

LITTLE DAMAGE WAS REPORTED IN STATE FROM WIND STORM

Gale Reached Mark of 25 Miles an Hour in Wilmington and Few Other Cities Near Coast.

SHIPPING KNEW OF THE STORM

And So Ships Remained in Port.—Forty Mile Wind Reported Along Coast of This State.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 2.—(AP)—High winds which swept the North Carolina seaboard last night and early today apparently passed without damage, reports from along the coast this morning indicated.

New Bern, Beaufort and other towns were visited by the wind, but no loss is known to have resulted. The gale reached a mark of twenty-five miles an hour here, it was officially announced today by the weather department. Along the coast the velocity was reported at forty miles an hour.

BOY SLAYS HIS CHUM IN GRUESOME MANNER

Jealousy Over Woman Is Back of Horrible Killing in New York Apartment.

New York, Dec. 1.—Gordon Pirie, a 20-year-old boy, who calmly confessed early today he had hacked his 19-year-old chum, George Nye, to death with an axe because of an "irresistible impulse," broke down tonight and admitted that that impulse was jealousy of a woman.

Pirie's calm demeanor both during the confession and his arraignment led District Attorney McGehee of the Bronx to picture his crime as akin to that of Leopold and Loeb, "thrill slayers." McGehee said Pirie was the "coldest character" in his experience and termed the murder a "sad commentary" on modern youth.

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Half of Town Wiped Out by Fire. North Bay, Ont., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Fire which broke out early today had wiped out half of the town of Mattawa this forenoon, and still was raging.

"You can't wish 15,000 police are sworn to get you alive or dead! You have to get all the bread—only one hit's left means Bing Sing." This printed on cards displayed prominently in street cars in New York City act as a discouragement of crime through the psychological effect of fear upon both the hardened and the potential criminal.

Storm Warnings For This State

Washington, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Advisory 9:30 P. M. The northeast storm warnings continued north of the Virginia Capes to Boston, and warnings changed to northwest North Carolina to Charleston, S. C. Tropical storm apparently central a short distance east of Wilmington, and moving slowly northward.

COUNCIL PREPARES FOR ITS MEETING

Federal Council of Churches Will Begin Meeting in Detroit Next Week.—Many Matters Up.

Washington, December 2.—(AP)—The world court, Japanese exclusion, and the service of chaplains in the army and navy will be discussed among other questions by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches when it meets in annual session at Detroit, December 9th, to consider the problem of war prevention.

Announcement here today of the agenda for the meeting included also the question whether the Federal Council should "make any declaration regarding its attitude in case of actual declaration of war."

SCHOOL TERM IS TO REMAIN SAME FOR TWO YEARS

Forces Favoring Two Months Extension Are Forced to Wait. Raleigh, Dec. 2.—For the enlightenment of wary legislative and political leaders, who have registered fear that the "time is not ripe" for the state-wide eight months school term, Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen pointed out today that, at the earliest, the extended term could not be put into effect before 1929 or 1930.

The school forces, who are organizing in earnest for a campaign in the next legislature to add two months to the constitutional term, have met this far little active opposition. Somewhat disconcerting, however, has been the occasional comment of a legislative or political leader warning against "trying to progress too rapidly."

The circumstances of the school term fight are such, Mr. Allen warned today, that there can be no hurry. In the first place, the school people will have to wait until the legislature meets in January, 1927. That will be in January 1927. If the school forces agree to submit a constitutional amendment providing for the extended term, it can not be voted upon by the people until the general election of 1928. So that, if they carry it, it can not be put into effect until the fall of 1928, and possibly the year following.

By then, certainly, Mr. Allen thinks the time ought to be ripe. Every legislature, that turns the proposition down will be delaying it just two years longer, and the school people think the state's duty to the children is such that it can not afford to wait indefinitely.

Most of the calls for "time" have been based on the need for the enactment first of legislation that will equalize the school tax burden among the counties of the state. The school forces think five years should be ample.

The 1927 session could submit the amendment, they argue, the 1929 legislature could work out the financial problems. The condition of the state by that time should be such as to justify the necessary legislation.

Between three and four million dollars is the estimate of what it would cost to extend to eight months the term of every school now running six. The present cost of running the school is around \$20,000,000 so that the added financial load necessary would be about 20 per cent of the current total.

Fat Women Have Smaller Feet Than Slimmer Sisters. Chicago, Dec. 2.—(AP)—There is a saying that fat women may always expect consolation. The latest is that they have smaller feet than their slimmer sisters, who take great pride in boylike figures.

George M. Spangler, who is arranging the national convention of Retail Shoe Dealers here January 7-9, is responsible for the statement. "Fat people are usually small boned," he said. "Large boned people have more area over which to spread their flesh and do not show obesity."

All the golling, health walking and other forms of exercise in which the modern woman is indulging has not enlarged her feet, but has made them smaller and muscular, the shoe man observed.

Six-Year-Old Egg Clear

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 2.—(AP)—An egg, buried three and a half feet under the ground for six years, has been uncovered here and declared to be "as clear as if it had been in the ground only six days" by H. G. Smith, manager of the Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry Association's station.

No one, however, volunteered to eat it. Expect Big Battle Near Damascus. London, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Evening News Cairo correspondent says an unconfirmed report is published there stating that the rebel Druse tribesmen in Syria are advancing to attack Damascus, and that a big battle is imminent.

Rescinds Proposal. Washington, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee today rescinded its proposal to allow a retroactive reduction in the inheritance taxes.

BOMBERS



Here are the central figures in an amazing organized bombing syndicate uncovered in Chicago, which did a regular business in blowing up houses for "clients" at a rate of about \$200 a job. Above is Lena Schrock Rice, 29-year-old daughter of the ring. Below is Fred Wamquist, leader of the gang. She has confessed and it is intimated that many Chicagoans will be involved before the investigation ends.

DOUGHTON FILES FIRST DEMURRER

New Legal Steps Taken in Salisbury Banking Case. Greensboro, Dec. 1.—First legal steps in the Salisbury banking case since the indictment of J. D. Norwood, J. K. Doughton and M. L. Jackson were taken today by F. P. Hobgood, of this city, attorney for Mr. Doughton, now a resident of Raleigh, when he filed for transmission to federal judge H. H. Watkins a demurrer and motion to quash the original indictments, in which the three defendants are jointly charged with violation of the national banking laws.

Sixteen counts are in this original indictment, and it is the only bill in which all three of the defendants are indicted jointly, in connection with the failure of the People's National Bank, of Salisbury, which went down in June, 1923.

Will Continue to Be Closed Sundays. Charlotte, Dec. 1.—The majority of the gasoline filling stations in Charlotte will continue closing Sundays, according to statements of the dealers at the meeting of the Automotive Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was featured by a discussion of the re-opening of Sunday filling stations.

Several dealers reported they would close on Sunday even if all other gasoline filling stations should open for business on that day. Practically all of the gasoline dealers signed a paper about three months ago, agreeing to close on Sunday the filling stations for a three-months period, which ended recently.

Case Against Sunday School Workers in Again Postponed. Winston-Salem, Dec. 1.—Although today was not the time set for the trial of M. W. Erabham and Miss Virginia Jenkins, defendants charged with violation of the state hotel law, the case was again advanced, this time being continued until December 16.

Brain Caught in Train at Thomasville. Thomasville, Dec. 1.—M. W. Erabham, who was arrested in Winston-Salem on Saturday night under a serious charge and who was expected to appear in court to answer the charge on Monday, came to Thomasville Sunday and boarded Southern train No. 45 at 2 o'clock p. m., going south.

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COUNSEL AT COURT MARTIAL IS WARNED BY GENERAL HOWZE

President of Court Martial Says Witnesses Have Rights Which Must Be Met by Counsel.

NO NAME WAS USED BY COURT

But He Told Counsel on Both Sides to "Take Notice" of the Court Martial Law.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Warning was given today by Major General Robert L. Howze, president of the Mitchell court martial, that counsel for prosecution and defense hereafter must protect all witnesses from "irrelevant, insulting and improper questions" and from "harsh or insulting treatment."

In opening the court, Gen. Howze read from the manual the court's material, the regulations from the treatment of witnesses, and sternly ordered all of those present to "take notice."

He did not make specific mention of any of the wrangles through which court and counsel have passed since the early days of the trial, culminating yesterday in an unsuccessful effort by defense counsel to disqualify Major General William S. Graves as a member of the court on the ground that he interfered with the cross examination of a witness.

WILL SEEK PARDON FOR TOM COOPER

His Friends Believe His Federal Prison Term Will Be Enough Punishment. Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Tom Cooper who lost his appeal in the state court this week, is to get free from Atlanta prison on minimum time and he will start at once into the service of eight years for banking violations under the state law.

The federal and state offenses are very much the same. The state bank went into a national depository so that the breaches of the banking law are almost the same. The punishment, inflicted upon Cooper is 11 years. His transactions were not called embezzlement. It was not alleged that he took money and failed to pay it back. He violated the law as regards the prohibitions against exceeding the reserve and the capital stock. These were essentially state offenses. It was not charged that he actually stole money with intent to steal.

The violations were flagrant, all the lawyers and judges who have inquired into the case say, but the equalities of the law show up in their lurid style.

The purpose is to get him here so soon as he can leave the federal prison, then make application for a parole. He will be allowed to serve a year or more before any move will be made in his behalf. Mr. Cooper has been prominent in state politics. His brother, now under federal sentence for violations of the same laws as Tom Cooper, is out on appeal. W. B. Cooper, former lieutenant governor, stands a small chance of escape through appeal. He had been acquitted in the state courts for violations of the law.

The fact that Tom Cooper will have done three years before he gets into the state prison works powerfully in his behalf. He is now in the early forties and giving 25 per cent of his life to prison service is a good economy talker. His Wilmington friends are going to get up a whole of a petition, one of them said here a few weeks ago.

In New Hanover politics Cooper was a member of it was credited with and always he was credited with carrying New Hanover against Max Gardner in 1920. Which is used as no reason whatever for getting the parole affair fixed before Gardner gets into the governorship in 1929.

Southern College Heads Average \$6,101 Annually. Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 2.—(AP)—College presidents of the South are making their contributions to education at average salaries of \$6,101 yearly.

This was learned by James Moreland, registrar of Georgetown College, after making a survey of 44 first rate southern institutions.

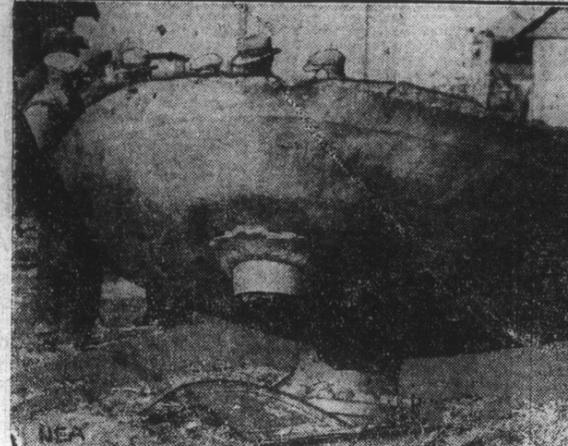
His investigation also revealed that full professors averaged \$3,111, department heads \$3,089, college treasurers \$3,006, registrars \$2,237, executive secretaries \$2,694. Deans averaged \$3,634 while the lowly instructors were at the bottom with \$1,588.

Salaries at heads of departments at the University of Texas showed more than those received by presidents of several colleges. Texas was the highest paying university in the South with \$10,000 for its president down to \$1,900 for instructors.

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Five Tons of Steel Take a Ride



An oil refinery still at Aankansas City, Kas., blew up the other day and blue still was thrown a quarter of a mile of the explosion was so great that this five-ton chunk of steel on top of turned three men to death. The force through the air, bouncing fifty feet after it struck the ground.

NINE PERSONS DIE RESULT OF MUTINY

Mutiny Led by Murderer Under Death Sentence—Guard Seized by Prisoners in the Jail.

Rangoon, India, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Nine persons have been killed and 24 wounded in a jail mutiny at Pypapun, Lower Burma.

Led by a murderer under death sentence, prisoners overpowered the guards and seized arms.

Police surrounded the jail and the prisoners surrendered after a pitched battle in which five prisoners and four guards were killed and twenty prisoners and four guards wounded. The leader of the mutiny was among those killed.

FLORIDA IS RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF STORM

Business in State Picking Up Again After Being Halted by Rain and Wind. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Florida—storm-tossed and rain-soaked—today was regaining its equilibrium after a hectic 24 to 36 hour session with the elements.

Damage amounting into the hundreds of thousands of dollars was wrought, particularly along the coast lines where wild seas driven by winds of near hurricane proportions, lashed its way through pilings and bulwarks, and over piers, causeways and some houses. The highest tides in years were recorded along the Atlantic coast where the greater coastal damage was done, a number of vessels being driven ashore and wrecked.

Ten dead and about 20 injured, all negroes, is reported as the toll of the storm which centered its frenzied death dealing blows to Tampa on the West coast and the vicinity of Daytona Beach on the east. Four persons were killed in Tampa when buildings collapsed near that city, while six negroes, members of a schooner crew, drowned off Daytona when their vessel went aground and was wrecked.

At various points in the state rain fell with record-setting consistency. Miami was the hardest hit with somewhat over 15 inches of precipitation in the storm period, while other points along the coast and in the interior reported heavy rainfall. At Winter Garden, ten inches of rain fell, according to reports here, but little damage if any was caused by the downpour.

Rudyard Kipling Ill. London, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Lord Dawson, of Penn, the King's physician, has been called to Burwash to attend Rudyard Kipling, whose condition is giving rise to anxiety.

The famous writer is reported to be suffering from bronchitis, complicated with pneumonia.

Boundary Commission Holds Back Report. London, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Irish boundary commission has agreed to postpone the issuance of its report, Premier Baldwin announced today in the House of Commons. He secured the agreement after consulting with William T. Cosgrave, president of the Free State Executive Council.

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BRAND'S CABINET TELLS GOVERNMENT IT IS CONFIDENT

Admits That Many Grave Questions Are Facing the Nation But That It Is Ready to Face Them.

FINANCES GET MUCH THOUGHT

Cabinet Says It Will Limit Inflation to Immediate Needs of Treasury, But Goes No Further.

Paris, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Briand cabinet's ministerial declaration presented to the chamber of deputies today admits that the situation is particularly grave, but says it cannot have irreparable consequences provided the government has the confidence of the entire country and the collaboration of both houses of parliament.

The declaration asserts that the government is ready to assume its immediate responsibility and to enforce the necessary measures to meet the treasury bonds which fall due December 31st.

It promises that inflation will be limited to the immediate needs of the treasury, but does not mention the exact amount of new emission which will be embodied in a special bill.

The declaration says that realizing that the restoration of French finances cannot be accomplished without loyal agreement with the great nations which are France's creditors, "the government will continue earnestly and promptly the negotiations with the allies concerning debts."

Brands Wins Point. Paris, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Premier Briand, although coolly received when he read the declaration of policy of his new ministry before the chamber of deputies today, won a partial victory by inducing the chamber to change its method of procedure and consider the proposed increase of 7,500,000 francs in the monetary circulation before discussing interpellations.

The bill, framed by Finance Minister Loucheur, raising the limit of the issue of paper money from 51,000,000 to 58,500,000 francs, was introduced at once and referred to the Finance committee, which demanded a suspension for the session until 9 p. m.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady at Advance of 6 to 13 Points.—Setbacks Occurred After the Opening.

New York, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 6 to 13 points on buying which appeared to be influenced by relatively steady Liverpool cables, which included further demands for October from houses with foreign trade connections.

Setbacks occurred after the call under local selling, promoted by a favorable view of the weekly weather report, but offerings were readily absorbed, and the market held generally steady at the end of the first hour, January selling around 19.67, or 9 points net higher.

The weekly reports of the weather bureau indicated that conditions have been generally favorable for picking and that the work had been nearly completed in Texas and Oklahoma.

Cotton futures opened steady, Dec. 20.32; Jan. 19.68; March 19.64; May 19.25; July 19.88.

Spurious Kip Letters Sold in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 2.—Spurious copies of Leonard Kip Rhineland's letters to Alice Beatrice Jones, were being vended in Chicago yesterday, the authorities were informed.

Prices ranged from \$1 to \$25, investigators disclosed. The majority of sales were made at cigar stores and pool parlors.

One of the schemes was sending envelopes supposed to contain copies of the unexpurgated letters. On opening them purchasers found them to contain sheets of paper on which was printed "We Thank You."

Christmas at Penney's. Christmas gifts! In a page ad. today the J. C. Penney Co. tells you of some of the many beautiful things this store has for you. You will find here a wonderful array of everything needed for Christmas presents. Read the ad. for in it you are sure to see just the articles you want.

Ministerial Crisis Feared in Spain. Hendaye, France, Spanish Frontier, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Information reaching here from Madrid says "a complete ministerial crisis is imminent."

SAYS SOUTH CAN MEET WORLD DEMAND FOR COTTON. Auburn, Ala., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Boll weevil or no boll weevil, the cotton belt of the United States can produce all the freely staple the world will consume and pay for at a "living price," in the opinion of Alabama Experiment Station officials.

This could be accomplished through intelligent use of fertilizer and better varieties of seed, said Professor M. J. Panchess director, after studying results of experiments extending over a fifteen-year period.

The added cost necessary to increase production would be small compared with the net return and it would not be necessary to extend the cotton area, he explained.

The condition of Mrs. Ernest Hicks, who has been very ill at the Charlotte Sanatorium since last Saturday, is somewhat improved today, it is said by relatives. An important meeting of the Lewis Hartsell chapter of the Order of De Molay will be held tonight in the Elks' lodge rooms at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Cloudy, probably rain in north portion tonight, Thursday generally fair; colder tonight on the coast. Shifting gales becoming northerly and west, and diminishing tonight.