

STATEWIDE SEARCH FOR PONZI BEING MADE IN FLORIDA

Friends Insist That He Has Gone to Jacksonville to Answer Charges Preferred Against Him.

OFFICIALS THERE LOOKING FOR HIM

Did Not Arrive on Morning Trains and Some Believe He Left the Train in Railroad Yards.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—A statewide search for Charles Ponzi, indicted here yesterday for alleged violation of a state law, was instituted today when he failed to arrive in Jacksonville on morning trains.

Friends Say He Went to Jacksonville

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Friends of Charles Ponzi, indicted on charges of fraudulent land dealings in Jacksonville, today reiterated their statements to the effect that Ponzi has left here for that city.

A close friend of the financial wizard in Ybor City at the restaurant where Ponzi made his headquarters, said the latter had talked with Mrs. Ponzi over the telephone early last night, and that she told him about the indictments.

Visitors Drink From Cups But Governor Uses Gourd

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Sanitary drinking cups are furnished to visitors, but the governor of Mississippi drinks from a gourd.

John Snotherly Dies at New London Home

Abemarle, Feb. 8.—The funeral service for John Snotherly, who died at New London this morning, will be held here tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Making Good Progress

Benno Aires, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Spanish trans-Atlantic aviators flying here from Rio Janeiro, passed over Florianopolis, 600 miles by air line southwest of Rio at 12:20 o'clock this afternoon.

Of the nearly 55,000 women in the Federal civil service outside of the city of Washington the largest number are employed in the Post-office Department.

The Concord Theatre Under New Management Last Showing

TONIGHT 7 and 9 P. M.

"The Lost World" No Advance in Prices

LARGE SECTION OF ENGLAND IS AGAIN UNDER WATER NOW

Floods in Some Portions of Country Exceed Those of January, Say London Reports.

RAIN HAS FALLEN FOR MANY DAYS

Only One Day During the Past 22 Has Been Without Rain.—Parts of the Towns Flooded.

London, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A large part of England again is under water. The floods in some portions of the country exceed those of January.

BANK AND COTTON MILL STOCKS SELL HIGH HERE

Stocks Left in Estate of Miss Matilda King Sold at Auction Here Monday.

The stocks of the Gibson Manufacturing company, the Cabarrus Cotton Mill and the Wisconsin Mills Co., in addition to the bank stock, was offered at the auction held at the court house, the entire lot bringing good prices.

EVOLUTION TEACHINGS PLACED UNDER A BAN

Mississippi State Legislature Clamps on Lid Following Long, Heated Debate.

Forty Stone Buildings at Duke University

Durham, Feb. 9.—Forty attractive stone buildings of the English cathedral design are included in the second group to be erected as a part of the Duke University expansion program.

Bandits Routed in Gun Fight

Chadwick, Ill., Feb. 9.—(AP)—One bandit is dead, one is dying, a third is wounded and two others are in custody after a gun fight near here today.

Circulating Library in Durham County

Durham, Feb. 9.—Three thousand books were borrowed from the truck that tours Durham county from the Durham public library during the month of January, the report of Miss Clara Crawford, librarian, showing that almost one-third of the books circulated from the library went to county people.

Harvard Beats Carolina 40-27

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 8.—The University of North Carolina basketball quint again suffered defeat by a close shave when the Harvard quint put the southerners asunder.

Loses Hands, Gains Mother



Francis Murray, 15, lost both his hands when a torpedo cap exploded as he was handling it at the Houston, Tex., fair grounds.

But newspaper stories about the accident resulted in his reunion with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Murray Long of Indianapolis, who had placed him in an orphanage years ago and lost track of him.

BOWMAN SENTENCED TO COUNTY ROADS

Judge Webb sentenced the Newton man to serve one year on the Buncombe county roads, according to judgment announced by the court this morning at 11:50 o'clock.

MONROE HOPEFUL OF NEW RAILROAD

Committee Has Satisfactory Conference With S. A. L. Officials.

Monroe, Feb. 8.—A representative from the committee appointed some weeks ago at Pagseland, to further the proposed railroad from Monroe to Jefferson, S. C., returned this morning from West Palm Beach, Florida, where a conference was held with Seaboard Air Line officials relative to the new road.

Great Missions Conference Opens

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9.—Seven hundred delegates representing a constituency of 3,000,000 communicants of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches assembled in this city today to discuss problems connected with union mission work in the foreign field.

Girl of Nine is Ready to Go to High School

New York, Feb. 8.—"Everything's easy to me," said Ruth Horn, nine, of No. 93 Jewell Street, Brooklyn, a student at John Ericsson Junior High School in Brooklyn, who completed an eight-year elementary school course in four years, "skipping" seven times for a total of eight classes.

Ruth wants to become a school teacher. She will be ten February 18. Her sister, Pearl, 13, is in her second year at Girls' High School.

GENERAL PERSHING REACHES KEY WEST ON HIS WAY HOME

Appeared in Poor Health But Refused to Discuss His Condition Except to Describe It as "Fair."

PLANS TO ENTER HOSPITAL SOON

Will Enter the Walter Reed Hospital But Does Not Know How Long Will Have to Stay There.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—General John J. Pershing arrived here shortly before noon today aboard the cruiser Denver, en route to Washington, D. C., from Arica, Chile, where he served until recently as neutral chairman of the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission.

General Pershing appeared in very poor health but announced that his condition was "fair" declining either to confirm or deny persistent reports that ill health had prompted his resignation in the South American boundary dispute, and his immediate return to the United States.

"I am not on the sick list, but I suppose my health for the past few months would entitle me to be, except for the fact that I have not been on active military duty. It is true that I have been under my physician's care. I intend to enter the Walter Reed Hospital on my return to Washington, but cannot say how long I'll stay there," he declared.

This statement was made after Maj. John J. Quekener, General Pershing's aide, had characterized the general's condition as "bad." He was said to have kept below decks during the entire journey here, except for brief intervals during clear days, when he walked about the ship.

FLOYD HERMAN BENNETT LEAVES CAMP OF HONOR

Was Serving Sentence for Kidnapping and Seduction in Mecklenburg County.

C. RAY IDINGS IS KILLED AT SPENCER

Fell From Tender of Shifting Engine and Was Run Over.

Fatally Hurt in Drinking Party

Asheville, Feb. 8.—Taft Evans, of Weaverville, is held in the Buncombe county jail charged with killing Ernest Parker. Members of the sheriff's department went to Evans home before day light Monday morning to effect the arrest when it was found that Parker had died as the result of wounds alleged to have been inflicted on him with a rock in the hands of Evans.

"Poor Old Man" Dies, Widow Finds

Comfrey, Minn., Feb. 9.—Years spent in poverty ended in a measure of happiness for Mrs. Walter Hutton, aged and blind, when a cedar chest containing \$20,000 in currency, bonds and other papers of which she had no knowledge was found in her home.

Would Pay Federal Judges More

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A bill to increase the salaries of all Federal judges was approved today by the House judiciary committee.

He Beats Job for Patience



Job had no corner on patience. J. S. Baird of Des Moines, Ia., spent nearly five years making these chains. He carved each chain from a single piece of wood.

THE COTTON MARKET

Prices Rather Unsettled in the Early Trading Due to Increased Near Month Liquidation.

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The cotton market was rather unsettled in today's early trading due to increased near month liquidation.

THINKS DAVIS AIMS AT GENERAL PATRICK

Former Colonel Mitchell Says Secretary of War Starts Inquiry to Get Head of Air Service.

WAKE FOREST IS TO TAKE STEP NEXT WEEK

The athletic council of Wake Forest College will be called here February 15th to consider the names of a score or more applicants who have expressed a desire of succeeding Hank Garrity as head coach.

JUDGE BRYSON WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE AGAIN

Will Not Seek Renomination as Superior Court Judge.

GERMANY REPLIES TO THE ITALIAN PREMIER

Foreign Minister Stresemann Answers Broadside Issued Saturday by Mussolini.

No New Hearing For Governor Small

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Reaffirming its previous decision, the Supreme Court of Illinois today denied a rehearing and directed Gov. Len Small to account for \$1,100,000 interest money alleged withheld by him while he was State Treasurer in 1917 and 1918.

Republican Committee Meets

Durham, Feb. 9.—The North Carolina Republican executive committee meets in Durham tomorrow to elect a national committee man to succeed Judge John J. Parker, circuit court judge, and select a place and a date for the Republican State convention.

Would Protest Against The Mussolini

Vienna, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The provincial diet of the Tyrol at Innsbruck adopted a resolution today demanding that the Austrian government appeal to the league of nations against Premier Mussolini's "threat," referring to his speech of last Saturday on Italo-German relations.

PRESIDENT IS ASKED BY SENATE TO ACT IN THE COAL CRISIS

After Twice Refusing to Consider Such Action, Senate Adopts the Cope-land Resolution.

PUBLIC OPINION CAUSES CHANGE

Vote on Resolution Was 54 to 21, Showing the Change That Has Come About During Week.

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—President Coolidge was asked today by the Senate to intercede in the anthracite controversy.

After having twice refused to consider such a step, the Senate succumbed to the growing pressure for action and adopted a resolution by Senator Cope-land, democrat, of New York, asking the Chief Executive to call the operators and miners into conference at the white house.

As adopted, however, the resolution was amended so as to leave it to the President to decide when the conference would be called.

The vote for adoption was 54 to 21. On last Friday the Senate refused, 45 to 28, to take up the proposal, and on the following day it repeated the refusal, 43 to 38.

Will Not Grant Request

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A Senate appeal to President Coolidge today to seek a solution for the anthracite controversy, but the request was answered almost immediately by a resolution at the White House of the President's policy of non-interference.

OPEN WAY FOR CLOSING UP COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

Trustee in Mecklenburg Mills Bankruptcy Agrees to Foreclosure.

Greensboro, Feb. 8.—The way is cleared for winding up the affairs of the Mecklenburg Mills Company in documents filed today in the office here of the clerk of the United States court, western district of North Carolina, agreeing to the foreclosure of the property of the mills.

The papers are answers to the request of the Coal and Iron National Bank, of the city of New York that the judge of the court E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, allow foreclosure proceedings, brought in the interest of the bond holders, for which the bank is the trustee.

The Mecklenburg Mills Company, which operated four cotton mills, Mecklenburg, at Charlotte, Newton and Clyde at Newton, and Nancy at Tuckertown, Montgomery county, and home offices in Salisbury and was adjudged bankrupt in October, 1923.

Bonds held amount to about \$600,000. The paper filed today were answers to the petition of the bank for the foreclosure of the property and those answering agree to the foreclosure. Answers were made by E. F. McGowan, trustee in bankruptcy for the mills company, and John C. Lawson, who was secretary-treasurer of the company.

France Off on Another Flight

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Commander Raymond Franco, who has flown from Palos, Spain, hopped off today at 7:21 a. m. for Benno Aires after a short preliminary flight to test his engine.

The town of Fach, on an oasis in the Sahara, is built of salt. It is said to have only 100 inhabitants.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Mostly cloudy tonight, probably light rain in northeast portion, slightly colder in southwest portion tonight.

"The Gondoliers" High School Auditorium Friday, Feb. 12th Beautiful Music Beautiful Girls Beautiful Costumes