

PNEUMONIA FATAL TO QUEEN MOTHER OF THE ITALIANS

Queen Mother Dies After Fight in Which She Appeared to Be Victor at One Time.

RELATIVES WITH HER AT THE END

Bloodclot Which Developed During Night Hastened the End for Beloved Queen.

Borghiera, Italy, Jan. 4.—(P)—Margherita, beloved queen mother of Italy, died at the royal castle here at 11 o'clock this morning, after apparently having won a brave fight against pleural pneumonia.

Her son, King Victor Emmanuel, and other members of the royal family were at the bedside when the end came, having been summoned hurriedly yesterday when the sudden turn for the worse was noticed.

The widow of King Humbert, who was assassinated at Monza, July 29, 1900, Margherita celebrated her 74th birthday anniversary on November 20.

The actual cause of death was a cerebral blood clot which developed last night, but a heavily contributing cause was the serious weakening of her powers of resistance by the attack of pleural pneumonia which began early in November.

From the beginning of the 24-hour battle between the Queen Mother's astonishingly strong constitution and the cerebral obstruction it was apparent that the result was merely a question of hours, and all the members of the family hurried here.

The King and Queen came from Rome; Margherita's favorite grandchild, Crown Prince Humbert, and her brother, the Duke of Genoa, from Turin; and her nephews, the Count of Turin and the Duke of Aosta from Florence, and Naples.

News of the sudden change for the worse in Margherita's condition, and then the announcement of her death caused a wave of profound emotion to sweep over the nation.

Margherita was the best beloved queen Italy had ever had, not only because of her personal sweetness and charm, but because she was herself an Italian, being born a princess of Savoy.

Extreme unction was administered to the dying queen by Father Sisonndini, who entered the death chamber at 8 o'clock this morning, and remained for nearly an hour.

The first message of condolence to arrive at the castle was from Premier Mussolini. Others followed from Signor Tittoni, president of the Senate; Signor Cazzarano, president of the chamber of deputies; members of the cabinet, and other notables.

Alabama Pass is Still Talked on Coast. Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 3.—Which Alabama player heaved the long forward pass to Johnny Mack Brown that resulted in the University of Alabama's second touchdown against the University of Washington in Friday's football game here is a query that still is unrevealed.

Ekersall, who refereed the game, says Dooley Hubert threw the ball 55 yards to Brown.

Coch Wallace Wade and Captain Bruce Jones credited Grant Gillis with the remarkable toss. Gillis has admitted that he heaved the pass.

As to the length of the pass, press box witnesses are not agreed.

With the passing of time, however, their estimate is shrinking, most of them now declaring the distance was approximately 55 yards, although some maintain it was 65 yards.

It all depends on where Brown caught the ball. Some say he was on the 20-yard line, others that he was on the 10-yard line.

Colonel Roscoe H. Hearne Killed in an Accident. Washington, Jan. 3.—While changing a tire on his own machine, Lieut. Col. Roscoe H. Hearne, was struck and fatally injured by a passing automobile near the Congressional Country Club early today.

Hurricane Leaves Destruction and Wreckage. Pago Pago, Samoa, Jan. 4.—(P)—The hurricane which struck American Samoa Friday is over, leaving destruction and wreckage. The thatched houses of the prosperous Samoan village are strewn everywhere, and many villages were wiped out, but without loss of life because of the light construction of the native houses.

Cannon Estate Seeks Recovery Of \$875,000 From Government

Raleigh News and Observer. Recovery of \$875,000 in income taxes for the calendar years of 1917 and 1918 paid by James W. Cannon, multi-millionaire cotton mill magnate of Concord, who died December 19, 1921, is sought in a suit filed in the United States District Court here yesterday by Charles A. Cannon and David H. Blair, executors of the Cannon estate, and Charles A. Cannon, David H. Blair and the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, trustees of the estate.

Mr. Blair, who married Mr. Cannon's daughter, is United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue and his present suit in reality is directed against the department of government of which he is the head. The connection of J. W. Bailey, named as defendant in the suit, is purely nominal and arises from the fact that as Collector of Internal Revenue he received for the taxes complained of, which were assessed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The additional taxes for which a refund is sought, were paid on January 10, 1921, and in May of the same year the Bureau of Internal Revenue, hearing the case on appeal, refused to remove the assessments.

Since Mr. Blair became Commissioner of Internal Revenue in 1921, a large number of appeals by members of the Cannon family have been before his bureau and large refunds, including one to his wife, have been granted by the government. However, Mr. Blair was at his request relieved of any official connection with the appeals.

Heavy Array of Legal Talent. The complaint filed yesterday is signed by as heavy an array of legal talent as ever appeared in a North Carolina court. Trial of the action may bring into Judge Meekins' court none other than Charles Evans Hughes who left a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States to become the candidate of the Republican party for the Presidency in 1916 and who was until recently Secretary of State of the United States.

Mr. Hughes' New York law firm, Hughes, Roanoke, Schurman and Dwight, appear in the case as leading counsel and have associated with them Casner and Casner, of Charlotte, and Pea and Pea, of Raleigh. The suit will be defended by District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker, who will doubtless have associated with him special counsel representing the Department of the Treasury in Washington.

Complicated Transactions. The suit, which is divided into two causes of action representing the two calendar years involved, is based upon (Continued on Page Three.)

800,000 Boy Scouts to Celebrate Sixteenth Anniversary of Movement

New York, Jan. 4.—Official plans for the nationwide celebration of the 16th anniversary week of the Boy Scouts of America, February 7-13, 1926, were issued here today by the national office.

Over 24,500 Scout troops with a membership of 800,000 men and boys will participate. Scouting and the home will have the central place in the program.

The days of anniversary week are designated as follows: Church, Anniversary, School, Home, Service, Patriotism and Good Health Day. Churches to Participate.

On the opening day of the celebration which is a Sunday, all churches will be asked to make special mention of the Scout movement. Over 50 per cent. of the Scout troops now in existence are sponsored by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches.

At 8:15 p. m. on the evening of February 8th, anniversary day, will take place one of the most impressive events of the week. In accordance with the ruling of the Scout constitution, at that time every member of the organization will recommit himself to the Scout oath and law.

In many places special ceremonies of recommitment will be held, with representatives from each Scout's home and church present.

Senator Norris Wants Prospects on Tennessee River Halted For Present. Washington, Jan. 4.—(P)—A resolution requesting the Federal power commission to cease granting permits for power development on the upper Tennessee River until Congress decides what disposition will be made of Muscle Shoals was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska.

Senator Norris declared that if private interests got possession of the power sites on the upper Tennessee River the government property at Muscle Shoals would be damaged.

Complete surveys of the river and its tributaries should be made before any private leases are granted to determine how the maximum power can be obtained at the lowest cost.

Charlotte Jews Are Not in Accord With Rabbi Wise. Charlotte, Jan. 3.—Charlotte Jews are strongly opposed to the conduct of Rabbi Wise, noted Jewish leader of New York, who has been quoted as preaching that the Jews should accept Jesus Christ as a man and not as a myth, according to Rabbi Abram S. Iron of the local Hebrew United brotherhood, in a statement here today. Rabbi Iron said that he reflected the sentiment of the Jews of Charlotte who stand by the orthodox Jewish teaching which does not accept the New Testament.

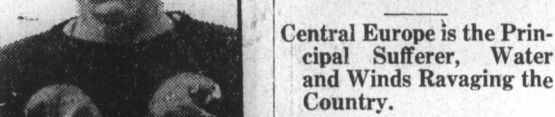
Accepting Jesus or Christianity in any form is an act of apostasy, Rabbi Iron declared.

Star Theatre Monday Only SHIRLEY MASON in "THE SCARLET HONEYMOON" Also Fox News No. 27 Tuesday—Wednesday "THE GOOSE HANGS HIGH" —With— CONSTANCE BENNETT It's a Paramount Special. Also a Fox News No. 28 Thursday—Friday "THE SKI RAIDER" A 1926 Picture. We are First to Run it in the State of North Carolina. With Jacqueline Logan and Capt. Nugesser, the world's greatest living ace. Don't miss it.

Saturday "GOLD GRIT" With BUDDY ROOSEVELT Also a Comedy

Scholarship

George Pfann, one of the greatest football players Cornell ever turned out, has just come into a new honor. He's been elected a Rhodes scholar from Ohio. He graduated from Cornell a couple of years ago.



Central Europe is the Principal Sufferer, Water and Winds Ravaging the Country.

FULL FACTS ARE NOT YET KNOWN One Report Says 1,000 Persons Perished in One Country—Persons Driven From Their Homes.

Paris, Jan. 4.—(P)—Europe continues to be ravaged in a growing degree from floods, which are complicated by gales. Central Europe is the principal sufferer. Communication is defective and the full extent of the disaster will not be known for some time.

One report reaching London is the toll of dead has reached 1,000 in Transylvania. The flood waters of the Theiss River near the famous Tokay vineyard region in eastern Hungary has caused immense floods. Thousands of villagers have been driven to the roofs of their houses.

A number of persons who sought safety there have died from exposure. Regent Horthy and Count Dethlen, the premier, are visiting the most affected points in a power boat.

ORMOND VOICES THANKS TO POST Minister Grateful For Resolutions Calls Cole Fugitive From Justice.

Fayetteville, Jan. 2.—W. B. Cole, slayer of W. B. Ormond, is characterized as a fugitive from justice by young Ormond's father, Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Oxford, in a letter written to Commander H. C. Blackwell, of Cumberland Post of the American Legion, to thank the local Legionnaires for resolutions which expressed loyalty to the memory of Bill Ormond and condemned Cole's acquittal in strong terms.

Mr. Ormond, writing for his family, says that they all thanked the Cumberland Legion members from the bottom of their hearts. In reference to his son's slayer, he adds: "Mr. Dunning was right when he said that Cole is a fugitive from justice."

An interesting incident is related by Mr. Ormond. "Cole stopped here a few days ago," he says, "to get gasoline and oil on his way to Richmond." The fact is ascribed by Mr. Ormond to Cole's desire to let the people of Oxford know who he was and to let them see that he was a free man.

Mr. Ormond was transferred to Oxford from a postulate at Nashville by the North Carolina conference which met here in November.

"Of course the chief thing is the loss of our dear boy," says Ormond's father at the beginning of the letter. But he adds that he and his family could have stood it much better had Cole received some punishment at the hands of the law. "We know that the boy is saved," he concludes the letter, "but we feel that his assassin should have had some punishment other than he has."

Asheville Places Water Supply First Asheville, Jan. 3.—Providing of a water supply adequate to all the needs of Asheville and sufficient for all emergencies is the prime duty and the chief purpose of the city administration. Mayor John H. Cathey declared Saturday. Although the old city hall is to be razed as soon as office space is available in the new market, fire, police and health department building, the erection of a new city hall will not be allowed to interfere with the obtaining of additional water.

Commissioners Frank L. Conder and C. H. Bartlett indicated that the mayor is the spokesman for the administration and that they wished him to make all statements as to the water and city hall problem. It was understood about the city hall, however, this morning that the three commissioners are in complete harmony on the necessity for putting the water supply first in their program.

Pugilist Mixes Opera With Fistic Ability in a Pleasing Manner. London, Jan. 3.—Joop Leit, heavy-weight pugilist, known as "The Singing Dutchman," proved his contention last night that prize fight fans like grand opera as well as rough and tumble bouts, if served to them with fitting surroundings.

After punishing Billy Prostage, of Nottingham, at the Brick Friar Fight Hall, so severely that Billy surrendered at the end of the second round, Leit regaled the ringside patrons by singing selections from Paganini, with Wagnerian airs for encores.

The spectators were so pleased with the Amsterdam boxer's singing that none of them thought of asking the management for their money back because the fight ended so abruptly.

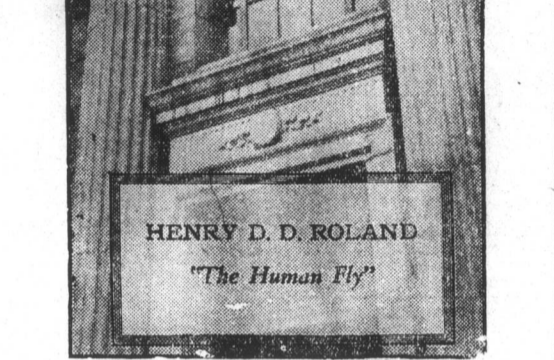
Lost Army Officers Return to Camp. Laredo, Texas, Jan. 4.—(P)—Lieut. Marion T. Pharr and Lieut. Clarence F. Thorpe, army officers who have been missing from the hunting camp of a party of officers near Rodriguez, Mexico, returned to the camp late last night in good health. The officers said they lost their way. Wander- ing through the woods they obtained food and shelter from sheep herders.

To Climb Walls of Courthouse

Thrills aplenty will be offered tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock when Henry Roland, the "Human Fly," scales the walls of the courthouse and does stunts from the top of the building.

Roland is a dare-devil in his work and has climbed buildings in all parts of the United States. He has successfully climbed buildings never before scaled.

On his climb to the top of the courthouse Roland will carry several dozen Daily Tribunes and these will be thrown into the crowd which is expected to assemble to see the stunts. Some of the papers will contain free passes to a local theatre, and the persons being fortunate enough to get the papers with the passes can see a movie without charge.



HENRY D. D. ROLAND "The Human Fly"

SIXTY-ONE TRAFFIC DEATHS OCCURRED IN THE SOUTH DURING NEW YEAR WEEK, THE REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SHOW.

Atlanta, Jan. 4.—(P)—New Year's week ran Christmas week a close second for the number of traffic fatalities in the Southern states. The death toll for the week ending last night was 61, while the previous week witnessed the deaths of 70 persons in traffic. There were 281 injured last week, against upwards of 400 the previous week. The figures were revealed in a survey today by the Associated Press in 11 states.

North Carolina led the death column with 14 killed, her nearest competitor was Florida and Mississippi, with eight each. Arkansas and Alabama reported only one fatality each.

Virginia led in accidents, with 49, while Florida scored 42. Georgia and Louisiana followed with 35 each. Alabama had only 2.

The tabulation by states includes: North Carolina, 14 dead, 31 injured; South Carolina, 6 dead, 3 injured.

Piano Bargains at Kidd-Frix Co. The Kidd-Frix Music & Stationery Co. is offering many unusual bargains in pianos now. The prices are low and the terms easy. Be certain to read the company's ad in this paper today.

Massachusetts, in 1912, was the first State to enact a minimum wage law for women workers.

Salisbury, Jan. 2.—Interesting figures concerning Salisbury during the year just closed have been compiled. They show among other things that over half a million dollars were spent on paving street and sidewalks, the total amount of streets put down being more than six miles. Along with these streets went sewer and water mains. A million and a quarter was spent in new buildings and additions to buildings already up.

The Virginia legislature about to assemble will have two women among its members.

Young Woman Gives Ball and is Released. Stateville, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Virginia Brattain, who was placed in jail Thursday night on a charge of bootlegging, appeared before United States Commissioner R. V. Garpe late Friday afternoon and gave a \$500 bond for her appearance for trial in Federal court in Salisbury on the fourth Monday in April. The bond was signed by W. S. Hartsell, a farmer, of Stanly county.

The younger woman's husband, Ella Brattain, was present when his wife was released from jail, in signing the bond. Mr. Hartsell stated to Commissioner Garpe that up to this time he had never known anything against the character of the young woman, but that her husband, whom she married last November, had the reputation of being a bootlegger. The parties are residents of Stanly county.

Greensboro Out After Republican Convention. Greensboro, Jan. 3.—Republicans in this city and various organizations plan to invite the Republicans of the state to hold their convention here in the spring. It was learned tonight. Special efforts will be made to get the convention here.

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SAT'S BEAR SATS! Rain probably tonight and Tuesday, warmer Tuesday and in west portion tonight. Moderate to fresh east and southeast winds.

WANT COMMITTEE TO LEASE MUSCLE SHOALS PROPERTY

The House Rules Committee Approves Resolution to Create Joint Congressional Body.

WOULD FUNCTION WITHOUT DELAY Six Members of Committee Provided For in Resolution Which Has Been Approved.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(P)—The House rules committee today approved a resolution to create a joint Congressional committee to negotiate for the leasing of the government's Muscle Shoals property.

The joint committee would be composed of three members of the Senate agriculture Committee, and three members of the House military committee. It would be directed to complete the work by April 1st.

The report to the committee, or a bill to carry out its report would be given a privileged status in the House, similar to that accorded appropriation bills.

Drafted by Chairman Snell, of the rules committee and Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the democratic leader, the resolution to create the committee was amended by the rules committee to provide for the leasing of the government's quarry properties at Waco, Alabama.

In accepting bids for the Shoals property the joint committee should be directed to reject any offer not carrying the financial remuneration obtained in the Ford bid, accepted by the House in the last Congress, but not approved by the Senate.

Further, all leases would be limited to a fifty year period.

MISS CARRIE EFRID WEDS WILLIAM LEARN MURPHY Beautiful Ceremony at Albemarle Units Very Prominent Families.

Albemarle, Jan. 1.—On Wednesday evening at the Central Methodist church Miss Carrie Efrid was married to William Learn Murphy in a most lovely ceremony. Rev. C. M. Pickett, pastor of the bride, hearing the vows, officiating. W. King, as the bride, entered carrying the prayer pillow.

Next came Master James Morgan nephew of the bride, carrying the ring in a silver tray, followed by little Miss Helen Finch Morgan, who scattered rose petals.

Miss Efrid was given in marriage by her father, W. Efrid. The bridegroom was accompanied by his brother, S. Fred Murphy, as best man.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy will be at home in Chester, S. C.

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