

Severe Electrical and Wind Storm Did Damage In City; No One Was Seriously Hurt

STORM CAME WITH MUCH SUDDENNESS

Huge Trees Were Uprooted and Thrown Across Streets, Breaking Power and Telephone Lines.

LIGHTNING HIT SEVERAL PLACES

Little Damage From This Source.—Tree Crashed Into the Porch of G. S. Klutz Home.

An electrical and wind storm, coming on the heels of the terrific heat wave of the past several days, swept over Concord last night, leaving broken trees, disabled telephone and power lines, damaged houses and littered streets as an evidence of its strength.

The storm came with such stealthy suddenness that many persons were caught out in autos and before they could find shelter they were drenched by the terrific downpour.

On West Third street a big tree which stood near the Craven Apartment, was caught in the grip of the wind and hurled across the street.

At the Gibson Mill baseball park the grandstand and part of the fence were smashed as though they were so much straw.

In front of the home of C. W. Byrd a tree was snapped in two near its base. Other trees formed a support and kept it from crashing into the Byrd residence.

Near the intersection of Buffalo and Spring streets another mulberry tree was torn in two and a large tree which stood just at the side of the house occupied by Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wadsworth was broken so part of its top fell into the entrance of the home.

Mrs. J. A. Bangle was badly shocked by lightning soon after the storm started but she revived later. Mrs. Klutz was badly frightened when the

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Wind Storm Was Confined Almost Wholly to Concord

The wind storm which wrought havoc in Concord last night seemed confined almost wholly to this city, judging by reports reaching here today.

Charlotte reports a heavy rain from 8 to 9 o'clock last night but there was no wind and no destructive lightning.

Some crops between Concord and Mt. Pleasant and other spots, according to reports, were damaged by hail and wind, but generally speaking the hail and wind were confined to Concord.

It seems fortunate that no one was injured when one considers the number of trees that were either uprooted or broken off and tossed into the streets and sidewalks.

hail, but beyond that point there are evidences only of rain. The same is true in some other localities. There was plenty of rain but no hail and wind.

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EX-KAISER'S MOTHER BLAMED HER SON

For Any Ill Feeling Between Germany and Great Britain.

Berlin, July 20.—A frank criticism of the E-Kaiser by his mother, the late dowager Empress Frederic, is revealed by the memoirs of Baron von Reischach, the last lord marshal and royal equerry of the Hohenzollerns.

In his book of memoirs, "Under Three Emperors," the author quotes the dowager Empress Frederic in a letter she wrote to him from England in 1897 in response to his appeal to her to try and modify the prevalent severity of opinion about Germany in certain leading circles of England at the time.

"It is, naturally, my heartfelt desire to do everything within my power to assuage any existing feeling of irritation or bitterness of opinion. But it is utterly impossible for me to exert any influence on the press of either country."

"I have seen nothing in the decent papers which come to my hand here, as the Times, Globe, Standard, Daily Telegraph and others, that might be considered offensive. The indecent ones I never see, heaven be praised, and we may safely ignore them. It would be deplorable indeed if the Kaiser were to consider preeminently such papers, from which he could never glean anything but a very distorted picture of public sentiment in England."

"But quite apart from all odious exaggerations, a feeling of distrust still prevails for which, however, the Kaiser only has himself to blame. For the exceptional sympathy and popularity which he enjoyed represented a card in his hand with which he might have attained inestimable advantages for Germany."

"Now our only hope must be that in time Germany may grow over past errors and ultimately a more comfortable relationship be established."

"If, however, the German press continues to copy the hostile attitude of the Kaiser, Germany will inevitably be driven into the arms of Russia and France and thus bring to the consummation of that policy which all my life I have most ardently desired—an alliance between the two Germanic nations and great protestant countries."

With Our Advertisers. F. W. Woolworth Company announces the opening of their store in Concord on Saturday, August 15th at 8 a. m. for business.

Cline & Moose feeds you with the very best. Read the new ad today. Clearance of summer dresses at Ehrig's. Dresses from \$8.75 to \$10.00. Hoover's feels sorry for your old straw hat. They are showing new fall Scholbe hats now.

The Allen's parlor furniture is sold in Concord by H. B. Wilkinson. This is an above floor furnace. See them. Ford (the universal car) is sold on the plan of best value for the money. The Reid Motor Company is the local agent.

Senator Simmons Does Not Intend to Quit Senate Soon

Statesville, Aug. 12.—United States Senator F. M. Simmons spent several hours in Statesville today and in an informal interview let it be known that he did not expect to retire from office at the expiration of his present term; that he expected considerable discussion of the evolution question at the next session of Congress and that he would favor a reduction of \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 in federal taxes for next year, the exact amount to depend upon the surplus from the present year and reduced appropriations.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy Today at Decline of 18 to 24 Points.—December Sold off to 23.71.

New York, Aug. 13 (AP).—The cotton market opened easy today at a decline of 18 to 24 points, owing to relatively easy Liverpool cables and the hope of cooler weather in the southwest.

December contracts sold off to 23.71 in the early trading, about 25 to 20 points net lower, but offers tapered off at the decline and the market was comparatively quiet at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 23.55; Dec. 23.81; Jan. 23.81; March 23.80; May 23.80.

TURKISH PRESIDENT DIVORCES HIS WIFE

Signs Decree Making the Divorce Effective From August Fifth. Constantinople, Aug. 13.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, president of the Turkish republic, has divorced his wife, Latife Hanoum.

An official statement says that the President, having decided to separate from his wife, has issued a decree announcing divorce effective from August 5th.

No reasons are given officially for the divorce, but public rumor has been busy for some time concerning domestic relations of the President.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Slight Tremors Were Felt in Montana and California During the Night. Butte, Mont., Aug. 13 (AP). A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 7:50 last night and at 3:15 this morning. There was no damage.

Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—An earthquake shock, not heavy enough to be generally perceptible, occurred here about 6:15 o'clock this morning.

Major Foster Dead

Gastonia, N. C., Aug. 13 (AP) Maj. Leo Frank Foster, a veteran of many campaigns with the United States Army, died suddenly here at night. Physicians stated that apoplexy was the cause. Major Foster was 60 years of age.

Rare Operation



In order to save the life of Edith Leavens, 14, of Cambridge, Mass., surgeons were forced to cut open her heart. Edith, now on the road to complete recovery, is believed to be the only person in the world whose heart has been opened and who lived after the operation.

ICE COMPANIES IN RALEIGH GO FREE

Verdict of Not Guilty Returned in Case in Which Unlawful Tactics Were Charged Against Firms.

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A verdict of not guilty was returned by Wake county jury in Superior Court last night in the case against the four ice manufacturing concerns of Raleigh who were tried on charges of forming a combine in the restraint of trade.

The four companies acquitted are: Powell & Powell, the Johnson Coal & Ice Company, the Wyatt Burrus Ice & Fuel Company, and J. L. Dorniny, part owner of the Raleigh Ice & Storage Company.

The State concluded its testimony yesterday morning, the defendants offering no testimony. Six hours of argument by counsel followed, after which Judge Albion Dunn delivered his charge.

GIRLS TRAINING FOR THE CHANNEL SWIM

Miss Ederle and Miss Harrison Getting in Shape for Hard Task. Boulogne, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Both girls who aspire the honor of swimming across the English Channel are again engaged in training for the feat, and swimming fans may have the satisfaction of seeing them attempting to make their crossing at the same time, August 18th or thereabouts.

Miss Gertrude Ederle, of New York, who was to have started last week, has completely recovered from the slight indisposition which prevented her attempt.

DESTROYERS TO GUARD PLANES DURING TEST

Will Form Sea Patrol for Planes in Non-Stop Flight to Hawaii. Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two destroyers today were ordered to take up stations for the trip to San Francisco of the naval planes which will make a non-stop flight to Hawaii late this month.

Commander John Rogers in charge of the flight, notified the navy department of the destroyers. William Irwin and McCawley, will stand off Cape Mears and Cape Blance respectively, for the flight from Seattle of the TB-1. The same crew will guard the PN-0 from San Diego to San Francisco, and later they will work with the planes until satisfactory radio communication is assured.

Negro Killed by Train

Sallebury, August 13.—(AP)—Tom Durham, a negro living near Tom, was instantly killed by a passenger train at Elmwood near this city last night. It was said he was sitting on the railroad track and failed to hear the approaching train.

Want George H. Carter Ousted

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A resolution demanding that George H. Carter, be ousted as the public printer of the United States was adopted without a roll call by the International Typographical Union here this morning.

BELGIAN DEBT NOW GIVEN THOUGHT AT THE CAPITAL CITY

Conferees Trying to Find New Ground on Which to Continue Efforts to Reach Agreement.

FIRST PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTED

This Proposal Made to Belgian Mission Yesterday, and Its Failure Made the New Move Necessary.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A new ground upon which to continue their effort to reach an agreement for refunding of Belgium's war debt to this country was sought today by American and Belgian debt commissions.

This was made necessary by the rejection by the Belgians of a proposal made yesterday by the American in counter to that of the visitors previously found unacceptable by the American government.

Before the joint sessions were resumed the American commission was called to consider additional viewpoints developed yesterday at a group discussion participated in by Chairman Mellon and Senator Smoot, republican of Utah, for the American commission, and Ambassador DeCarter and former Premier Theunis for the Belgians.

While official statements regarding the negotiations continue to be withheld, there were clear indications that the commissions are some distance apart on the fundamental basis of Belgium's capacity to pay, and consequently on the details such as interest rate and annual payments on the principal of the \$480,000,000 debt.

France Interested in Negotiations. Paris, Aug. 13.—Intense interest is being taken in French government circles in the Belgian-American debt funding negotiations now in progress in Washington.

The French foreign office is receiving each day long communications from Emile Desechamps, French ambassador at Washington, and French minister at London.

The return of the French funding mission to London has been postponed until next week in expectation that developments at Washington will assist greatly in shaping the French policy for the resumption of the negotiations with the British government.

Finance Minister Cailaux is almost certain to head the French delegation when it returns to London as his four per cent gold coupon loan is making good headway and conditions seem likely to permit the minister of finance to be absent from Paris for a day.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH ATTACKING WHITE WOMAN

Tom Robinson Alleged to Have Made Attack Within City Limits of Wilmington. Wilmington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Charged with attacking a young white woman within the city limits of Wilmington, Tom Robinson, negro janitor, was arrested here today on a criminal assault charge. Robinson, and Morris Tindale, negro held as a witness, were rushed to Raleigh for safe keeping by Sheriff George C. Jackson.

The attack is said to have occurred during a thunderstorm last night in a vacant lot within a block of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where the young woman has been employed as a nurse for the past two years.

Robinson was arrested at his house by Sheriff Jackson, police chief Joe Wayne and several deputies. After considerable interrogation the wife of Robinson is said to have divulged a number of details of the occurrence.

She at first said she would tell the story because her husband threatened to kill her if she did.

American Will Organize Arctic Reindeer Industry

Seattle, Aug. 13.—W. T. Lopp, chief of the Alaska division of the United States bureau of education for 31 years, left his home here this summer for Baffin Land, the Canadian island between Greenland and North America, to reorganize the reindeer industry for the Hudson Bay Company.

Until this year Lopp was in charge of reindeer throughout Alaska. In the winter of 1924 a party composed of Lieut. D. H. Jarvis, Lieut. E. B. Berthoff, Dr. S. J. Call and Lopp drove a small herd of reindeer 800 miles to Peja Barrow, Alaska, from Cape Prince of Wales, on the east side of Bering Strait, to relieve a whaling fleet frozen in and starving.

The first reindeer in Alaska were landed in 1802 at Teller, fifty miles from Cape Prince of Wales. Lapps were brought to Alaska to teach the Indians and Eskimos how to care for the animals. The raising of reindeer has become one of Alaska's largest industries.

Wizards and Goblins Parade



Here is Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans, center, and his aides in silken robes leading the parade of Klansmen down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington, D. C.

Urges Greater Care With All County Government

Governor McLean Tells Commissioners New System of Managing County Affairs Is One of the Greatest Needs in State at This Time.

(By the Associated Press) Blowing Rock, Aug. 13.—"An antiquated system of county government, as in State government, is largely responsible for the defects in administration which exist in many counties," Governor McLean today told the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, in a written message. "I regret it is impossible for me to appear before this body in person," he wrote. "I deem it a privilege, however, as well as a pleasure to accept the invitation to address this message to your association."

Governor McLean declared that his administration was earnestly trying to place the State government on a sound business basis, "so flexible as to be adjustable to progress and human needs." He urged reformation in county government in North Carolina.

"At the outset," the governor wrote, "I desire to express to each member of the association my appreciation of the earnest efforts being made in a number of counties to improve local government by increasing the value of the service to the people."

Due to constantly increasing activities and services which each county government is now called on to perform, I am sure you will agree with me that the present system has become in a large measure inadequate and unadapted to present day needs.

In many instances it lacks organized unity under definite and responsible executive headship. There is sometimes duplication of effort and overlapping duties, and an absence of proper fiscal control. Such a condition is not the fault of the officials, most of whom are competent and faithful.

It is the fault of a system that at one time was fairly adequate for the needs of the day, but which now, under the changed conditions, has become inadequate because of its failure to meet the demands made upon it. Those who now hold county offices, as well as those of us who hold State offices, have inherited this antiquated system. I think all of us agree that county government, no less than State government, must be made adequate for present day needs.

The confidence of the people in local government must be maintained. I believe that our future progress is dependent, to a large extent at least, upon the confidence which our citizenship has in government, and this confidence will be secure only when the people realize that public funds are used in such a way that every dollar is accounted for and expended wisely in purchasing needed service for all the people. Our efforts have been directed of late to the task of placing the State government on a sound business basis, and it is not too much to say that good results have been accomplished. The State government is a large unit, composed of the smaller units—the counties. The strength of the State then, in a large measure, rests upon the successful conduct of the affairs of the counties.

"We are earnestly striving in North Carolina to place our State government on a sound business basis, so flexible as to be adjustable to progress and human needs. I believe this will inspire greater confidence in

"I would it be helpful to the counties, in your judgment, for me to appoint a carefully selected commission in county government to study conditions as they exist today, as well as to what reforms or changes in administration may be effected under present laws and under the guidance and authority of the county commissioners, that would improve local government?"

"2. Could such a commission, by a thorough study of the functions of county government, be in a position to give you helpful suggestions that would aid you in determining the best methods of improving county government?"

"Many counties have already made great progress in improving their methods, and it seems to me that a commission, by studying the best practices and observing the best functions of a number of counties, might be able to set up general standards by which the officials of each county may measure the efficiency of their own county government. Such a service as this is what I have in mind in suggesting a commission to study

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Odd Fellows to Meet Next Year in Furniture City

Charlotte, Aug. 12.—C. P. Burchette, of Winston-Salem, was elected grand patriarch of the grand encampment of North Carolina, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, this morning at the final session of the 78th annual meeting here.

High Point was chosen as the place for the 1926 meeting to be held the third Tuesday in August.

Other officers elected at the sessions this morning were: I. H. Paris, of Raleigh; grand high priest; W. A. Harbour, of Wilson, grand senior warden; J. R. Young, High Point, grand warden; L. W. Jeanneret, of Asheville, grand high scribe (reclector); John E. Wood, of Wilmington, grand treasurer; M. P. Jennings, of Elizabeth City, grand marshal; N. M. Fleming, of Charlotte, grand sentinel; B. H. Cooby, Asheville, grand under sentinel, and H. M. Ballard, of Asheville, grand representative.

CONFESSED SLAYER BEING TAKEN BACK TO MISSOURI TOWN

Everett Adams, Confessed Slayer of A. R. Clawson, Will Be Tried for Murder in Sedalia, Mo.

BODY OF CLAWSON FOUND NEAR THERE

Adams Was Arrested in Kansas But He Told Officers General Location in Which He Placed Body.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Everett Adams, 17 year old Wilmington, Ohio, high school boy, the confessed slayer of A. R. Clawson, school teacher of Lodi, N. Y., today was on his way to Sedalia, Mo., from Garden City, Kans., in custody of officers, to answer a charge of first degree murder.

Sedalia is the seat of Pettis County. It was near Lamotte, in that county, where the decomposed body of Clawson was found yesterday in a ditch where it had lain since August 1st. Adams confessed he had put the body there after he had shot Clawson to death following an attempt to rob him.

The boy's confession was obtained by the Garden City police, where he had driven in Clawson's coupe after disposing of the body. Blood stains on the car led to his arrest in the Kansas town.

The confession followed a grilling by officers there when the license plate numbers on the car were checked, and it was found to have belonged to Clawson.

Adams said he was walking along the road just west of Jefferson City, Mo., when overtaken by Clawson who gave him a lift.

Adams, nearly penniless, decided to rob his benefactor. After riding an hour Clawson alighted to remove his coat and Adams produced a gun. Clawson resisted. Then followed the shooting and flight in the car. His arrest and subsequent confession followed.

CHURCH PUBLICATION BANISHES EVOLUTION

Nothing Concerning Much Discussed Theory Will Appear in Biblical Recorder Columns. Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Evolution has been banished from the columns of The Biblical Recorder which opened its pages to discussion a few weeks ago and let the protagonists and the antagonists fight it out.

The Recorder congratulates all disputants that they have been compelled on each other and have observed the amenities from the start. There has been no backguarding. The evolutionists have been free from patronizing the "ignorant" and the anti-evolutionists have not called anybody infidels. The paper says that it is receiving requests from every section to discontinue the discussion and these appeals come from people who have strong convictions but see no good to come from agitation.

Moreover, they see a great deal of harm because attention is taken from the convention to the contention.

The Recorder tried it six weeks. In that time it says it has had to carry over much material and evangelistic meetings have been unchronicled on account of the space demands. A promise was made to one pastor to print several of his articles. If he delays he is lost. Dr. Mullins is running a series which will be finished but the evolution battle is over. Editor Livvy Johnston after expressing his happiness that there was no bitterness, says: "Let us give ourselves unreservedly to the promotion of things that are eternal and abiding."

French-Spanish Junction Succeeds. Fez, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Information reaching the intelligence department of the French headquarters here shows that the first results of the junction of Spanish and French forces in the northwestern part of the fighting front for combined action against rebellious tribesmen were highly satisfactory. A profound impression has been made on the dissident tribes who have made it clear to their leader Abdel Krim that they either will not fight any more or they will not fight outside their own territory.

Believing that the "elixir of youth" may be obtained from the California redwood trees, an Oregon scientist is now experimenting with the sap to determine whether it will prolong life.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably local thunderstorms.



Concord Theatre (THE COOL SPOT) Today and Friday Johnny Hines, Sigrid Holmquist, Edmund Breese and Wyndham Standing in 'The Early Bird' (A Laughing Riot) Also Our Gang Comedy 'BOYS WILL BE BOYS' Best Movies—Better Music—Same Prices 1:30 TO 11:00 P. M.