

WINDSTORM CAUSES DEATHS AND DAMAGE DURING LAST NIGHT

Parts of France and Italy Were Swept by Winds Which Reached Cyclonic Proportions.

FOUR KILLED IN TOWN IN ITALY Tiles and Slate Stripped From Roofs of Homes as Shipping Was Damaged in Several Ports.

Rome, March 6.—(AP)—A violent windstorm attaining hurricane proportions, swept Italy from the Alps to Sicily during the night, claiming a number of victims, causing huge property damage, and destroying telegraph and telephone communications with the rest of Europe.

Four persons were killed and three injured at Messina when the walls of an abandoned convent were blown down. Great damage was done to shipping in the ports of Genoa and Catania. A heavy snowfall is reported from the Perugia region.

A forest fire fanned by the high wind, swept a large part of the countryside near Santa Margherita. Hundreds of volunteers were fighting the blaze today.

Damage in France Toulon, France, March 6.—(AP)—The Northwesterly gale which has been blowing for several days reached cyclonic proportions early today. Tiles and slate were stripped off the roofs of hundreds of houses and gutters and chimneys were blown away.

The new Toulon court house was badly damaged. Most of the work-shops in the arsenal were unroofed. The stands at the stadium, 300 feet in length were blown down. Thousands of fruit trees were uprooted.

D. A. R. GO NEXT TO WILMINGTON

Outlook For Year of Achievement Especially Good, Says State Regent.

Charlotte, March 5.—Wilmington was selected for the 1927 conference of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution at a closing session held last night at Hotel Charlotte, with Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, of Salisbury, regent, presiding. Unfinished business and plans for the year were discussed. Only a small number of out-of-town guests remained for the unexpected night session.

In speaking today of the conference, Mrs. Gregory stated that she was particularly well pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation and harmony evident among the leaders of the organization. She expressed the belief that the conference was one of the most successful in the history of the State Society and that the Daughters are facing an unusual, but bright year of opportunity and achievement.

"There has been a wonderful renaissance in the State organization," the regent said enthusiastically. "All over the state there is being shown a new interest in D. A. R. aims and works, not only among the members but also among outsiders. I am looking forward to the best year in our history and I believe that its success will be largely an important result of our splendid conference in Charlotte."

Michigan Grid Men Better Than Average Men Scholars.

Ann Arbor, March 6.—(AP)—Football intelligence is an asset in football, grades of the University of Michigan football team for the first semester of the present school year disclosed.

The team that won the championship of the Big Ten in eight points better in scholarship than the average of Michigan men.

All men who played more than a half in conference games attained an average grade for the semester of 81.8. The average grade of men in the University last year was 73.4.

The substitutes, as represented by eleven of the twenty-five men getting letters, were slightly below the general student average.

Silk Hose Hoses Raise to Lisle Factory Girls.

Providence, R. I., March 5.—"We want a 10 per cent increase in salary," chorused 60 girl employees in a local lisle hosiery factory.

"I'll give every girl a raise who is wearing lisle hosiery, no matter whether the stockings were made here or not," replied the manager.

Not one of the girls got a raise. They were all wearing silk stockings.

Makes Report Against State Senator.

Richmond, March 6.—(AP)—The special committee of the Virginia Senate appointed to determine whether State Senator Alfred C. Smith, of Norfolk, was the same person convicted of felonies in South Carolina, and at Fort Monroe under the names of C. M. Reynolds and Charles A. Smith, Jr., respectively, reported today that he is the same person convicted in each case.

J. Franklin (Home Run) Baker, who a few years ago was one of the most popular figures in major league baseball, is now a prosperous farmer at Trappe, Md.

Burning 20 Years of Sermons



Dr. Edward McShane Walta, president of Texas Christian University and former pastor of a Fort Worth (Tex.) church, saved his sermons for 20 years. There were 800 of them and they filled 40 notebooks. But the other day he decided that modern sermons must have more of science and less of homiletics than the old ones—so he burned his entire collection!

BUSINESS INCREASES

Durham Showed Greatest Increase of Three North Carolina Cities.

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—Reflecting business increases, four North Carolina cities showed increased debits to individual accounts during the four weeks ended February 10, 1926. The figures on debits made public by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, showed that of the 23 leading cities in the fifth Federal Reserve district only nine showed increased debits and four of the nine were North Carolina cities. The four cities in this state showing an increase were Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Asheville, and Durham.

The reserve statement noted that the increase at Raleigh was due to transfers of state funds while the increases at the other three North Carolina cities was due to "genuine increases in business."

The \$3 cities of the district on which the statement was based showed total debits for the period of \$1,397,314,000 on February 10th as compared with \$1,209,028,000 on January 13th. A business increase during the period was said to be unusual, which made the record of the nine cities showing increases, one to be especially noted.

From January 13th to February 10th, Durham showed the greatest increase of the three North Carolina cities where actual business conditions brought about the increase. In Durham the debits to individual accounts amounted from \$24,036,000 to \$27,382,000. Winston-Salem reported an increase from \$37,386,000 to \$38,515,000. Asheville's increase was from \$28,462,000 to \$29,044,000. The increase at Raleigh, chargeable to transfer of state funds rather than business improvement, was from \$27,946,000 to \$45,971,000.

REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD WAINWRIGHT VERY SICK

Has Heart Trouble and Little Hope For His Recovery Is Being Expressed.

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, retired navy veteran, is critically ill in the Navy Hospital here with a heart ailment and is not expected to recover.

He was executive officer of the Battleship Maine when it was blown up in Havana harbor in 1898, commanding the gunboat Gloucester in the engagement with Spanish destroyers when Admiral Cervera's fleet dashed from Santiago harbor against the American blockade, and was advanced ten numbers in rank for valor displayed in that action.

With Our Advertisers.

Join the "Sunday Gang" and attend the 5 o'clock services at the First Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon. A cordial welcome to all.

See the new ad. of the Fetzer & York Insurance agency.

Patt Covington has something to say in a new ad. today.

The repair work of the Concord Plumbing Company is as dependable as their other services. Phone 576. You can get lighting fixtures of merit from W. J. Hethcox.

Special sale of Ruid gas heaters, \$22.75, by the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Company, with only 75 cents down and \$2.00 a month.

Disagreement by Jury in the Quigley Case.

Boston, March 6.—(AP)—A disagreement was reported today by a federal jury in the case of Mayor Lawrence F. Quigley, of Chelsea, and thirteen others charged with conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws.

The United Boat Club, of Boston, which has just celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, was the first American club crew to figure in a winning race in the Royal Henley regatta.

URGENT NEGRO FARMERS TO PLANT GARDENS

Intensive Campaign to Be Put on in the Next Two Weeks.

Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—(AP)—An intensive campaign urging negro farmers in North Carolina to plant gardens will be put on in North Carolina in the next few weeks by the 20 local extension service at State College, it was stated today by Professor C. R. Hudson, in charge of this work for the College.

The campaign began on March 1st. In collaboration with horticulturists of the college, Professor Hudson is preparing a series of circulars to be mailed to negro farmers each two weeks for ten weeks. This agent will follow up this circular matter with field work. They will advise as to the planting of vegetables, preparation of the seed bed, and the fertilization and cultivation of the crops planted.

The first circular, to be mailed out shortly, will go to 5,000 negro farmers, it is stated by Professor Hudson. "We will have two campaigns this year," he said. "At the conclusion of the spring campaign, attention will be devoted almost entirely to the other farm problems. But again, on September 1, we will begin another effort, to have winter gardens planted."

"In our work with negro farmers, we place much emphasis on their trying to live at home, and in this, there is no more important thing than to have a good garden. We expect to hold a large number of meetings with the negroes who are co-operating with our agents, and will devote a large part of the time at these meetings to facts about growing vegetables."

A garden comprising about one-tenth of an acre is recommended as suited to the needs of the average negro farm family. For convenience, this garden should be located near the house, rather than out in the field, it is suggested. But even the back yard looks better in vegetables than weeds, says Professor Hudson.

CHARLOTTE IN FINALS AT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Will Play Leaksville Team For High Honors at Tournament in Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—Charlotte entered the finals of Class A teams of the first annual state high school basketball tournament here today. The Queen City five will contest the top rung with Leaksville High School. Leaksville eliminated Unionville, 33 to 23, while Charlotte defeated Wilmington 22 to 21.

In Class C, Friendship High School defeated Farm Life High School, 23 to 14. Other games in Classes B and C were to be played during the day with finals in three classes tonight.

German Girls Frown on Bobbed Hair Fad.

Juda, Thuringia, Germany, March 5.—Reluctant to follow the fashion of bobbing their hair, German frauleins of the provinces have organized a "Society of Long-Haired Maidens." The campaign is marked by a little bitterness. The society's members say bobbed girls look like Premier Mussolini, or Italy.

Newspaper advertising is being used extensively. "Imagine a bobbed-haired Lorelei combing golden hair six inches long," is one of the society's files.

"Short locks make Mother Germania look ridiculous," is another.

The Aintree course, near Liverpool, where the Grand National Steeplechase has its annual renewal this month, is 4 miles 856 yards long, and there are thirty fences to be jumped. The majority of these fences are of thorn thickened with gorse, and they have an average height of five feet and a width of 3 feet.

The Tribune in National Poll on Prohibition

Do the people of the United States—the plain, everyday men and women who pay the bills, cast the votes and make up the backbone of the nation—want the prohibition law modified?

During the past few months the argument has grown unusually heated. Some leaders have cried that the people are as strongly in favor of prohibition now as they were when the law was passed. Others have asserted that the people are tired of prohibition.

What is the truth? This paper, working in conjunction with NEA Service, the biggest newspaper feature service in the country, is going to find out.

It is co-operating in a nation-wide referendum vote that will show, more clearly than anything that has been done since the law went into effect, whether the sentiment of the people is for or against any change in the prohibition enactment.

A NATION-WIDE REFERENDUM

On Monday, March 8, in each of more than 700 daily newspapers throughout the United States, ballots will be printed so that the reader can show his preference. Strict supervision by competent tabulators will prevent "repeat" voting, but the ballots will be printed on Thursday and Friday also so that everyone can have a chance to vote.

The votes will be counted at the offices of The Tribune and then a nation-wide tabulation made at offices of NEA Service in Cleveland, O. When the count is completed the sentiment of a large proportion of citizens in every state in the union will be discovered.

It is the largest vote of its kind ever attempted. The papers that will co-operate in putting the issue before the public have more than 40,000,000 readers.

Neither this paper nor NEA Service has any ax to grind in staging this referendum. When we ask you to cast your vote we will not try to influence you; we do not care how you vote. What we and our associate editors do want is to learn the sentiment of the country on the prohibition law.

EVERYONE SHOULD VOTE

It is vitally important that this sentiment be learned. There is no real, definite way to find out except by a monster, nationwide referendum such as this one.

Here is why it is important that the voters express their opinions.

Congress has already been asked to modify the Volstead act. Temperance organizations are pleading that the country as a whole does not want a change. Other organizations are pleading that the country as a whole does want a change. Church societies have studied the question—and some have declared for, some against, the prohibition law.

There is no unanimity of opinion. There is nothing to tell Congress, or anyone else, what the great mass of people in America think.

This big referendum will do it.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 7 to 14 Points, Active Months 10 to 16 Points Lower.

New York, March 6.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 7 to 14 points, active months selling about 10 to 16 points net lower in the first few minutes in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables and reports of beneficial rains in central and southwest belt sections.

May sold off to 18.50 and October to 17.10, but there was a good deal of covering for over the week-end and prices rallied a few points; the market holding fairly steady at the end of the first hour.

Private cables attributed the decline in Liverpool to hedge selling, and liquidation, and also complained of a poor spot demand.

The amount of cotton on ship board awaiting clearance at the end of the week was estimated at 102,000 bales against 155,000 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 19.15; May, 18.52; July 17.92; Oct. 17.22; Dec. 16.93.

Closed at Advance. New York, March 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed at net advances of 3 to 10 points: March 19.27-30; May 18.72-74; July 18.12; October 17.38; December 17.05.

RIOTING MARKS CLOSING OF CATHOLIC SEMINARY

Federal Troops Called Out to Restore Order as Catholic School Closes.

Mexico City, March 6.—(AP)—Rioting marked the closing of a Catholic seminary at Oaxaca yesterday, say special dispatches received this morning. Federal troops were called out, firing into the air to disperse crowds. Several persons were injured, none seriously.

The professors with representatives from the department of interior were closing the seminary in accordance with the government's campaign for enforcement of the religious clauses of the constitution, when trouble developed with people from a nearby marketplace. A free fight developed, necessitating the summoning of police and troops.

Alex Fortner, Kannapolis Resident, Dies at Age 73.

Kannapolis, March 5.—Alex Fortner, aged 73, a respected citizen of this city, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home on Rose avenue after having been in declining health for some time. He was a native of Alexander county and had resided here for 12 years.

Surviving are his wife and several children of Kannapolis.

Critiques One Farm Relief Plan.

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—The new plan of farm relief presented by the middle western delegation appointed by the Des Moines agricultural conference was characterized by Chairman Haugen of the House agricultural committee today as "not worth the paper it is written on" because it ignored the protective tariff.

DEFEAT OF PREMIER BRIAND MAY EFFECT THE LEAGUE COUNCIL

He Is Permanent French Delegate to League Under Appointment by the French President.

WILL BE PRESENT AT OPENING

He Is Then Expected to Return to Paris.—Meeting Described as Very Important One.

Geneva, March 6.—(AP)—The fall of Premier Briand on the eve of the negotiations for reconstruction of the league of nations council caused an immense sensation and anxiety here as he is the permanent French delegate to the league under appointment from the President of France.

It is felt that the unexpected ministerial crisis will weaken his hand in the negotiations with the German and British statesmen regarding the council questions.

The importance attached to the sessions of the council and assembly opening Monday is evidenced by the fact that no fewer than six premiers and 13 foreign ministers are to attend.

The premiers are: Briand, of France, Luther, of Germany, Skrzynski, of Poland, Bathlen of Hungary, Rammek of Austria, and Priem of Luxembourg.

(A Paris dispatch this morning said that M. Briand would attend only the preliminary discussions, returning to Paris Monday.)

SHOWS NO ALARM OVER STOCK DROP

President Thinks Reaction Will Be Beneficial; Trading Yesterday Normal.

Washington, March 5.—President Coolidge is convinced the country faces continued prosperity and that the recent drop in security values on the stock market benefitted conditions rather than forecast any slump in business and industry.

The break in the market early in the week, in his opinion, had a stabilizing effect and had the tendency of placing the market on a more sound foundation.

Business conditions and the outlook were discussed at today's cabinet session, the President receiving optimistic reports, particularly from the postmaster general and Secretary Davis, of the labor department.

Reporting as to the volume of postal receipts in fifty important cities, Mr. Nelson said the total for last month was greater than in February, 1925, by six or seven per cent.

Mr. Davis advised the executive that while strikes were in progress in some localities, there was practically no unemployment.

With regard to conditions in the securities market, the President holds the view that while there was speculation there, it had not reached into industries or commodities. The commodity market, as he sees it, is sound.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS VERY LARGE ADVANCE

Increase of 530,396 Spindles in State Last Year, According to Survey.

Charlotte, March 5.—An increase of 530,396 spindles, in 1925, in the eight cotton manufacturing states of the South, was shown by a survey of the cotton manufacturing industry made by David Clark, publisher of the Southern Textile Bulletin.

The increase for the previous year was 400,848 spindles. Mr. Clark said that the fact that the increase for 1925 was so much greater than that of 1924 was a distinct surprise to him.

The total number of spindles in place in the South, January 1, 1926, was 17,720,305. North Carolina led with 6,106,779; South Carolina second, with 5,369,201, and Georgia was third, with 2,937,330.

The largest percentage of increase also was shown in North Carolina, where the increase was 114,110; South Carolina showed an increase of 111,032; and Tennessee showed a remarkable increase of 103,052 spindles.

North Carolina led in every column of the report.

To Show in New York.

New York, March 6.—The entire grand ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania has been remodeled into an exhibit hall for the sixth annual Radio Show of the executive radio council of the second district, which is to open on Monday for an engagement of one week.

Fifty manufacturers will demonstrate their latest radio receivers. The show will have many special features, including broadcasting from the ballroom; daily and evening illustrated lectures and demonstrations; novel exhibits of amateur radio apparatus; attendance by nationally known microphone celebrities; and a grand banquet to mark the close of the show next Saturday night.

The racing season in Canada will get under way on May 22. As usual, the Ontario Jockey Club of Toronto will start the ball rolling with the opening of its "Spring meeting" at Woodbine.

Priestesses who are credited with the power of destroying their enemies by cursing at them are regarded with great awe by one of the native tribes in central Africa.

CHAPMAN CASE TO SUPREME COURT MONDAY

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—The appeal of Gerald Chapman under death sentence in a murder case will go before the Supreme Court next Monday.

F. A. RICHARDSON DEAD AT CAPITAL

Became Noted During the War Between the States For Newspaper Work in Behalf of the South.

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—Francis Asbury Richardson, for many years Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, died here early today at the age of 80.

Mr. Richardson was born in Baltimore and at the outbreak of the war between the states aligned himself with the Southern cause. His paper in Baltimore was frequently attacked and finally suppressed because of its pro-Confederate policy.

Acting on the advice of Confederate leaders, Richardson late in the war ran a blockade from Wilmington, N. C., to Nassau and sailed from there to New York with the intention of coming to Washington to interview President Lincoln. He was arrested and sent to Fort Delaware, where he was confined more than a year. He was not released until two weeks before the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He became connected with the Baltimore Sun in 1866 and became head of the Sun's Washington bureau in 1872.

STORY OF WRECKED LIFE TOLD IN COURT

Goldboro Pair Arrested in Elizabeth City and Are Given Sentences.

Elizabeth City, March 5.—A so-called tragic story of a wrecked life was told by a 20-year-old girl in recorder's court here Thursday morning in the course of a hearing in which she and one L. L. Nash, alias J. L. Wilson, were charged with two offenses involving a breach of the moral conventions. The girl was given an indeterminate term of one to three years in Samaritan, Nelson was sentenced to a year in jail. Both are said to be natives of Wyne county.

The two were arrested in a rooming house on North Pointexter Street, Elizabeth City, and were placed in jail, accused of having falsely registered as man and wife, and of an alleged offense. Both pleaded guilty to the charges. Nelson admitted he had a wife and three children living in Goldsboro.

The girl told police that she was an orphan, and had been the ward of an uncle in Goldsboro. When she was 18, she said, she decided to marry a young man living there, but her guardian blocked the wedding. Matters went from bad to worse, in a way as old as mankind. For four months past, the couple admitted, they had been living as man and wife. Both were afflicted with a serious disease, police said.

Huge Prize for Bowlers.

Toledo, O., March 6.—Under conditions that promise the most successful competitors in the twenty-six years of its existence, the annual tournament of the American bowling congress gets under way here today and will continue for one month. More than 2,500 teams will topple the pins during the long competition for the premier honors in the bowling world. Among the cities that will be well represented in the tournament are Chicago, New York, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Terre Haute, Youngstown, Detroit, Kansas City, Peoria, Buffalo and Milwaukee. Prizes totaling more than \$85,000 will be distributed among the winners. Kansas City and Peoria are rival applicants for the 1927 tournament.

Modern Crusade to Jerusalem.

Venice, March 6.—Flying as an ensign the tattered banner of the Order of the Hospital of St. Johns of Jerusalem, the steamship Asia, which has been specially chartered for the occasion, is scheduled to sail from Venice tomorrow with a party bound on a pilgrimage to Malta, Rhodes, Cyprus, Jerusalem and other places historically connected with the crusades of the middle ages. The party will be made up of one hundred knights and ladies of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which is one of the two orders found in Jerusalem during the crusades.

Stock Show Opens in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 6.—Thousands of visitors came to Fort Worth today for the opening of the annual southwestern exposition and fat stock show. In the number and class of exhibits the show this year surpasses all of its predecessors. The exhibition will continue through the coming week.

Establishment by Law of an Eight-hour Day for Street Railway Employees Is Being Urged Before the Massachusetts Legislature by the Street Railway Employees' Union.

Increasing cloudiness and warmer, followed by rain late to night and Sunday. Fresh southeast and south winds.

WANTS \$25,000,000 FOR DRY AGENCIES DURING THIS YEAR

Sec. Andrews Says Good Men Quitting Service Because the Government Will Not Pay More.

STATE AID IS VERY ESSENTIAL

Director of Dry Bureau Says it is Practically Impossible to Estimate Cost Without States.

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—The federal government will spend approximately \$25,000,000 the present fiscal year for prohibition enforcement, Assistant Secretary Andrews, today told the House ways and means committee.

The enforcement department is losing "good men" through inability to offer salaries that will attract experts, he said, in urging passage of a bill to create separate customs and prohibition bureaus.

Replying to questions by Representative Garner, Democrat, of Texas, as to the effect of an attempt at federal enforcement without state aid, Mr. Andrews said in such an event he would have to "take over the justice department too."

"Would this not entail a stupendous expense?" asked Mr. Garner.

Mr. Andrews replied that the cost "could hardly be estimated."

TOMMY MILTON GIVES UP THE RACING GAME

Will Be Associated With Real Estate Firm Selling New York Dirt. Tommy Milton to Stop Racing.

Miami, Fla., March 6.—(AP)—Tommy Milton, of Beverly Hills, Calif., famous automobile racing driver, today announced his retirement from the track.

Milton will be associated with a real estate firm interested in the development of the easternmost portion of Long Island, New York. His retirement comes after thirteen years of racing, during which he has been continuously on the track or in the hospital. He is said to have been a contestant in every major race staged during his entire career except when he was recovering from some injury received in track smash-ups.

He twice won the Indianapolis race, and is the holder of a number of records. His last appearance was in the 300-mile race at Fulford Bowl, near here, February 22nd.

While it was said he would be in the pits at the Indianapolis race May 30th he declared he would never enter a race again.

Won Two Charlotte Races.

Charlotte, March 6.—(AP)—Tommy Milton, who announced his retirement from automobile racing tracks today, won two of the three 250-mile speedway events held here since the erection of the track.

Milton was declared winner of the first race here in October, 1924, and duplicated it when he won Armistice day event last November. The second race last May was won by Earl Cooper.

SAYS INNOCENT MAN IS SERVING SENTENCE

Tennessee Convict Says He Committed Crime of Which Graydon Was Convicted.

Asheville, March 5.—An affidavit by Howard Barr, a convict in the Tennessee State penitentiary at Nashville, asserting that he is guilty of the robbery for which W. L. Graydon was convicted and sentenced to the State prison in January, was exhibited here today by C. C. McCall, a carpenter, who lives on Merrimon avenue, this city.

The robbery was committed at the Merrimon avenue pharmacy here, May 6, 1925. Graydon was tried in the Superior Court last summer and a mistrial resulted. Shortly afterward he escaped from the county jail. In November he was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., and brought back to jail here. Following his conviction in January he was sentenced to seven to ten years in the State penitentiary at Raleigh and he is a prisoner there now.

Morrison to Build \$250,000.

Charlotte, March 6.—(AP)—Announcement was made here today that bids would be accepted here March 12 by former Governor Morrison for the erection of a new \$250,000 home to be built on his estate near here. The estate is on the Sharon Road adjacent to the Myers Park section.

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