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Chicago, Ill., March 24 (By the Associated Press).—Southern Illinois, Indiana and other states in the path of last Wednesday's tornado hummed with industry today as the work of rebuilding and restoration progressed.

Warm sunny weather prevailed in most of the territory as carpenters piled saws and hammers on hundreds of new buildings, and relief workers continued to aid thousands of injured and homeless.

Danger of epidemics was lessened today as sanitary measures were advanced. Water supplies in the affected communities were watched, and a supply of diphtheria antitoxin was rushed to Carbonate, the relief center. Doctors reported the weather had decreased fear of an extended outbreak of disease.

The drive for relief funds continued with totals increasing hourly. Chicago expected to raise its quota of \$500,000 within 48 hours. Another \$500,000 was provided when the Illinois legislature passed an emergency relief bill.

From Washington it was announced that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Red Cross had arranged for commercial organizations to turn over to Red Cross units all relief contributions.

WASHBURN RESIGNS AS MINISTER TO AUSTRIA

Was Appointed to Post in 1923 by Late President Harding.

Venue, March 24 (By the Associated Press).—Albert H. Washburn has tendered his resignation as U. S. minister to Austria, he made known today.

Mr. Washburn, who was appointed in 1922 by President Harding, pointed out that it was customary for American diplomats to place their posts at the disposal of the President in case of a change at the White House, regardless of whether they were also inspired by private consideration or not.

Denial That Cabinet Officers Will Resign

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 24.—Widely published rumors that several cabinet officers soon are to retire, were denied today at the White House.

President Coolidge has not been informed that any member of his cabinet expects to resign and he believes the present membership will remain unchanged.

Mrs. Dorothy Dennistoun Wins in Suit. London, March 24 (By the Associated Press).—A verdict of 5,000 pounds sterling, or nearly \$25,000, in favor of Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun was rendered this afternoon by the jury in her suit against her former husband, Lieut. Col. Ian Onslow Dennistoun for money she claimed she had loaned him.



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MANLESS PARADE

Is to Feature the Launching of Queens Endowment Campaign. Charlotte, March 24.—Inspirational Day of the Queens College Endowment Campaign, for \$200,000 which is to be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Durham, one of the outstanding educators and theologians of the country, is well known in North Carolina through his many activities in this State. He has recently visited here in the interest of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. In addition to his address, a number of other items will feature the meeting. There will be addresses by Dr. A. McGeehey, Dr. W. H. Eraser, Mr. Malcolm Lockhart, and music by the Davidson Glee Club, the Queens Choral Society, Queens Friskies and Miss Esther McKrue, famous whistler.

An elaborate and unique "man-less" parade will be sponsored by the Women's Organizations. Not a man is to be allowed to take part in the parade, it is to be composed entirely of women. Women will drive the cars, will compose the musical organizations, will act as deputy-officers, will drive the float trucks and will comprise the whole personnel of the parade. The parade is to be "manless" in its entirety. It is planned to have this a representation of the women asking for an accredited and endowed College, in Queens.

Dr. Plato Durham, Dean of the school of theology at Emory University, is to be the principal speaker of the inspirational meeting to be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Durham, one of the outstanding educators and theologians of the country, is well known in North Carolina through his many activities in this State. He has recently visited here in the interest of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. In addition to his address, a number of other items will feature the meeting.

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THE ARBUCKLE-DEANE WEDDING THIS EVENING

Couple Will Be Married at San Marino, According to Their Present Plans. (By the Associated Press) Los Angeles, March 24.—Wedding bells were ringing in celebration of Roscoe Arbuckle's birthday tonight, unless something happens to alter the former film comedian's plans to marry Doris Deane, motion picture actress, at her mother's home at San Marino.

Arbuckle and Miss Deane obtained a marriage license yesterday. Their announcement that Rev. Jas. Whitcomb Brounger would officiate had scarcely been made, when the minister revealed a lecture engagement which would prevent him from going to San Marino. He suggested to Arbuckle that inasmuch as "very few clergymen wished to marry divorced people, it would be a good idea to have a superior court judge tie the knot."

Arbuckle agreed to the suggestion, but Judge J. W. Summerfield said that his wife had made a dinner arrangement for tonight which "would keep him occupied for the entire evening."

Judge Hugh J. Crawford, however, agreed to be at San Marino at the appointed hour.

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Place your order with your grocer for Concord Steam Bakery hot rolls before three o'clock each day.

You can take a 34 days European tour on one of the world's largest ships for only \$325. See ad. in this paper.

Start saving now by taking some shares in the new series of the Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association. See Gilbert Hendrix at the Concord National Bank.

The famous Eureka vacuum cleaner is sold here by the Concord Furniture Company.

Hoover's is showing unusual offerings in broadcloths, poplins, bullseye, weaves and cheviot shirts.

Lepesede and clover seed, Lister fertilizer and soybeans at York and Wadsworth Co's.

Robert Wicks spring suits for teens, twenties, thirties, forties and up to eighties, \$30 to \$40, at the Browns-Cannon Co.

Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. has a new hat machine to clear and reshape your old hat. Phone 787.

The Richmond-Flowe Co. is going to sell all the shoes this week in the store next to Ritchie Hardware Co. Better go quick before they are all gone.

Spring dresses for women and misses with smartness and distinction at the Parks-Bell Co.

The Spring opening of radiant Easter apparel is now on at J. C. Penny Co's. Their styles this spring are unusually charming. Besides appealing styles they have convincing prices. Not only low prices but quality, full value at each price. See big new ad. today.

Soybeans in Rowan. Salisbury, March 23.—Henry Barnhardt, of the Patterson community in Rowan county, planted a gallon of Laredo soybeans in fairly close rows on an acre of land last year, gave the beans two cultivations and left them until harvest. When harvest time came, reports County Agent W. G. Yeager, the growth was so heavy that the rows could not be seen, so Mr. Barnhardt cut the whole mass with his wire and stored and cured the hay in his barn.

Last week a pea thresher was in the neighborhood and Mr. Barnhardt had his beans threshed with the result that he secured nine bushels of seed.

Discuss Plans for Naval Limitations Conference. (By the Associated Press) Washington, March 24.—President Coolidge has suggested to Secretary Kellogg that certain definite preliminary steps be taken toward laying the groundwork for a naval limitations conference.

The work, as the President sees it, divides itself into two phases, the first being determination of the technical aspects of the naval limitation that remains to be concluded; the second, the sounding out informally of the sentiment of the other powers as to the desirability of calling a new conference.

May Give Woodcock Recons Appointment. (By the Associated Press) Washington, March 24.—President Coolidge intends to ascertain whether Thomas F. Woodcock, of New York, will accept a recess appointment as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission before reaching a decision as to what steps should be taken to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Potter.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections

DURING NIGHT BABY WAS LEFT AT HOME AT SALISBURY MILL

Baby Was Left on Porch of Home of Mrs. J. J. Christie, Who Figured in Another Baby Case Before.

WOMAN CARRIED BABY TO HOUSE

Sons of Mrs. Christie Heard Her on Porch, But She Was Gone When They Went to Answer Her Call.

(By the Associated Press) Salisbury, March 24.—A baby boy about four months old was left by an unknown woman caller on the porch at the home of Mrs. J. J. Christie in the Salisbury Cotton Mill village at 2 o'clock this morning. Occupants of the home were attracted by the calls of a woman and when the door was opened the woman was gone, and the baby wrapped in blankets in a box containing an elaborate and costly wardrobe was found. Mrs. Christie was not at home at the time, but her two sons were, and one of these answered the call. Price tickets on some of the clothing showed they were purchased in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Christie is a woman that figured in a sensational baby episode some months ago when a woman gave her a baby in a train near Weldon and later located her and claimed the child. She states that she wants to keep the one left at her home this morning.

FORTUNES IN GEMS AND CASH LOST IN PALM BEACH FLAMES

Salvaged Personal Property Identified; Few Saved All Belongings in Ruined Hotels. West Palm Beach, Fla., March 24.—Most of the personal property salvaged from the Palm Beach fire of Wednesday night has been identified and reclaimed. Joe Borman, town marshal of Palm Beach, stated today.

A checkup of the management of the Breakers and the Palm Beach Hotels, which were destroyed, revealed that few of the guests escaped with all their belongings. Mrs. Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, wife of the publisher of the Buffalo Evening Times and Democratic national committeeman, of New York, banded more than \$25,000 worth of jewelry. Mr. Mack lost valuable documents, including stock and bond certificates. A Miss Mosher, of New York city, lost property worth \$5,000, including \$3,000 in bonds.

One man, who did not reveal his name, left \$4,000 in cash in a dresser in his room in the Breakers. When the door was opened the interior of the room was found to be a mass of flames.

PRESIDENT IS PLANNING FOR A SUMMER VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge to Take Trip to New England. Washington, D. C., March 24.—President Coolidge intends to go to New England for a summer vacation, but has not determined definitely where or when he will go.

The time of his departure, it was said today at the White House, depends on the weather, and if it remains as cool as it was last summer, Mr. Coolidge does not expect to leave until late in the season. He is considering a suggestion that he spend part of the time at Swampscott, Mass., where Frank W. Stearns, an intimate friend, has a home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge also expect to spend part of the vacation at Plymouth, his father's home, as has been their annual custom.

Southern to Show Forestry in South

Washington, D. C., March 24.—To demonstrate the results that can be obtained by applying scientific forestry practices to timberlands in the South, the Southern Railway system has put an expert forester and three assistants in charge of approximately 12,000 acres of standing pine in Dorchester county, South Carolina, and will market the full grown timber while preserving the young trees for future growth.

As the present loblolly stand is cut, slash pines will be planted so as to produce turpentine as well as timber in the future.

In explaining the purpose of the project, Mr. Lincoln Green, assistant to the president of the Southern, said: "The South has the opportunity to meet a national need with great profit to itself by preparing now to provide a permanent source of timber supply. The rapid depletion of our forests makes reforestation imperative. Timber can be produced in the South in half the time required in more northern latitudes and by introducing slash pine we can extend the naval stores industry into territory where it is now unknown."

"The Southern is undertaking a demonstration of what can be done in the South, operating on lands which were originally purchased as a source of fuel supply for the old South Carolina railroad, now our Charleston division. We shall conduct our operations strictly as shall conduct our operations strictly as they show a profit."

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Opera Star in Greatest Role



Myrna Sharlow, prima donna soprano of the Chicago and Boston opera companies, is shown here in the leading role of the world's oldest opera, "Motherhood." She left the stage last season to await the arrival of the new season and will return for the spring concert tour. In private life Myrna Sharlow is Mrs. E. B. Hitchcock of Desatur, Ill.

THE STATE FLAG

North Carolina Flag Dates Back to the "Secession" Convention of 1861. Raleigh, March 23.—The history of the North Carolina state flag dates back to the "secession" convention of 1861. On May 20th of that year, Colonel John D. Whitford, a delegate from Craven county, introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and referred to select committee of seven:

"Be it ordained that the flag of this state shall be a blue field with a white V thereon, and a star, encircling which shall be the words, 'Surgit Astrum, May 20, 1775.'"

Colonel Whitford was made chairman of the committee which the ordinance was referred. The committee secured the aid and advice of William Carl Brown, an artist of Raleigh. Brown prepared and submitted a model or preliminary sketch. This was adopted by the convention on June 22, 1861. The Brown model was very different from that originally proposed by Colonel Whitford.

The following is the ordinance as it appears on the journal of the convention:

"Be it ordained by this convention, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That the flag of North Carolina shall consist of a red field with a white star in the center, and with the inscription, above the star, in a semi-circular form of May 20, 1861. That there shall be two bars of equal width, and the length of the field shall be equal to both bars; the first bar shall be blue, and the second shall be white; and the length of the flag shall be one-third more than its width."

This flag is said to have been issued to the first ten regiments of state troops during the summer of 1861, and was borne by them throughout the war between the states, being the only flag, except the Confederate colors, used by North Carolina troops.

This flag existed until 1885, when the general assembly adopted a new model. The present flag has a blue field with a white star and the inscription: "May 20, 1775," denoting the date of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and "April 12, 1776," denoting the date of the Halifax resolutions.

Rules governing the display of the state flag were enacted into law by the general assembly of 1907.

SHEPHERD TO KNOW FATE SOME TIME DURING DAY

Court May Decide During Afternoon or Night Whether He May Be Freed on Bond. (By the Associated Press) Chicago, March 24.—Wm. D. Shepherd, indicted on charges of killing with typhoid germs his foster son, Wm. Nelson McClintock, whose \$1,000,000 fortune was willed to him, may know before night whether he remains in jail or is freed on bail while he awaits trial.

A decision by Judge Hopkins, before whom the bail hearing opened Saturday and was continued yesterday, was in prospect today when the hearing was resumed.

Witnesses who appeared before the grand jury finished their testimony yesterday. Chas. C. Falman, head of a science school, and jointly indicted with Shepherd, to whom he said he gave typhoid germs for a promise of \$100,000, was briefly questioned, as was J. P. Marchand, a former salesman of the school.

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KING WENT TO RALEIGH WITHOUT A GUARD

Is Now at Home in Charlotte on a Second Parole. Raleigh, March 23.—L. B. King, sentenced in the Mecklenburg county superior court, in August, 1923, to serve five years in the state's prison at Raleigh, on the charge of second degree murder, came to Raleigh without a guard from the governor.

Following his conviction, he was ready to begin his sentence at the earliest possible moment, he said, because he wanted to "have it over" in order that he might return to his family. The sentenced man boarded a train and came to Raleigh. He presented himself to the prison authorities who declined to admit him without the proper "credentials."

King remained in Raleigh a day or two, until he could be properly identified at the prison and then began the service imposed upon him.

Later, King was paroled for several days, because of the fact that his family needed him. Returning to Raleigh, a day in advance of the expiration of his parole, he called at the office of the governor and thanked the chief executive in person for having permitted him to go home.

It was only recently that King made application for a second parole. Grating the parole this week, the governor said:

"The prisoner has made a good record since being at the state's prison. This man has a wife and five small children who, I understand, are in practically destitute circumstances, and unless this man is allowed to go home and make some preparation for his family to make a crop, they will suffer."

The parole was conditioned on King's future good behavior. It holds good for seven days, at the end of which time the prisoner must report at the state's prison.

TAKING TESTIMONY IN BENNETT MURDER CASE

H. A. Parker Said Bennett Told Him He Hoped He Would Never See Mrs. Hoffman Again. Chantanooga, March 24 (By the Associated Press).—Testifying in the trial of W. H. Bennett and his wife, Mrs. May Bennett, charged with the murder of Miss Augustus Hoffman, H. A. Parker today stated Bennett once told him he hoped he would never see the woman again.

Bennett also added, the witness testified, that Miss Hoffman "stirred up a row all the time."

On cross examination Parker said he had never observed any indications of a "row" between the Bennetts and Miss Hoffman.

Negro Driver and Car Burned Up Near Maxton

Maxton, March 23.—A distressing accident occurred at Campbell's bridge, four miles north of town, Saturday night. A negro jitney driver from Laurinburg was burned practically up in the automobile he was driving. He was found partly in and partly out of the car. A jury was summoned to hold an inquest, but after viewing the remains they decided no inquest would be necessary, as no evidence of foul play was found, but instead it was observed that his gas tank was without cap, the opinion being that as he was running across the bridge which was rough that gas spilled out of the tank from which a general conflagration ensued that resulted in himself and his car being burned up.

Places Dempsey on Ineligible List

(By the Associated Press) New York, March 24.—The New York State Athletic Commission today placed heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, and his manager Jack Kerns on the ineligible list in this state for their failure to comply satisfactorily to the commission's recent ultimatum that Dempsey accept a challenge from Harry Wills.

Soviet Court Annuls Oil Lease

Moscow, March 24 (By the Associated Press).—The concision on the Federal authorities granted the Sinclair oil interests by the soviet authorities was annulled today by the Soviet court which has been hearing the government's annulment plea. The court directed the government to return to the American company the 200,000 rubles guaranty it had deposited.

Jealousy of Wife Is Cause of Two Hangings

New Orleans, La., March 21.—Jealousy of their wives caused two men to be hanged and a third to be sentenced to life imprisonment in Louisiana yesterday. One of the women was shot to death, another had her throat cut and the third, a negro, died from being beaten with a club in the hands of her husband. The five-day-old baby of one died, too, by falling from the bed while its father was slashing its mother's throat. The two men who were hanged went calmly to death, saying they had repented and believed their souls were saved, but the man sentenced to a life term tried to kill himself. Five children were left without parents as a result of the tragedies.

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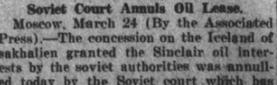
Cheyenne, Wyo., March 23 (By the Associated Press).—The defense arguments in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit was made in Federal Court here today.

J. W. Lacy, counsel for Harry F. Sinclair, and his Mammoth Oil Company, was expected to take the greater part of the day in defending the contract between Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior.

The Grand National Steeplechase, which will be run on March 27 at Aintree, near Liverpool, has been run there every year for more than eighty-five years, except for three years during the war, when a substitute race was held at Gatwick. The Grand National is essentially the race of the English country people, for no sooner is one over than the farmers begin to discuss the prospects of the next. The race may also be called a church festival, for it is said that more country parsons attend it than can be found at an archbishop's convocation.

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DOROTHY ELLINGSON COMPOSED AS TRIAL OF CASE CONTINUES

Sixteen Year Old Defendant Fell to Floor in Faint Monday, But She Has Been Quiet Since Then.

ONE WOMAN IS NAMED FOR JURY

Girl, Charged With Murder of Her Mother, Had Hoped Jury Would Be Composed Entirely of Men.

(By the Associated Press) San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—Dorothy Ellington, 16-year-old stenographer, who shot her mother to death in the morning and drove and attended a house party that night, today came into court fully composed, after her fall to floor in a faint at the noon recess of her trial yesterday on a charge of murder.

Miss Ellington saw six jurors picked to pass on her fate, five men and a woman. The sixteen year old matricide had hoped for a jury entirely of men, and the result yesterday was to her liking, as only one woman was passed temporarily.

The juvenile court which had first jurisdiction over Miss Ellington, passed the case into superior court. The maximum sentence Miss Ellington faces for her act is life imprisonment. The young defendant has legal and moral protection against hanging. A California law forbids hanging persons under 18. California citizens have always opposed the hanging of a woman of any age. When the jury has been completed, defense counsel will advance the plea that Miss Ellington is suffering from a mental condition bordering on insanity. The girl has confessed to the killing. She has told of quarrels with her mother over new dresses and undesirable acquaintances to whom her mother objected, to the argument which resulted in the fatal shot, and of taking all the money in the house and walking away over her dead parent's body to renew the companionship of men friends.

WILL A LITTLE ENDS LIFE WHEN ARRESTED

Little, When Told of Arrest, Withdrew to Toilet, Fired Bullet Into Head. Charlotte, March 23.—Choosing death rather than arrest on an embezzlement charge, Will A. Little, accountant for W. E. Casey and company, of this city, this afternoon shot himself through the head, inflicting a wound from which he died an hour later at a local hospital.

As Detective Earnhardt, of the local police department, walked into the office of the Casey company Little withdrew into the toilet and fired the shot that cheated the officer of an arrest.

The warrant for Little's arrest was sworn out by W. E. Casey, head of the company, this morning and shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon Detective Earnhardt went to the office to serve it. He told Little of the purpose of the visit and the latter asked permission to go into another room to get some personal effects to take with him to jail.

He stepped into the toilet and a moment later a shot was fired. The officer, Mr. Casey and others opened the door and found Little on the floor with a wound in the head. A physician was hastily summoned and ordered the man carried to the hospital where an effort was made to save his life. This was unavailable and he died shortly before 4 o'clock.

The embezzlement charge against Little is said to involve several thousand dollars. While not discussing the cases without reserve this afternoon Mr. Casey said that shortages in the firms funds recently had led him to a quiet investigation of the cause, the result being an issuance of a warrant this morning for the accountant's arrest.

Little, with his wife and small child made their home on South boulevard. They came here about 18 months ago from Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Little was regarded, it was said, as an exceptionally able accountant, being especially capable in handling the accounts for road machinery firms. W. E. Casey and company handle such supplies.

Will Name Muscle Shoals Commission

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 24.—President Coolidge will appoint a commission of five or six members to consider the disposition of Muscle Shoals very soon.

The commission, which was requested in a resolution adopted by the House after Congress had failed to pass the Underwood Muscle Shoals leasing bill probably will include some persons connected with the administration, and possibly a cabinet member.

The president will appoint the body with instructions to it to report probably at the opening session of the next Congress, after a discussion with prominent engineers, some of whom he expects to serve on the commission.

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