

NO RELIEF IS SEEN FROM COLD WEATHER BEFORE TOMORROW

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ASHEVILLE REPORTS ZERO WEATHER

Charlotte Has Coldest December 28th in 47 Years.—Entire State Feels the Cold.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Tar Heel folk snapped about the coldest late December wave of the 20th century today, reports from over the state indicate.

Rock bottom for the mercury was attained at Asheville, high in the western North Carolina mountains, at 8 a. m., where the reading was even zero.

An official tabulation at Hickory at 9 o'clock showed the mark at four degrees above zero.

State department officials at Raleigh were back to the tasks of comforting duties with a north breeze scouring down the thermometer to 9 degrees at 7:30.

Charlotte had the coldest December 28th in 47 years when it was 9 1/2 degrees above at 5 a. m., and Winston-Salem was even colder at 7 degrees at the hour of 7.

At Salisbury the reading was 7 above at 6 o'clock and at High Point it was at the same point a half hour later.

Indications from weather officials were that no relief from the icy grasp was in sight before tomorrow at the earliest.

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It is to be assumed that such a building program as is involved in the construction of Duke University will strongly affect important popular standards in the future.

With Our Advertisers.—Full-fashioned hose, only 98 cents at J. C. Penney Co.'s. It's four-ply silk with a fibre thread, which assures wear.

The Concord Plumbing Co. will fix your frozen pipes for you. Phone 576. Get a Fyne Pencil at Presler's and save pencil whittling.

For colds take Clin's Cold Capsules for quick results.

The Richmond-Flowe Co. is showing the advance styles in men's spring hats. See new ad.

Read the new ad, today of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Roberts Wicks suits and overcoats, \$25 to \$40 at Browns-Cannon Co.'s.

The Concord Furniture Co. is giving one-fourth off on all heaters in the store. Only a few on hand. No charge for installation.

Attractive corsets made by Mrs. J. A. Walker. Phone 112.

C. H. Barrier & Co. want more turkeys and fat hens not later than Tuesday noon, December 29th.

Christmas cut price sale. Big reductions on ladies' winter coats and dresses, and men's and boys' clothing at Efrid's.

All holiday goods at greatly reduced prices at Kidd-Frix Co.'s. Big line of New Year greeting cards.

Let York & Wadsworth Co. give you a demonstration of the Atwater Kenaf radio.

In remote rural districts in Norway the bride dons the native dress of her district and rides to the church ceremony on a pony.

Star Theatre

Monday-Tuesday.—'HEARTS OF OAKS'—One Good Picture. Look—'The Black Cyclone'—with Robert Bowditch and Pauline Starke. It's a Fox Special. Also a News Reel No. 24.

Thursday-Friday.—'EVERYMAN'S WIFE'—With an All Star Cast. A photoplay that every man and woman should see. Also a Fox News No. 25. It's a Fox picture.

Friday and Saturday.—It's the wild horse, in 'THE BLACK CYCLONE'—Remember the king of wild horses and you won't miss 'Black Cyclone.' It's a Pathe Special! Comedy: 'Nipo Scotch.'

SEVENTY DEATHS IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN SOUTH IN WEEK

An Unusual Number of Deaths Occurred Over the Christmas Holidays, New Survey Shows.

377 PERSONS HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Florida With 13 Deaths Led the South.—Seven Deaths Are Reported in North Carolina.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Death cut a wide swath through Dixie over the Christmas holidays. Three score and seven persons in the South met their doom through traffic accidents involving automobiles, motorcycles, trains and trolleys. In addition, 377 persons were hurt by the same means. These figures are revealed in a survey made today by the Associated Press for the week which closed last night. The figures are from ten states.

Florida led the South with 13 deaths, while Virginia and Georgia trailed closely behind with 12 each. Tennessee and Mississippi were the lowest with three each.

Georgia led in the number of injuries, her figure being 66. North Carolina and Florida reported 61, and 60 injuries respectively. At the foot of this column was Alabama with 9 injured.

There were no outstanding accidents during the week in which heavy toll of life was taken.

Tabulation by states include: North Carolina 7 deaths, 61 injured; South Carolina 7 deaths, 36 injured.

NINE DEATHS, BIG FIRE DUE TO CHICAGO COLD

Entold Misery Result of Sub-Zero Temperatures, With Winter's Grip Holding.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Nine deaths, a million dollar fire loss and untold misery and sufferings were the toll exacted from Chicago by the sub-zero temperatures of yesterday and today.

The cold will stay a while longer, weather reports indicated tonight with predictions of 10 below before morning. Last night and early today the official thermometer at the weather bureau showed eight degrees below but western suburbs reported as much as six degrees below.

During the day the mercury crept slowly up to zero at 3 o'clock and shortly afterward started a nose dive. Yesterday and today there were upward of 300 fire alarms which taxed Chicago's fire fighting equipment to its capacity.

Firemen fought four general alarm blazes, one of which destroyed the Marx building with an estimated loss of \$300,000 while another destroyed a 12-story apartment building.

Most of the fires were caused by overtaxed heating equipment and in scores of cases families were driven to the streets in their night clothing to face the sub-zero blasts while the firemen themselves were coated with ice and water froze almost as it touched the buildings.

Untold misery and suffering was reported by relief organizations who were swamped with requests for food, coal and clothing. One man was found frozen to death, bringing the total number of persons frozen to death for the two days of severe cold to four, while two others died of causes indirectly due to the cold. Five other deaths with heart disease given as the cause probably were superinduced by the cold, the coroner's office said.

One of today's fires attacked the Milwaukee-Western State Bank causing a loss estimated at \$30,000, although bank officials said its vaults were unharmed. Firemen also were kept busy answering calls from treacherous sections of the city where frozen water pipes and mains caused the water supply to be shut off.

Hiring Detectives to Spot Dry Agents

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cafe and cabaret owners, anticipating extensive efforts of prohibition agents New Year's Eve, are reported to have employed private detectives in efforts to identify agents who may enter their places in the guise of patrons.

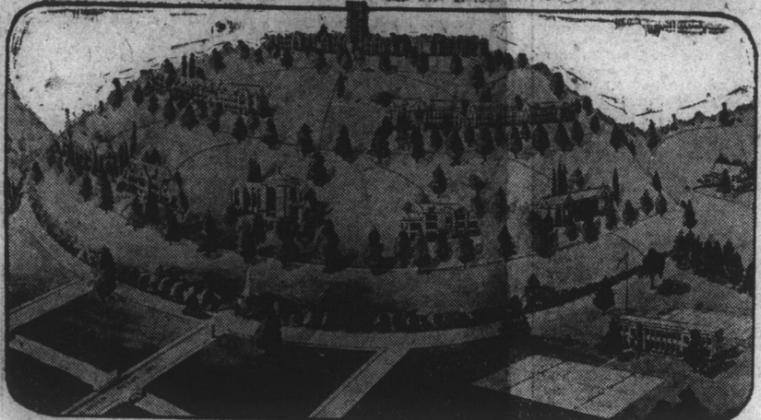
The detectives have submitted detailed reports regarding appearances of agents likely to be assigned to squads for holiday service. They have even arranged for schools for managers and head waiters, who will be taken to court rooms and corridors of prohibition headquarters and shown the agents, so the story goes.

Dry circles admit that it may be necessary to exchange staffs with some other districts before next Thursday, if the detectives have succeeded in viewing all the agents that E. C. Yellowly, prohibition administrator, plans to use.

Baltimore People Injured in Char. Lotte

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—B. L. McKinley, of Baltimore, Md., is in the Presbyterian Hospital with a broken collar bone, and his wife is also in the hospital suffering from bruises as a result of the overturning of their automobile at 10 a. m. Saturday, at East Seventh Street and Hawthorne Lane, when it was struck by a car driven by Cleveland L. Smith, of the Charlotte Motor Car Company.

How Bryan Memorial University Will Look



Here is the architect's drawing for Bryan Memorial University, which is to be built at Dayton, Tenn., to commemorate the great commoner's fight there against the theory of evolution.

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FURNITURE PLANT AT HICKORY SCENE OF DAMAGING FIRE

Blaze Which Started During Morning in Martin Furniture Co. Burned Half the Plant.

MUCH FURNITURE WAS DESTROYED

A Brisk Wind Fanned the Blaze Into Fury, Making Harder the Work of the Firemen.

Hickory, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Fire starting in the finishing room of the Martin Furniture Co. here at 8:30 o'clock this morning spread rapidly throughout the packing department and storing room, until nearly half the large plant was completely destroyed. Officials of the company estimated this morning that the damage would reach nearly \$175,000.

Every fire fighting apparatus in the city was called, but the flames in the packing and finishing house could not be stopped. A brisk wind fanned the blaze into a fury. It was estimated that more than 100 finished suits of high class furniture went up in smoke, and nearly 200 finished suits were destroyed.

The loading room where the crated furniture is placed just before it is packed in cars for shipping was completely destroyed, and its bulk of furniture marked for the northern markets. Two freight cars ready to be loaded with furniture were piled out by the switch engine just in time to save them from burning. At 10:15 o'clock the fire was still raging.

THE COTTON MARKET

Covering Movement Which Began Last Week War Resumed at the Opening Today.

New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The covering movement which started in the cotton market just before the Christmas holidays was resumed at the opening today. Some fresh buying also may have been promoted by firm Liverpool cables and moderately bullish weekly estimates.

Liverpool was an active buyer here, and while the opening advance of 30 to 35 points ran into some Southern hedging, offerings were readily taken. January sold up to 18.50 and July at 18.75 before the end of the first hour, with the general list showing net advances of 35 to 39 points. Liverpool cables attributed the advance there to covering, trade calling and speculative buying.

The weekly statistics showed an increase of 83,307 bales in the world's visible supply of American cotton last week, compared with an increase of 61,154 bales last year.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 19.30; March 19.35; May 19.00; July 18.75; Oct. 18.30.

KANNAPOLIS BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT DISPENSING WATER

Crawford Captured in Chester, S. C., and a Sizable Fine is Plastered Upon Him.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 27.—B. Frank Crawford, of Kannapolis, N. C., was tried before Mayor S. Churchill Carter on the charge of selling whiskey and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve 30 days on the Chester county chain gang.

Crawford was said to be a unique bootlegger and practiced the old game of selling water in a can with enough moonshine on top to give it the odor of whiskey. In court he admitted the selling, but argued that no statute denied one the right to sell water. However, Mayor Carter enlightened him on the laws of the municipality by informing him he could not sell whiskey, even though it was a small amount nestled upon the top of the water.

Chief of Police at Rowland Killed.

Wilmington, Dec. 26.—M. B. Rogers, chief of police of Rowland, was killed tonight in a gun battle with two negroes, according to long distance telephone reports received here. Rogers, about 30 years old, married and the father of one child, sought to arrest one of the negroes for some trivial violation of the law. The negro opened fire. When the officer returned the fire another negro stepped in with a shot gun and riddled the officer's body. He died almost instantly. The negroes were members of a construction gang employed on state highway route number 22.

Arrest of the two negroes who are charged with having shot and killed Chief Rogers was effected shortly before 11 o'clock by rural police and sheriff's deputies. They were taken into custody two miles from the scene of the shooting. Both were still well armed but offered no resistance. One of the men was badly shot, which was a big factor in their early capture.

Meets Death While Wrapping Live Wire.

Albenarle, Dec. 27.—Henry Smith, a machinist at the Norwood Manufacturing Company, was electrocuted while wrapping a live wire at the plant. He fingers were burned to the bone. He was 40 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

The worst of regular habits is that people about you are scandalized when you break them.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO HALT MINE STRIKE NOW BEING PLANNED

Operators and Miners Meet in Separate Hotels Today to Discuss Plans for Conference Tomorrow.

OPTIMISM NOW IS APPARENT

Observers Who Know Conditions Feel Confident That Settlement Will Be Reached at Conference.

New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Representatives of the anthracite operators and miners were quartered in separate hotels here today preparing programs for a joint meeting tomorrow when another effort will be made to reach a settlement of the controversy which has stopped the output of hard coal since September 1st.

While spokesmen for both groups maintained silence as to the basis of the discussion, experienced observers professed optimism as to the outcome. Chief among these was Wm. Greene, president of the American Federation of Labor, who predicted the strike would be ended in ten days. With the coal controversy settled, he said, or ganized labor would not have any serious disorders during 1926.

HAYWOOD MAN, FATHER OF 10 CHILDREN, SHOT

Taylor McCracken Killed by Howard Messer—Fight Over Dog Caught By Steel Trap.

Asheville, Dec. 27.—Taylor McCracken, 38, farmer, of the Crabtree section of Hawood county, is dead, and Howard Messer, 32, farmer, of the same section, is in the county jail at Wayneville, as a result of a shooting affray Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Crabtree, following a hand-to-hand fight between the two men, according to reports reaching the city today. Messer was uninjured.

The fight is said to have occurred as a result of Messer's dog being caught in a steel trap set out by one of McCracken's sons on land belonging to Messer. The latter is said to have abused McCracken's son, and the farmer took the matter up with Messer, resulting in a quarrel and the shooting. Both men belong to prominent Hawood county families.

Chain-Gang System to Be Readopted

Rutherfordton, Dec. 26.—For the first time in about 12 years Rutherford county has a chain-gang. The county commissioners completed the details this week and the first day's work by the convicts was done Wednesday. The old jail will be headquarters overnight and Sunday. They will go out into the county to work on roads in trucks. Thomas Blanton will be superintendent with Guy Edwards, guard. The prisoners will sleep in the cells. Heat and water has been installed in the sleeping quarters. As long as the convicts behave and work they will be given tobacco and cigarettes and five days off of each month. When the refuse to work or behave they will lose their credits and tobacco. Only able-bodied men will be compelled to work and they will be examined regularly by the county physician. Hot lunches will be sent to the men. The county now has from 20 to 30 able-bodied young men in jail. With these many roads should be built soon.

Raid on a Mecklenburg Home.

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—A spectacular raid on the home of Zach Belton, in Seversville, was staged by four Mecklenburg County police officers about 1:30 a. m., Saturday. The raid was featured by flying bait gallon jugs of whiskey and a miniature reproduction of a World War liquid fire attack, when some inmate of the house attempted to burn a quantity of the contraband.

Belton was bound over to the next term of Mecklenburg County Superior Court on charge of possessing whiskey, after a hearing Saturday before Magistrate J. W. Cobb. In default of a \$100 bond he was sent to jail on a charge of being drunk. He was fined \$5 and costs.

One-Fourth Off Clothing Sale at the Richmond-Flowe Co's.

Beginning this morning the Richmond-Flowe Co. will give one-fourth on the prices of all men's suits and overcoats. This is a cleanup of Fashion Park, Kirschbaum and other nationally known clothes at a big reduction. Better go at once so that you may get a good selection.

Long hair makes a man look all sorts of things, especially after his wife has found one on his coat.

CITY TAX NOTICE

Effective January 1st, 1926, penalty on City Taxes.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued cold tonight, hard freeze on Tuesday. Slowly rising temperature Wednesday. Moderate to fresh northwest winds.

GENERAL PERSHING FORCED TO RETURN HOME BY ILLNESS

As Not Definitely Known How Serious Is His Condition But Physicians Order Him Home.

HIS WORK WILL NOT BE HALTED

Planned to Send Some One Else to South America to Continue Work He Has So Well Planned.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Because of failing health, Gen. John J. Pershing is expected to return here within the next month from Africa, Chili, where he is representing President Coolidge in the Chilean-Peruvian arbitration over Tacna-Arica.

His physician has recommended that he begin the homeward trip not later than January 15, and he may depart from Africa before that date if proper arrangements can be made.

Details of the General's illness are not known here, but reports reaching Washington have somewhat alarmed his friends in the capital. There has been a marked increase in his blood pressure, in addition to complications resulting from infected feet. He is in his 60th year.

Although Washington officials declined to make any announcement regarding General Pershing's return to the United States, there were evidences that his departure from South America would in no sense be a diplomatic retreat from an international situation which has become embarrassing.

Steps will be taken to continue as far as possible the work he has been doing as head of the Tacna-Arica pre-territorial commission.

Except for minor troubles the former commanders of the American World War armies had enjoyed unusual good health for a man of his years up to the time of his departure last July for South America.

As a precaution, however, Major Glenn L. Jones, of the army medical corps, was detailed to accompany him. Some weeks ago Major Jones reported that the general should take a trip to this country and have dental work done but this condition was not considered sufficiently serious to make mandatory his withdrawal from the South American work.

MORE TALK ABOUT FORD ROAD IN N. C.

But Man, Who Has the Dope Indulges Only in Mysterious Assertions.

Greensboro, Dec. 26.—With the promise that "It will be a big story when it does break," a resident of this city, formerly actively engaged as a civil engineer, gives hints now and then of a survey said to have been made for Henry Ford for a railroad line from Tennessee to Southport, N. C.

It's one of those stories where there does seem to be something but the person with the information prefers to be mysterious and promises to divulge his information in the future. All the newspaper men here know of it but so far have been told in a whisper. "Not yet, not yet," and "It's going to be a big story."

However, from what has been told, such a survey was actually made and handed to the motor king. He has coal mines in Kentucky, thousands of acres of them and is supposed to want railroad connections with the Atlantic Seaboard somewhere along the coast of the Carolinas, to trade with South America.

The story, however, at this end, apparently can't be told. It is one of those yarns where the reporters informed that to print it now would be "to ruin everything." Why ruin would follow is not disclosed. Maynord Ford would be peevish and run his line to the Pacific coast, instead of to Southport. Maybe he would tear up the survey. Anyway for sometimes this story has been in the air here but couldn't be snatched down because it would be better, it is said, to wait until the time was ripe, "when it would be a big story."

Perhaps it is as big now as it is going to be. Besides, waiting for Mr. Ford to give his O. K. on the story is long, tiresome business, especially when Ford is in Detroit or some where way off hearing Mellie Dunham make the fiddle talk.

When the International Alliance of Women's Suffrage holds its convention in Paris next June it will be the first time that the feminists of the entire world have met in the French capital.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS!

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