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Tidal Waves Along Coast Have Wrecked Several Pavilions and Other Buildings by Force.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Florida's peninsula for the past 12 hours has been swept by high chilling winds which at times have assumed hurricane proportions, and by a rain which at various points has set precipitation records.

Heavy property damage has been wrought by the winds on the East Coast of the state south of Jacksonville, and on the west coast south of Tampa at 45 mile maximum at Key West. A 50 mile an hour wind drove over Jacksonville today. Inland Florida, while experiencing heavy winds, has not been badly affected, advice here says.

Three negroes were killed and 18 injured when a house on Davis Island developed at Tampa, collapsed during the storm there. Approximately \$1,000,000 damage was caused according to police reports. The storm swept the entire west coast. All public utilities were reported down in Tampa and all points south of that city were without telegraph facilities.

At Palto, Jacksonville Beach, the tide is reported to have swept the Trotter dancing pavilion from off its piling. Both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico have been whipped into a turmoil by the high winds, and there has been much damage along the coast line, according to reports here.

The center of the storm is off the middle Florida Atlantic coast line, the local weather bureau reports, and it is moving northward.

It had been raining over most of the peninsula with the precipitation of torrential proportions at some localities. In the past 48 hours 15 inches of rain has fallen at Miami, reports to the local weather bureau say; there has been 5 inches at Fort Lauderdale in the past 24 hours, and 4 inches at Orlando. At Tampa 3.38 inches of rain has fallen in the past 48 hours, according to reports at 9 a. m., with the rain still falling. At Jacksonville .77 inches of rain had fallen in 24 hours.

Telephone and telegraph wires facilities have been handicapped by the winds, although the railroads report their wires in good condition. The other companies report, however, "heavy delay" on all circuits.

Judge Grady Opposes Capital Punishment. Oxford, Dec. 1.—"Capital punishment is a relic of barbarism, and I would like to see it abolished in North Carolina," said Judge Henry A. Grady in passing alternative sentence on C. E. Snyder, convicted of manslaughter in the Superior Court Wednesday. The jurist's opinion was elicited by the fact that of the original venire summoned to sit on the Snyder case exactly twenty had been excused when called on account of being opposed to capital punishment.

Snyder drew an alternative sentence of four months in jail and pay to the widow of Clarence White, the slain man, the sum of \$2,000, or serve from three to five years in the penitentiary. He chose the former alternative.

One authority estimates that in a pound of honey there is the concentrated essence of 60,000 flowers.

NEGROES KILLED BY HIGH WINDS

The Bunk House in Which They Were Quartered Was Destroyed by Wind During the Night.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Three unidentified negroes were killed, another is dying, and five are in a local hospital at the result of a bunk house on Davis Island here collapsing at midnight last night.

The high winds which are sweeping this section reached its highest velocity at 48 miles an hour at 1:15 a. m. today, according to the weather bureau station here. The wind was decreasing in velocity and the barometer rising.

LARGE BOND ISSUE IS SOLD BY CITY OF MONROE

Improved Water Supply Will Be Provided With \$200,000 Secured To Enlarge City Limits.

Monroe, Nov. 30.—The city administration of Monroe sold at noon today water and light bonds to the amount of \$200,000. Twenty bidders were present in person and many bids were sent in through from all over the country.

The American Trust company, of Charlotte, was the successful bidder, purchasing the bonds at par with five and one half per cent interest with a premium of \$3.35. Mayor C. E. Houston stated today that with the amount of these bonds the city will be able to expound an ample supply of soft water on Richardson's river, a stream only two miles away, and to bring up the city lighting plant to where it will be surpassed by none.

Effective March 1 the city limits will be enlarged. The mayor also stated that it is the aim of the present administration to have every house within the city connected with sewer and further insure Monroe's slogan, "The cleanest, healthiest town in North Carolina."

Unannounced Fight Features Movie. Milwaukee, Nov. 29.—An unannounced dramatic climax of fate and another man's wife shifted the thrilling scenes of a moving picture into the background at a theatre here last night.

A husband landed four punches on the jaw of his wife's escort, calmly called for order, apologized for the disturbance and announced that he had just hit a man whom he had caught out with his wife.

George M. Caskey, professor of dancing, and Mrs. Otto M. Momen were leaving when Otto M. Momen's first started to fly. As an uproar started in the audience, the husband declared: "Ladies and gentlemen: Quiet please. This is not an act of rowdiness. I have just found this man with my wife and struck him."

The man's name is George M. Caskey. Applause followed each announcement, and Momen left the theatre. At Mrs. Momen's residence it was learned that she and her husband are living apart, pending a divorce action.

"Everyone knows I have done nothing wrong," she said.

Pullman Car Is Destroyed by Fire in the Spencer Yards. Spencer, Nov. 30.—A fine Pullman car headed from New York to Asheville was gutted by fire at Spencer before daylight Sunday morning at a loss of \$15,000. The blaze was discovered by the colored porter as train No. 29, southbound, pulled into Spencer and it required quick work to save other cars in the train. Rushing the burning palace into the yards the Spencer fire department at the shops was called and soon subdued the blaze. The fine car, elegantly finished and furnished, was almost ruined in a short time. So rapidly did the fire burn that one of the occupants had to be taken out at a window to escape burning.

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MITCHELL COUNSEL UNABLE TO UNSEAT MAJ. GEN. GRAVES

After Consultation in Secret, Court Overruled Defense Charges Against General Graves.

ANOTHER FIERY DEBATE OCCURS

Defense Counsel Objects to Undertone Remark Made by Gen. Graves During Examination.

Washington, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Counsel for Col. Wm. Mitchell failed today in a spectacular attempt to unseat another member of the Mitchell court martial, Maj. Gen. Wm. S. Graves.

After a consultation in secret, the court overruled defense charges that Gen. Graves had interfered with the cross examination of prosecution witnesses and had displayed bias.

The decision followed another fiery altercation in open court, rising from a comment made in an undertone by Gen. Graves regarding the method of the defense attorney, Representative Reid, of Illinois, in his questioning of witnesses.

When the lawyer made his accusation, the general declared that he had interrupted the questioning or shown any partiality.

The president of the court, Major General Robert L. Howze, admonished counsel for both sides to desist from "disgraceful wrangling" and to address the court and not each other, but Representative Reid refused to be quieted.

He lodged this formal protest against General Graves: "I protest to challenge General Graves to sit no longer as a member of this court for the reason that his actions while on this court show that he is not impartial and that in justice and fairness to the accused, General Graves should no longer be permitted to sit as a member of this court."

After its consultation the court announced through General Howze that the challenge had not been sustained and that general Graves "will continue to sit as a member of this court," also that "the case will proceed."

Gen. Graves interrupted, asking the right to make a statement, but on advice of his colleagues he refrained from doing so.

At Large Five Years; Negro Is Apprehended. York S. C., Nov. 30.—Clem Crawford, York county negro who has been at large for five years following a long and exciting gun fight with York and Chester county officers, was apprehended here yesterday.

Court House Starts Talk in Mecklenburg. Charlotte, Nov. 30.—Opponents of the proposal to move Mecklenburg county court house to the new location on East Trade street delivered their opinions to the commissioners today at a special session of the board.

Arguments were presented by representative citizens of the city and county against the removal of the court house. Magistrate John R. Hunter asserted that the rural citizens would have to borrow money this year to pay their taxes and, therefore, would not welcome the additional cost that would have to be met by increased taxes.

W. C. Doves summarized his opinion and that of scores of others by the statement that "our new city hall is a handsome monument to the most stupendous municipal folly I ever saw and I don't expect to see anything to equal it unless the county commissioners carry out their plans about a new court house."

Paul Caleb Goodman Dies in Rowan County. Mooresville, Nov. 30.—Paul Caleb Goodman died at his home near Landis, Rowan county, on Thanksgiving Day, aged 80 years. He was stricken with pneumonia the day before he died. He lived his long and useful life near where he died. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Goodman, one of a family of nine children, all of whom are dead except Milo Goodman, of Hickory, and James H. Goodman, of Mooresville. He joined Mt. Moriah Church when a young man.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, which is in sight of the home, by his pastor, the Rev. J. S. Messinger, assisted by Rev. C. A. Brown, of China Grove, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

Goy, Ferguson Has Made No Statement. Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has made no formal announcement on the matter of calling a special session of the Texas legislature, as demanded by a number of the lower house, her husband, Jas. E. Ferguson, said today.

New Senator and His Son



This is Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, appointed by Gov. Sorlie to the senatorial post vacated by the death of the late Senator Ladd. A contest is due in the senate over his appointment. He is shown holding his youngest son, James.

TWO PERSONS LOST LIVES DURING FIRE

One-Third of a Business Block at Lake Charles, La., Burned With Loss of About \$1,000,000.

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Fire here early this morning caused two deaths and probably loss that will reach \$1,000,000. Hollis Vincent died in a hospital from injuries and the body of William Guillotte, a fireman, was found in the debris. The fire is believed to have originated in the rear of a grocery store. About one-third of a business block was wiped out before the flames were checked.

Two men were removed to a hospital believed to be seriously injured, and several other persons were slightly injured by falling walls. Ben Collins and George Phillips are in a hospital.

THE COTTON MARKET. First Prices 3 Points Lower to 10 Points Higher, December Selling Off to 20.12.

New York, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Renewal of near month liquidation developed in the cotton market early today but foreign trade interests were buyers of late months, and while early fluctuations were irregular the tone was steady.

First prices were 3 points lower to 10 points higher, December selling off to 20.12 and January to 19.43, but May and later deliveries showed advances and the near months recovered initial losses on covering. Offerings were very light after the overnight selling had been absorbed, and the market became comparatively quiet on the rally which carried January up to 19.54 and May to 19.21, or 3 points net higher. October is relatively firm on buying believed to be for Liverpool; continental account. The early selling was promoted by reports of soot weather over the greater part of the belt.

Liverpool cables said the market there had been influenced by trade calling and continental buying. Cotton futures opened steady Dec. 20.15; Jan. 19.46; March 19.52; May 19.20; July 18.84.

Decline to Play Game With Negroes on Team. St. Petersburg, Fla., Nov. 30.—Because four negro boys are members of the central high school football team, Cleveland, Ohio, the eleven of the local high school today cancelled plans for playing a post-season contest with the Ohio institution. It was announced by Coach J. C. McKinney, former Notre Dame player now coaching the local high team.

LaFollette Will Be Fifth Youngest Senator. Washington, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who at the next session will take the place in the Senate so long held by his father, will be the fifth youngest man ever to sit in that body and the first under 31 years of age to hold a cent there in more than half a century.

When he takes the oath of office at the opening of the session on December 7, he will be aged 30 years, 10 months and one day, having been born on February 6, 1895. The Constitution provides that no person under 30 years of age may qualify as a United States Senator.

Search of the musty records at the Capitol discloses, however, that despite this constitutional inhibition all the Senators younger than Mr. LaFollette took the oath before they had reached the age of 30 and that their presence as members was not seriously questioned.

When Henry Clay presented himself for the oath for the first time on Nov. 19, 1806, at the age of 29 years, 7 months and 7 days, some Senator inquired as to his age.

"I hope my colleague will propound that question to my constituents," Clay replied, and there the matter dropped.

PROBABLE GALES ALONG ATLANTIC

Weather Bureau Predicts That Storm Will Become Severe Within the Next 24 Hours.

Washington, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Strong winds will probably gale along the entire Atlantic seaboard within the next 24 hours were forecast today by the Weather Bureau.

The following advisory storm warning was issued: "Advisory 9:30 a. m. Northeast storm warnings ordered north of Jacksonville to Boston, Mass. Storm of tropical origin central off northeast Florida coast moving southeastward with increasing intensity will cause strong northeast and north winds and probably gales along entire Atlantic seaboard within next twenty-four hours. This storm will likely become severe. Caution advised all shipping."

NEWTON FOLK PLEAD WITH HIGHWAY BODY. Meeting in Salisbury Draws Catawba Capitalists.—No Decision Is Yet Reached.

Salisbury, Nov. 30.—A delegation of Newton citizens, interested in what action the State highway commission may take in mapping the course of route 10 from Statesville to Hickory, appeared before a number of the commissioners in session here tonight in the Yacklin Hotel and were promised that engineers would be sent to investigate the mapping of the route.

The commissioners were gathered here to study surveys of the proposed Salisbury-Albemarle highway, but the visit of the Newton delegation was not unexpected. While no definite action was taken concerning the routing of the Statesville to Hickory section, the Newton citizens got a hearing and were allowed to present their cause, to wit, that the capital-to-capital policy of the commission be adhered to and that the highway be routed by way of Newton.

REV. A. L. ORMOND IS WELCOMED TO OXFORD. Newly Appointed Pastor Greeted at Service.—Other Churches Closed to Meet Him.

Oxford, Nov. 30.—All of the churches of Oxford were closed on Sunday night except the Methodist Church, to afford the members of the various congregations of the town an opportunity to attend the service at the Methodist Church and assist that congregation in according a cordial welcome to Oxford to Rev. A. L. Ormond, the newly-appointed pastor of that church. The building was crowded with friends eager to extend to the new pastor this welcome to his new charge.

To Hear Petition of Western Union. Raleigh, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The North Carolina Corporation Commission tomorrow will hear the petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company for a revival of its intra-rate rates.

While the rate increase should not be a flat raising of the rates, it would average an increase of approximately 13 per cent over present rates. Western Union officials stated to the Corporation Commission when they asked that a date be set for the hearing.

The company asks permission of the commission to apply the so-called zone system in North Carolina. The system desired, it states, is being practiced by it in 42 of the states of the union. Its contention is that on intra-state business it frequently, under present rates, cannot charge enough for a telegram in proportion to the charge for the same message over a similar distance if the telegram went out of the state.

The commission has set tomorrow for hearing of the argument relative to the proposed rate revision in intra-state business of the Western Union Company.

Terribly Injured But Shows Improvement. Charlotte, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Mabel Sharpe, of Chadwick Avenue, who was believed to have been fatally injured in an automobile accident last evening night at North Tryon and Seventh streets has so much improved that it is believed now she will recover.

Miss Sharpe was the only person injured when a light sedan was struck by a heavy machine and overturned. She was pinned under the sedan.

Treaty of Locarno Is Signed In London By Five Leading Nations

Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium Are Other Nations Which Have Signed the Treaty.

London, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The treaties of Locarno made between the leading powers of Europe and binding the governments to maintain the territorial frontiers established by the treaty of Versailles even to the extent of war, was signed here today.

The plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy affixed their signatures to the document.

Four subsidiary pacts pledging the use of arbitration in the event of boundary disputes between Germany and each of her neighbors, France, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were signed at the same time.

The several copies of the treaties were signed and sealed for the governments by the men who created them at Locarno in October; Austen Chamberlain for Great Britain; M. Briand for France; Dr. Stresemann and Chancellor Luther for the German republic; Emile Vandervelde for Belgium; and Count Scialoja for Italy.

The arbitration treaties were signed on behalf of Poland by M. Skrzynski, the Premier; and of Czechoslovakia by its prime minister, Eduard Benes.

Today's ceremony took place in the Victoria reception room of the foreign office, renowned in post-war Europe for the brilliant gatherings of statesmen and diplomats who accepted the hospitality of the British monarch's secretary of state for foreign affairs. Among the figures of the early century, statesmen who gathered in the gilded room but who no longer are concerned with the affairs of nations were often the ex-Kaiser, the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russian, and Count Apponyi, representative of the Hapsburgs.

EARLY CLOSING HOUR ASKED BY MINISTERS. High Point Preachers Want Stores In That Town to Close Earlier on Saturday Night.

High Point, Nov. 30.—The practice of High Point merchants in keeping their stores open late on Saturday nights was frowned on by members of the local Ministers' Association, who voted at their weekly meeting today to appeal to the merchants to establish an early Saturday night closing hour.

The majority of High Point's stores close about 11 o'clock, but there are a few which are kept open until after midnight. The pastors believe such a custom is unnecessary and therefore they will appeal to the merchants to make a change.

Two Men Killed by Runaway Freight. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 1.—Traveling at a terrific speed, a runaway freight train was wrecked, two of its crew were killed and one was severely injured today on the middle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The accident occurred within 200 yards of the Pennsylvania passenger station here after the train had made a dash down grade from Kittanning Point, seven miles away.

The men killed were P. C. Scheine, Sharsburg, Pa., engineer, and H. H. Tauber, of Aspinwall, fireman. G. M. Puncosky, Pittsburgh, brakeman, was seriously hurt.

Gathering speed on the down grade and with the engineer whistling for handbrakes, the oncoming freight train sideswiped another freight under the Seventeenth Street bridge, making kindling wood of the box cars. The wreckage was piled 30 feet high, with the cargo strewn everywhere.

The brakeman escaped death by running back on top of the train. Cheaper Clothing May Result From Discovery. Manchester, England, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A wool substitute, said to be just as warm and comfortable as the real thing, is expected by its inventor to result in cheaper clothing.

The cloth is called Woolulose and the manufacturer explained it consists of 70 per cent jute fibre and 30 per cent ordinary recovered wool.

Supplied in the raw state, the material will sell at approximately three-quarters of the price of cheapest wool.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 19 and 19 1-2 cents per pound.



Cloudy tonight, rain in east portion; slightly colder on the coast tonight; Wednesday probably fair. Northeast backing to north and north-west gales on the coast, diminishing Wednesday.