning.—Statewide Bills Are Passed.

Raleigh, Feb. 28. (By the Associated Press).—Introduction of a bill in the Senate calling for a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for permanent improvement of state institutions, reception of a message from the Governor by both branches asking that proper legislation be enacted to provide for the appointment of a commission of twelve persons to make an extensive study of the state school system, and passage by the House of the revenue act on its third and final reading with two dissenting votes, constituted the high spots of today's session of the General Assembly.

Both houses adjourned until Monday—the House to meet at 11 o'clock and the Senate at noon.

The House took up for consideration the bill providing for the constitutional amendment of a portion of the constitution relating to the merger attendance of the bill went over until next Tuesday. The sergeant-at-arms was instructed to round up the members. However, adjournment hour approached without action.

Important statewide bills passed by the House on final reading, included a bill which would draw the line of demarcation between the State College of Agriculture and Engineering and the State Department of Agriculture, so as to overlap efforts and expense.

Also the House passed on its third reading a bill which would reduce the terms of public administrators from 8 to 4 years to make them correspond to the terms of clerks of superior court.

Included in the House morning session was the passage of a bill on its final reading which would coordinate the state's printing, by requiring all departments on a budget for that purpose to submit their matter to be printed to the Department of Labor and Printing.

The House bill to prevent publication of the names of women criminally attacked went over.

Senator Woodson, of Rowan, chairman of the appropriations committee, and Senator Williams, of Pasquotank, chairman of the finance committee, introduced the bond issue bill. Three million, eight hundred thousand dollars to be raised by the bonds, the bill provides, is for new construction work at the various state educational and charitable institutions. The remainder is to cover permanent improvements already made on account.

The amounts specified for each institution are practically the same as those recommended by the budget commission and the joint legislative appropriations committee, stated Senator Woodson. The institutions ask for approximately \$17,000,000 for new construction, during the biennium, but the budget commission cut the figures so as to bring their total under \$4,000,000, or to just about complete the \$20,000,000 program started four years ago.

WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO LARCENY OF BONDS Mrs. Amy A. Sweeney Took Bonds Worth \$22,800 From Mrs. Gordon Prince. (By the Associated Press) Boston, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Amy A. Sweeney, better known in business circles as "Miss Jones" for eighteen years a trusted employee of the Agassiz Mining Company, pleaded guilty today to larceny of bonds valued at \$22,800, the property of Mrs. Gordon Prince, daughter of Rudolph L. Agassiz, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company.

Sentence was deferred until March 17, pending further investigation of the case. The bonds were taken from a safety box to which Mrs. Sweeney had access.

Adrift in Ocean Almost a Month in an Open Boat. East Hampton, L. I., Feb. 27.—Adrift in the Atlantic ocean for almost one month, three men in an open boat were rescued by the crew of the Texas Oil company tanker Lightburne, about 375 miles north of Miami, Fla., late this afternoon, according to a wireless dispatch picked up by the Independent Wireless company's station here Saturday. The men, said to have been carried out from Miami by a storm.

The steamer Lightburne was bound from Norfolk, Va., to Galveston, Tex., when she encountered the drifting boat. According to the wireless message, the men were weak but recovering aboard the vessel.

Last Deficiency Appropriation Bill Reported. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 28.—With \$2,708,945 added to the house total of \$55,586,597, the second and last urgent deficiency appropriation bill was reported today to the senate. Leaders planned action before adjournment, so the measure can be put to conference early next week.

Mrs. Edith Wharton, the popular novelist, is the first woman to be awarded the gold medal of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

They Should Look Like This



This is how President Coolidge and ex-President Taft will probably look when the former is sworn into office, March 4. Taft, as chief justice, will be the only ex-president who has ever delivered the oath of office. Between them is shown the Bible which has been used at nearly every inauguration.

CAROLINA AND STATE BOTH WIN THEIR GAMES

Both of the North Carolina Schools Down Opponents in the Second Day of Tournament.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—The University of Mississippi, the University of Virginia, the University of Kentucky and North Carolina State emerged from afternoon games in the southern conference basketball tournament here with victories and continued in the annual hunt for the championship.

Tonight the University of North Carolina defeated Louisiana university 35 to 21, while Georgia Tech trampled Sewanee 31 to 14.

Virginia Military Institute was eliminated by "Ole Miss" by a score of 27 to 20. Virginia defeated Auburn 29 to 27 in the closest game of the tournament to that point and Kentucky topped the Mississippi Agassiz 31 to 20. North Carolina State showed to advantage over Maryland, winning 30 to 10.

North Carolina State showed a decided edge over Maryland and won the final afternoon game. The Wolfpack offered a sustained and well-coordinated attack which the conquerors of Alabama could not fathom.

Tulane's fast Green team ran over Washington and Lee General, winning from the Virginians in the first game of the evening play, 37 to 20. Tulane led 22 to 9 at the half. The sensational work of E. Henican was an offensive feature. Tulane showed great speed and excellent team work.

University of North Carolina kept up the consistent brand of basketball displayed on the opening night of the tournament and in the closing game tonight defeated Louisiana State University 35 to 21. Cobb was again the leading scorer and with 15 points assumed the lead as individual scorer in the tournament. Bourman led the losers in the final game.

SPENCER LIMITS EXTENDED TO ENRACE RAILWAY SHOP

Three Million Dollars Worth of Property Involved—Double Town Revenues. Spencer, Feb. 27.—By a special act of the legislature, ratified at Raleigh today, the large shops and yards of the Southern railway, located here, were taken into the corporate limits of Spencer, effective at once. The measure, which passed without opposition, was not only endorsed by President Fairfax Harrison and other officials of the company, but was given their active support.

Property taken into the corporate limits under the special act approximates \$3,000,000, and will double the revenues of the town.

Mayor R. J. Codee, the board of aldermen, City Attorney Stahle, Linn, and J. K. Dorsett are largely responsible for the measure becoming a law.

Tennis Club at High Point College. High Point, Feb. 28.—A tennis club, composed of about thirty members has been organized at High Point College, and Coach Brown states that tennis practice will probably begin next week, if the weather permits.

The local club is already in receipt of challenges from several collegiate tennis organizations in the state and matches will probably be arranged with North Carolina State College, Guilford College, Elon College and others.

Two tennis courts have recently been completed on the campus, located just in the rear of the girls' dormitory.

At the time of the organization of the tennis club James Rogers was elected president and Alice Faulkner was elected secretary.

Carolina Playing Georgia Tech Today. (By the Associated Press) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—Eight teams remained in the race for basket ball title in the Southern conference as they awaited the whistle to send them into action on the third day of the tournament here.

The afternoon game today will find the University of North Carolina, present title holder, arrayed against Georgia Tech, and the University of Mississippi meeting Virginia, while North Carolina State battles Tulane, and Georgia tackles Kentucky in the night games.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 6 to 8 Points.—May Eased Off to 25.23. (By the Associated Press) New York, Feb. 28.—The cotton market opened barely steady at a decline of 6 to 8 points in response to rather disappointing cables. Liquidation by recent buyers and sellers for a reaction were promoted by reports of showers in the southwest, and the western belt forecast for rain in east Texas and snow in western part of that state. May eased off to 25.23 and October to 24.92, net declines of 10 to 12 points but there was some trade buying as well as covering for over the week-end and prices rallied several points from the lowest before the end of the first hour.

Private cables attributed the relatively easy ruling of Liverpool to reports of rain in some parts of Texas, farmer exchange and a less active demand from the trade. Opening prices were March 24.08; May 25.27; July 25.50; October 25.00; December 25.02.

LONGWORTH CHOSEN SPEAKER CANDIDATE

Selected at Republican Caucus Over Madden—Wilson Nominated For Place of Floor Leader. Washington, February 27.—Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, was selected tonight as the Republican candidate for speaker of the house.

Mr. Longworth, who is the Republican floor leader, was named over Representative Madden, of Illinois, at a caucus of Republican representatives.

On the first ballot Longworth received 141 votes and Madden 85. As soon as the roll result was known, Mr. Madden moved to make Longworth's selection unanimous.

After Mr. Longworth's nomination had been made unanimous, Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, was named by acclamation to succeed him as floor leader.

McLean Says Appropriation Not Excessive. Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Governor McLean talked to the newspaper men this afternoon about many state questions on which he did not care to be quoted; but he authorized the statement that if the appropriations exceeds the revenue he will get into the fight.

His excellency does not think that it will be necessary, for he expects no excessive revenues. Legislators had been saying that war is to be made executive by the appropriations bill. The governor does not think he should have to interfere, but if receipts do not match disbursements he will make music.

Which may account for the fact that new sources are being sought outside the revenue act.

New York Lady Is Killed in Florida. West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Arthur Whitting, 40, wife of H. W. Whitting, 601 18th Street, New York, was killed and Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Bliss, 131 Everett Avenue, Jamestown, N. Y., injured when their automobile was struck by a Florida East Coast railroad train near Olympia this afternoon.

Reports from Olympia said the automobile was struck when it stalled on the crossing. Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Whitting were said to have been riding in the rear seat and the former escaped serious injury by jumping from the machine.

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FIRE AT AUTOMOBILE AND KILLED OCCUPANT

Dewey Simpson Shot by R. M. McFadden, Officer Who Was Trying to Stop Auto. (By the Associated Press) Rock Hill, S. C., Feb. 28.—R. M. McFadden, Rock Hill policeman, attempted to stop a speeding automobile by firing at its tires late last night, and one of the bullets fired struck and instantly killed Dewey Simpson, young member of a prominent Chester family, who with three other Chester youths, occupied the automobile.

Mr. McFadden told his story to a coroner's jury today and was held without bail pending the end of the inquest which was adjourned until additional testimony could be obtained.

Simpson was struck below the eye, the bullet entering from the back of his head, according to an autopsy of a physician who testified at the inquest. The nature of his wound, it was said, indicated he was looking backward when the bullet struck him.

After a careful examination, Governor Allenoester sent him and his band to Chinahua, by the way of El Paso, and after being examined by the commandant at Chinahua, they were sent on to Natchitoches, where they entered the United States again.

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The Cobra Cut



When Rudolph Valentino appeared with his sideburns cut in the above manner, friends too polite to suggest that he shaved himself dubbed it "the cobra cut."

COLORADO WOULD HONOR PIKE

State May Purchase Land Where Pike Established Fort. Denver, Colo., Feb. 28.—A bill to appropriate \$3,000 to purchase 120 acres in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, officially designated as the site of a fortress, or stockade, erected in 1807 by Lieut. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, discommodore of Pike's Peak, has been introduced in the Colorado legislature, with the indorsement of all the historical and patriotic organizations in the state. A memorial also has been addressed to the United States Congress requesting that there be established "The Zebulon Montgomery Pike National Monument" in Conejos county, Colorado.

Lieut. Pike was the first to explore a vast portion of the western country. He was only 26 years old when he was sent out to find the sources of the Missouri. The governor of Louisiana fitted soldiers and provisions to last for four months.

They set forth from St. Louis in a flatboat. The journey and exploration were full of danger and suffering, and occupied eight months. But Pike did not lose a man, and he brought back a carefully prepared description of the country which he had traversed. He established several important trading posts and took down the British flag when he found it, replacing it with that of the United States.

He had so clearly demonstrated his ability for this work of exploration and expansion that he was intrusted with a party to make an expedition to the head waters of the Arkansas and of the Red rivers, and to see how far they were navigable. The son of the Louisiana governor went with him, and when they reached the Arkansas river Pike sent him down to Arkansas post, with five soldiers and two Indians, while he himself went upstream.

It was upon the date of November 15th that Pike sighted a beautiful mountain peak towering above the range that belonged to Mexico. This was named, as it remains today, Pike's Peak.

After suffering tortures from cold—the men had only summer clothing—and with insufficient food, Pike discovered that he was not on the right track for the Red river, and made a second error by turning toward New Spain. The cold was terrible and for four days they had no food. They were utterly exhausted when they reached the Rio Grande, and thought this the Red river. Not long after establishing himself here, Pike was taken to Santa Fe and brought before the Spanish governor to explain his presence in the country.

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BORGLUM IS HEADED NORTH AFTER VISIT TO STATE CAPITAL

Dismissed Sculptor Talks Freely With Newspaper Men During Brief Visit to Raleigh Friday Night.

NO EFFORT MADE TO ARREST HIM

Officers There Had Not Been Asked to Make Arrest.—Says He Destroyed No Model of Memorial.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Having declared another verbal attack against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association executive committee of Atlanta, Gutzon Borglum, dismissed sculptor of the Confederate memorial which is being carved on the mountain, today was supposed to be northward bound, says the Raleigh News and Observer.

Borglum arrived here yesterday, visited a friend, and received a News and Observer reporter before leaving on a train at 11 o'clock last night, the paper says, adding that the sculptor denied the charges that he had destroyed models of the memorial before leaving Atlanta.

DeKalb county officials have telegraphed officers in many southern cities to arrest Borglum and hold him for the Atlanta authorities to answer charge of malicious mischief in connection with the alleged destruction of models at Stone Mountain. No effort, however, was made to arrest Borglum while he was here, as local officials had not received the DeKalb request.

Borglum said there had been no model of the memorial that some weeks ago he had discarded a "rough model" that had been in use, the texture of the stone of the mountain and the contours of the strata having made it useless," the paper says.

MEASURE TO RELEASE CO-OP MEMBERS KILLED House Committee Defeats the Braswell Bill 23 to 11—Follows a Warm Fight.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Legislative deliverance from co-operative contracts failed in the committee on agriculture late this afternoon following the most spectacular battle of the 1925 session. The Braswell bill offering release failed by 23 to 11.

"I am for the Braswell bill," was a legend which floated from the lips of 500 coats. Some of the streamers were long and others short, but the tags arrayed against the unmarked supporters of the co-operative contracts made a most formidable committee appearance. The discommodore in the foreign farmers was all as a human reason that the committee could have desired. But the legislators held to the sanctity of contracts and it was all over but the shouting.

Of which there was a great deal. As vocalists the visiting insurgents outdid their less noisy brethren who asked nothing else than that the contract signers persevere yet two more years. Even with the terrific onslaught of Tobe Connor the committee could not see how to release from contracts men whom the Supreme Court had held to rigorous accountability in every suit tried out in the state.

Rotary Meeting in Salisbury. (By the Associated Press) Salisbury, Feb. 28.—An inter-city meeting of Rotary Clubs in this section will be held here March 24th, according to an announcement made here by the president of the local club. Invitations have been extended to the members of Rotary clubs in nine cities to attend the meeting. These cities include Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Statesville, and Mooresville, Charlotte and Concord.

Don Clement, of this city, has been appointed general chairman of the committee on arrangements. It is expected that several hundred Rotarians will be in attendance at the meeting.

Revenue Bill Now With the Senate. (By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Feb. 28.—The revenue bill carrying schedules which it is estimated will raise \$12,000,000 annually was passed on third reading today by the House and sent forward to the Senate. The bill was opposed by only two representatives, Eddleman and Dellinger, both of Gaston.

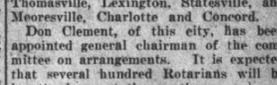
Another Recommendation About Muscle Shoals. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 28.—A resolution declaring it to be the "sense" of the House that the President create a commission to make recommendations with regard to future operations of Muscle Shoals was reported today by the House military committee.

KILLED ON HIS 21st BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY Joseph Gaughan Struck by Runaway Coal Car and Fatally Injured. (By the Associated Press) Scranton, Pa., Feb. 28.—Joseph Gaughan, of Archbald, Pa., became 21 years of age today and his parents suggested that he remain from work and make it a holiday, but the youth only laughed.

A few hours later Gaughan was struck by a runaway coal car in a Hudson Coal Company mine and died as his father and other workmen picked up his crushed form.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH Lenten Services 11:00 A. M. AND 7:30 P. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 A. M. Special Music Morning and Evening THIS CHURCH WELCOMES YOU Corner S. Union and Corbin Rev. L. A. Thomas, Pastor