

CONVICTS' DEATHS HAVE RESULTED IN AN INVESTIGATION

Attorney General of Alabama, Upon Request of Several Persons, Starts Rigid Investigation.

GRAND JURY MAY GET FACTS ALSO

J. W. Taylor Started Definite Action When He Asked For Facts About Death of Son.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A general investigation into recent deaths of convicts in Alabama mines operated by convict labor is being conducted by Attorney General Harrell Davis, following the filing of complaints.

J. W. Taylor yesterday asked that an investigation be conducted into the death of his son "Fate," who died at a convict camp after serving eight days of a ten years sentence.

Announcement by the Attorney General also indicated a grand jury investigation will be asked into the death of James Knox, West Virginian, who died in a convict camp in August, 1924. He said efforts had been made to frustrate his inquiry into the case.

Mr. Taylor in his complaint filed with Sheriff Henry Cobb of Colbert County, charged that his son was beaten to death by two negro trustees who had been ordered to punish him. Prison records show that Taylor died of heart trouble but Mr. Taylor said his son had never been troubled with his heart. He requested an exhumation of the body to determine if possible what caused his death.

The Taylor case is similar to that of Knox, who, reports said, was sentenced to death when he failed to dig his share of the coal. The Attorney General has been investigating his death but has not given his reports, which, he said will be voluminous. Prison records state Knox died from poison, self-administered.

WOMAN'S METHODIST MISSIONARY COUNCIL Sixteenth Annual Session to Be Held at Raleigh March 10-17.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Addresses by men and women of note and the quadrennial election of officers are expected to feature the sixteenth annual session of the Woman's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is to be held here March 10th to 17th.

Preceding by only two months the meeting of the general conference of the denomination in May, it is expected that the council will formulate recommendations for legislation by the general conference.

Sessions of the council will be held at Edenton Street Church, of which Rev. W. A. Stanbury is pastor.

Among the speakers who are on the program for the meeting are: Dr. J. B. Matthews, professor of Old Testament at Scarritt College for Christian Workers and former missionary, who will be in charge of the daily noon-day Bible hour; Dr. Daniel J. Fleming, of New York, a Presbyterian minister who has been a missionary to India, and who is an author of books on missions; and Dr. Charles R. Lanister, executive secretary of the City Federation of Churches, Pittsburgh, Pa., who will speak on "The Church in the Community."

In the council meeting North Carolina will be represented by Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. H. Early, of Gatesville; Mrs. H. C. Boney, of Hills; Mrs. Lucy E. Robertson, of Greensboro, and Mrs. A. H. Dunham, of Asheville.

Among the visitors expected at the meeting is Miss Sze Yung Pau, for many years president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the China conference. Miss Sze will not only represent her conference at the council meeting in Raleigh, but she has been elected an official delegate to the general conference meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in May.

The Woman's Missionary Council has a membership of approximately 200 delegates, representing every section of the church's territory, and a constituency of approximately 300,000 women, members of missionary societies. Through this organization, women of the denomination are doing missionary work in Africa, Brazil, China, Cuba, Korea, Japan and Mexico, as well as at home.

LET CONTRACT FOR CITY IMPOUNDING DAM Work Will Be Done by E. J. Patterson, of Charlotte, at Cost of Approximately \$54,000.

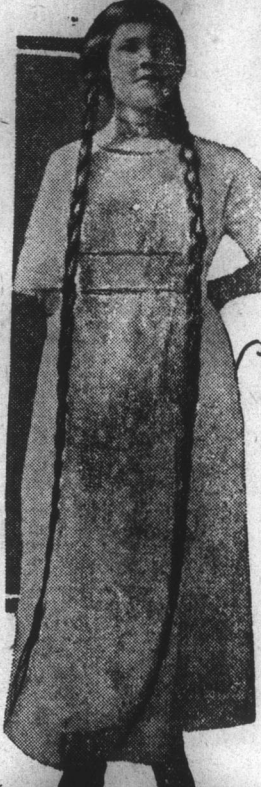
Meeting here Tuesday to receive bids for the new impounding dam for the city, members of the water and light board heard various offers and let the contract to R. J. Patterson, of Charlotte.

The cost of the dam will be approximately \$54,000, and work will be completed by March first. The company plans to complete the work in 120 working days.

The new dam will have a storage capacity of 343,000,000 gallons and once it is filled the city will have a water supply of 2,000,000 gallons daily.

The English derby is considered the greatest racing event in the world.

No Shears



Mrs. James Wire of Kountze, Tex. has always been proud of her hair. Now, she says, she won't bob it, no matter what the fappers do.

MINERS TRYING TO CLOSE MINES FAIL

Union Members Dispersed by Police When They Gathered Near Mine Using Non-Union Help.

Evanville, Ind., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Union sympathizers who have been conducting a campaign to close non-union mines in the Indiana coal field were dispersed by police and deputy sheriffs when they visited the Sunnyside Mine near here this morning. Non-union men entered the shaft unaccompanied.

The visit to the Sunnyside Mine followed calls on three mines in Warwick County yesterday during which some disorders developed. Lee Gordon, a non-union miner, stabbed in fighting between factions at Newberg yesterday, and brought to a hospital here, is recovering.

N. C. COLLEGE FACULTY STRONG FOR DR. CHASE

Endorse Him as Friend of Toleration and Freedom in North Carolina.

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—Members of the faculty of the North Carolina College for Women here, meeting today, passed a resolution that declared if President Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina leaves the University, it will be a distinct loss to the State and endorsed him as the friend of toleration and freedom in North Carolina. They expressed the hope that he will not leave the University to accept the presidency of the University of Oregon, which has been offered him. Pledge of support of Dr. Chase in this stand for educational and moral progress was made. The president of the college, Dr. J. I. Foust, attended the meeting and aided in the passage of the resolution. And he wired Dr. Chase now in the West, of the action taken.

Three Changes That Interest Carolinians

Washington, Feb. 16.—In addition to the changes Senator Simmons needed in making the tax bill in the Senate, already printed in this paper, there are three others which he deems of importance and special interest in North Carolina. They are:

1. Repeal of the 8 cents per pound tax proposed by the House on the sale of leaf tobacco by dealers to the consumers.

2. Restoring the \$300 building and loan exemption which had been cut out of the bill, and which Senator Simmons had put back in.

3. Defeating the efforts as reflected in the House bill indirectly to tax farm loan and joint stock land bank bonds and other public securities. Senator Simmons knocked this out in the Finance Committee.

Give Young Men Hearing Today.

Morganton, N. C., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The preliminary hearing of the four young men charged with the murder of Frank Butler, Burke county man, on the night of January 30th, which was continued until today, is scheduled to begin at 3 p. m. before Justice of the Peace George H. Battle in the Burke county court house. The young men charged with the crime are Charles Kendrick, Wells Green, Roy Hill, and Otis Jolly, all of Gaffney S. C.

PRESIDENT RESTING FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS OF SICKNESS

Went to His Office Today But Soon Returned to White House Because of Very Heavy Cold.

CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS

Resting as Precautionary Measure Since Cold Has Been Hanging on Several Days.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—President Coolidge after a brief stay today in his office returned to his living quarters in the White House to seek relief from a heavy cold.

The President conferred during the morning with Chairman Madden, of the House appropriation committee, and received a call from Ambassador Riano, of Spain. He then cancelled other engagements for the day.

The President appeared at his desk at the usual time and transacted business, demanding his immediate attention. He has suffered for a long time from a nasal trouble and has taken regular treatments for it.

White House officials did not consider the cold as serious. They said it could be more quickly dissipated if more rest is afforded the President.

J. D. NOGWOOD FILES A FORMAL APPEAL

Former Bank Official Will Fight Federal Prison Sentence.

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—Attorneys for J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the board of directors of the People's National bank of Salisbury, which failed June 8, 1923, today in the office here of the clerk of the United States court, western district of North Carolina, filed formal appeal from verdict of guilty brought against him in the court here last December 19 on charge of violation of the banking laws.

He was sentenced by Judge H. H. Watkins, of western South Carolina federal district court, who presided over the trial, having exchanged suits with Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby. The sentence was three years in federal prison in Atlanta. Appeal is also taken from the sentence imposed.

The attorneys base their appeal for one thing upon the refusal of the judge to direct a verdict of not guilty, before the jury retired, as he did in the case of J. K. Doughton, who was president of the bank when it failed. He and Norwood were tried on joint indictment, of six counts, charging misapplication of funds of the bank. Doughton was cleared by order of the judge.

The district attorney has thirty days in which to file answer to the exceptions noted by the defense attorneys in their appeals, and the matter then goes to the United States circuit court of appeals, sitting at Richmond, Va.

Norwood, who was formerly head of the Mecklenburg Mills company, a chain of four plants, with offices at Salisbury, is now engaged in business in Birmingham, Ala. He is out on bond of \$10,000, which was filed when he gave notice of intention to appeal from the verdict and the indictment imposed by Clyde Hoey, Shelby, and A. L. Brooks, of this city, are his attorneys.

With Our Advertisers.

The best meats of every kind at the Sanitary Grocery Co. Phones 670 and 686.

Your garments made germ-free and clean at Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. See "Town Topics" in the new ad. of Fetzer & Yorkie today.

Now is the time to get your awnings from the Concord Furniture Co. Terms to suit your convenience.

Dancing lessons each Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club by Miss Dorothy Mallard.

"The Early Bird," J. C. Penney Co.'s spring Waverly cap, only \$1.98. The newest spring hats at Efrid's, a rich and varied collection. Prices, \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95.

Stetson and No Name hats for spring at the Richmond-Flowe Co's.

At the Broadway Theatre in Charlotte February 18, 19 and 20 the premier southern showing of "The Sea Beast," with John Barrymore and Dolores Costello will be given. Performances at 1, 3:10, 7 and 9 p. m. Its a Warner classic of the screen. Special stage prolog with scenic and lighting effects. See ad. elsewhere.

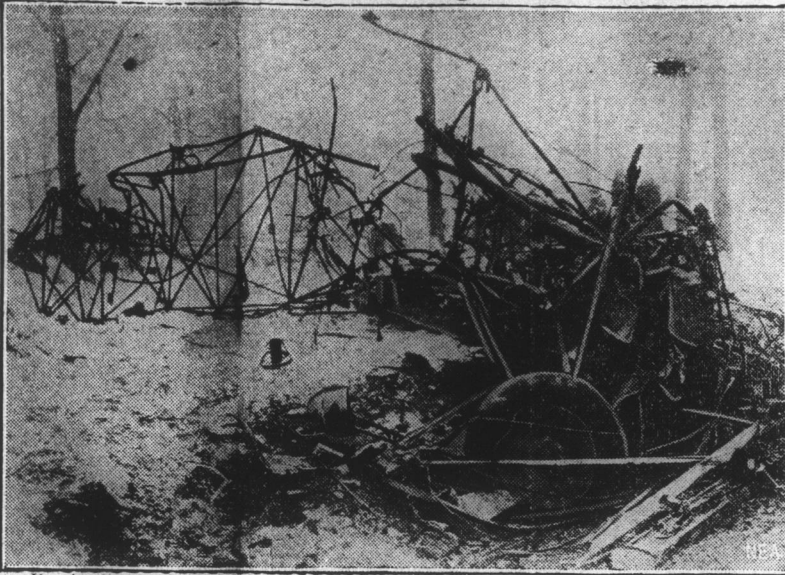
If you would benefit by the special terms now being offered by the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co., note that the sale ends next Saturday. Read the ad. on last page today.

All prices reduced on winter goods at Parks-Belk Co's. The goods are priced low to clean them up quick. Everything is now on new spring merchandise in all the latest styles. Phone your grocery wants to 138.

Elison May Be Next Mayor of Charlotte.

Charlotte, Feb. 16.—Developments in the mayoralty situation Tuesday indicated that Ernest Elison, well known insurance man, may be the next mayor of Charlotte. He has been a resident of Charlotte for 19 years and is prominent in many phases of the city's life.

A Tragedy of the Night Air Mail



Here is all that is left of the airplane in which Art Smith, veteran pilot, crashed as he was making a night flight on the air mail route between Chicago and Cleveland. His plane struck a tree, fell to the ground and burst into flames near Bryan, O., killing Smith and leaving only the charred wreckage for the rescue party.

FOUR MEN MISSING FOLLOWING WRECK

Six Others Hurt, Three Seriously, When Two Boats Collided in the East River Today.

New York, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Four men were missing after a collision on the East River near the Brooklyn Bridge. Six others, three of whom are in a serious condition, were taken to Breckman Street hospital suffering from submersion and exposure. All of the crew of the tug boat were thrown into the icy waters by the force of the collision. Nine men managed to cling to floating ice cakes up-ripped by the New Hampshire, and several tugs which went to the scene. A three-hour search failed to locate the four remaining men known to have been on the tug.

The tug sank immediately after the crash, only the top of its smoke stack remaining above the surface of the water. The New Hampshire with a damaged bow, proceeded to her pier.

TOO MANY INQUIRIES TO SUIT REPUBLICANS

Methods By Which Inquiries Can Be Halted Discussed at Conference.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A move to put the brakes on the Senate investigations was launched today by a conference of Senate Republicans.

To discourage adoption of the resolutions of inquiry at the request of one senator, the conference went on record in favor of referring such measures to the standing committee which has charge of the subject matter of a proposed investigation.

This committee would conduct a preliminary survey, and if a favorable report were made the measure then would go to the committee on audit and control for its approval.

Cotton Seed Figures.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Cotton seed crushed in the six months period August 1st to January 31st totalled 3,308,697 tons, compared with 3,243,452 tons in the same period a year ago, and cotton seed on hand at the mills January 31st totalled 1,099,371 tons, compared with 900,899 tons a year ago, the Census Bureau today announced.

Advertisement for JOANNA, featuring a woman's portrait and text: "JOANNA says: If a girl doesn't walk around with her eyes on the ground and her mind on the lilies people think she's got a date with the devil."

Advertisement for "What Would You Do With a Million Dollars?"

GENERAL PATRICK MUST MOVE NEXT

What Is to Be Done With Officers Who Oppose Air Service Plans Now Rests With Air Officer.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Necessary disciplinary action" as a result of the War Department's investigation into the reported air service propaganda activities has been left to Major General M. Patrick, chief of the air service.

General Patrick, who made the investigation at the orders of Secretary Davis, submitted his findings today to the Secretary who immediately delegated to him authority to take the proper steps.

This statement was issued by the Secretary.

General Patrick submitted to the Secretary of War this morning the report of the investigation undertaken to determine the parties responsible for the unauthorized attempts to influence legislation affecting the air service.

The matter of the necessary disciplinary action has been left to the Secretary of War in the hands of Gen. Patrick.

Officers Will Be Reprimanded. Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Majors H. H. Arnold and H. A. Dargue, of Louisiana, have been found responsible for "objectionable" activities in attempting to influence air service legislation and will be reprimanded.

The findings resulted from an investigation ordered by the Secretary of War following distribution of circulars urging support for air service legislation favored by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service.

Major Arnold is information officer in General Patrick's office and the general who has been given authority to administer the discipline found him most culpable and announced he would be sent to duty outside of Washington.

In the course of the investigation in his office, General Patrick closely questioned every officer on duty there.

"The investigation," the statement said, "disclosed the fact that only two officers in this office were concerned in an attempt to influence legislation in what I regard as an objectionable manner. Both of them will be reprimanded, and one of them no longer winter in my office, will be sent to another station."

75-Year-Old Woman Weds; Mother Dies of Shock.

Durham, Feb. 16.—Shock and displeasure because of the marriage of her 75-year-old daughter is given as the immediate cause of the death of Mrs. White, 102 years, at her home in McDowell county last week, according to information received by a great granddaughter of the deceased.

Mrs. G. S. Justice, of Durham, whose husband is a member of the local police force.

Mrs. Moffit, the daughter, and her mother had been living quietly in the mountain county for a long time, but when the mother was informed of the daughter's marriage on Tuesday of last week, her displeasure and the shock were too much for her and she died soon after the meager message to her great granddaughter said.

After the funeral and burial of Mrs. White, the daughter and her husband left on a bridal trip to Arkansas and other states in the west, it was learned. The name of the bridegroom was not learned by the Durham relatives.

Japan's first railroad wasn't built until 1872 or 42 years after the Baltimore and Ohio, the first railroad in the United States, began its service.

Miss Isabel Craig Bacon, an agent of the United States Board of Vocational Education, is going to France at the invitation of the Paris chamber of commerce to aid in establishing a permanent school in the French capital for the training of young women for store service.

SECRETARY DAVIS POSTPONES VISIT

Will Not Leave the Capital Until the Countess Cathcart Case Has Been Settled.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Secretary Davis postponed his departure for Florida on a vacation trip today in order to give further personal attention to the case of the Countess of Cathcart, who has appealed from the decision of immigration authorities at New York barring her from the United States on grounds of moral turpitude.

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WANTS MONEY FOR TESTS AGAINST BOLL WEEVIL

Senator Ransdell Wants Tests Made of Poisoning by Airplanes.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—An appropriation of \$250,000 was sought today by Senator Ransdell, Democrat, of Louisiana, for experimentation in methods of poisoning the boll weevil from airplanes.

He rebuffed the appropriation committee to permit the experimentation for use at the Tallulah, Ala., experiment station, where it already had been demonstrated that the operations were practicable.

Declaring that the boll weevil caused annual damage of \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000, he declared the whole country would benefit by cheap cotton if the experiments are continued.

He declared the boll weevil can be controlled if dusting by airplanes is continued on a large scale throughout the South.

SPARRING PARTNER OF JACK DEMPSEY SHOT

Pellee Not Able to Determine Whether the Wound Was Accidental.

Richmond, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Ralph Brooks, 28, sparring partner of Jack Dempsey, was found shot in the head in his room at a local hotel shortly after noon today.

He had come here to prepare for an exhibition match with the world's heavyweight champion on Saturday night. It has not been determined whether Brooks' wound was accidental. He was taken to a hospital and after a superficial examination physicians stated he had a faint chance to recover. Brooks' home is thought to be in Wichita, Kansas.

Match Toters Develop New Disease of Skin.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—"Matchbox inflammation" is the name given a newly diagnosed skin disease. Physicians of the University of Berlin clinic say it is caused by carrying boxes of matches in trousers pockets.

Hundreds of cases of what appeared to be eczema on the thighs of men led to an investigation. It was found the phosphorous sandpaper on the match boxes vaporized under the heat of the body and penetrated the skin. The inflammation is painful and slow to heal.

Ready to Race at Tampa.

Tampa Fla., Feb. 17.—With several hundred horses already here and many others en route, the initial mid-winter race meeting of the new West Coast Jockey Club will open tomorrow, to continue until April 3rd. A number of the most prominent stables in the country are represented and the club officials are optimistic over the outlook for the success of the meeting.

FIRE PROVES FATAL TO YOUNG MOTHER AND SIX CHILDREN

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Teale and Six of Her Children Trapped in Home in Central Bridge, N. Y.

ONE CHILD WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE

The Father Also Escaped But He Suffered From Broken Arms.—Preacher Burned During Fire.

Central Bridge, N. Y., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Teale, 29, and six of her children were burned to death when fire destroyed their apartment over a barber shop early today.

The father, Edward Teale, escaped with two broken arms and the eldest child, a daughter, was uninjured.

Rev. Harrison Black, pastor of the Methodist Church, was severely burned in attempting to rescue the victims. The clergyman saw the flames, heard cries of members of the Teale family and made his way to the second floor where Teale, unable to force his way through the flames to his children, was trying to drag his wife to safety. Mrs. Teale, however, struggled successfully back to her children and perished in the blaze. Flames forced the pastor and Teale to jump from the second story window.

CHECK-FLASHER POSES AS UNIVERSITY AGENT

Charged With Falsely Declaring Himself Duke Representative.

Durham, Feb. 16.—Posing as a representative of Duke University in search of new students for that institution, a young man in touring several of the Southern States on a check-flashing trip, according to officials, numerous inquiries have been received concerning checks given by him.

Georgia merchants have been the greatest sufferers at the hands of the impostor, according to information received. In August, he made away with a considerable sum of money. There he is said to have interviewed high school students regarding their entrance into Duke University. In this manner he established himself as a check-flasher and proceeded to cash checks amounting to hundreds of dollars. The checks were on a local bank.

Booze Consumers Fastidious in Taste.

Maxton, Feb. 16.—Deputy Sheriff Smith reports a rather dull period in "capturing stills" he has only captured three stills in the past two weeks. One of these was a brand new copper outfit, newly made and newer set up, just ready to run. It sat along the side of a galvanized tub outfit, both being captured on the old Purcell place, near Daniel McCeachin's house. The operatives were not captured but the assumption is that to whomsoever the old outfit belonged had found out the public demanded a quality distilled quality and that his customers no longer would tolerate a cheap brand of liquor, hence the up-to-date outfit.

The other still was located south of town on Alford Smith's place. The offender was found and is now under bond for trial. The trial was delayed because of his having contracted pneumonia from the exposure. The outfit was a cheap affair.

First Degree Murder Charged Against Vandyke.

Gastonia, Feb. 16.—Jesse Vandyke, alleged Cherryville bad man, confined in the local jail on charges of murdering Chief of Police A. L. Painter, of that place, will face first degree murder carrying the death sentence. Detective John G. Carpenter stated today.

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ANTHRACITE MINES WILL BE OPERATED TOMORROW

After An Idleness of More Than Five Months Miners Will Go Back to Work in Hard Fields.

GETTING TRAINS READY TO MOVE

Some Will Be Sent From Mining Towns When the Breakers Quit Work Tomorrow Night.

Seranton, Pa., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Anthracite production will be underway tomorrow.

After five months and 17 days of idleness, men and boys will wend their way through the snow-clad valleys to the mines. After the breakers quit for the day in many sections, coal trains will be on the way to the consumers.

At a miners convention final approval was given late yesterday to the peace pact arranged in Philadelphia last Friday by the representatives of the operators and miners. The agreement is expected to insure five years of peace and prosperity in the anthracite fields.

The agreement will be signed by operators and union leaders here late today.

The convention discussed provisions of the new contract for four hours.

Not until the miners were fully assured that there is no compulsory arbitration in the new agreement did the men from the pits cease questioning the mine leaders.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Today at Decline of 1 to 4 Points But Lower Prices Brought Covering.

New York, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened today at a decline of 1 to 4 points but the lower prices brought in renewed covering by near month shorts and some trade buying in later deliveries.

After selling off to 19.98 at the start, March rallied to 20.04 while October sold up from 18.11 to 18.15, the market showing advances of about 1 to 3 points at the end of the first hour.

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A special venire will probably be ordered by Judge C. C. Lyon, who will preside at the special term. A list of men, ranging in number from 50 to 100, will be secured from the county outside of Cherryville township.

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