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SNOW CLOSES THE STATE HIGHWAYS

Five Ton Tractor Put to Work so Chief Executive Can Make Trip Should He Decide to See Father.

Plymouth, Vt., March 15.—(P)—The packed snowdrifts of the Vermont highways must make way for the President of the United States. Word has gone forth that the road from Ludlow to Plymouth where the President's father now lies seriously ill must be opened to motor traffic immediately. For months a losing battle has been waged with the forces of nature. This week new resources have been thrown into the fight.

A five-ton tractor, the property of the State of Vermont, was brought yesterday to Ludlow from Rutland. Today those in charge of highway operations expected to receive parts necessary for attaching the tractor to a rotary snow plow. When this hookup is made the plow will operate night and day clearing drifts down to hard pan to permit passage of automobiles should the President decide to come here.

Last fall the State authorities decided to co-operate with residents of Ludlow in keeping open the thirteen miles stretch between Ludlow, the railroad point, and Plymouth Notch. The plan was successful until the heavy snows of the new year proved too much for the equipment available.

Col. Coolidge Slightly Improved
Plymouth, Vt., March 15.—(P)—A slight improvement in the condition of Col. John C. Coolidge father of the president was noted today by his physician. The sick man was able to receive his pastor, Rev. John White of Sheburne, who drove over to Plymouth to see him.

With Our Advertisers
If you buy a fluid you may have it whenever you want it. If you get it from the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Company before March 20th you can get it for only \$22.75, with 75 cents down and \$2 a month till paid.

Goodyear quality and Goodyear serviceability are good safeguards against tire troubles. Get 'em at the York & Wadsworth Co.

Smile-lax tonic and liver compound is sold only through drug stores.

Exchange of Wives at the Concord Theatre today and tomorrow. Coming Wednesday Johnny Hines, the live wire, in his latest picture.

Note the new ad. of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Resources over a million dollars.

The Parks-Bell Co. has a big boys' department. Prices of suits range from \$4.95 to \$8.95. Read the new ad. today on page two.

C. H. Barrier & Co. want chickens, hams and eggs, all they can get by next Friday at noon. They guarantee you 22 cents a pound for heavy hens. This offer holds good for this week only.

The gas equipment and appliances of the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. are tested by the appliance testing laboratory maintained by the American Gas Association.

Your dining room can be made real attractive with the use of one of the new suites of the Bell & Harris Furniture Company.

You will find the Easter clothing for boys at Hoover's.

You will find the season's latest shapes and colors in millinery at Robinson's.

Easter coats in Junior miss sizes at J. C. Penney & Co., only \$14.75.

Footwear for ladies and misses in the new styles for spring at Ethel's.

Members of League of Nations Again Unable To Reach Settlement

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 4 to 11 Points—July Off to 18.12.

New York, March 15.—(P)—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 4 to 11 points, apparently influenced by "relatively easy Liverpool cables and the belief that the covering of last week had left futures in an easier technical position.

July sold off to 18.12 and December to 17.10 within the first few minutes, making net declines of about 10 to 10 points, but there was some foreign trade buying of new crop months, and while the demand from shorts was much less active following recent rallies, the market steadied up a few points from the lowest before the end of the first hour.

Reports of unseasonably low temperatures in the South may have brought in a little buying, but except for some price fixing and the foreign buying, demand was attributed chiefly to further covering.

Cotton futures opened barely steady May 18.80; July 18.18; Oct. 17.50; Dec. 17.17; Jan. 17.14.

MISS MAGGIE LOWE DIES AT SALISBURY

Was Trained Nurse in Atlanta For Many Years—Mrs. Katie Shivo Pneumonia Victim.

Salisbury, March 13.—Miss Maggie Lowe died early this morning at the home of a brother, Captain J. F. Lowe, on Mitchell avenue where she had made her home for the past year. For many years Miss Lowe was a trained nurse and practiced her profession in Atlanta. Two sisters and two brothers survive, these being Mrs. E. W. Tatum, of Salisbury, and Miss Elizabeth Lowe of Charlotte, and J. E. Lowe, of Asheville.

Mrs. Katie Holshouser Shivo, wife of J. L. Shivo, died this afternoon at 5 o'clock at her home on Elm street, death being caused by influenza and pneumonia. Mrs. Shivo was 29 years old and is survived by her husband, who is with the Peeler Grocery company, and two sons, aged five and two years; also her mother, Mrs. Dovie Holshouser, and sister, Mrs. K. A. Klutz.

WANTS GEORGE HAYES TRIED BY GOVERNMENT

Senator Walsh Asks for Prosecution of "Surprise" Witness in Wheeler Case.

Washington, March 15.—(P)—A demand that the justice department prosecute for perjury George B. Hayes of New York, the "surprise" witness for the government in Montana trial of Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, was made today in the Senate by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana.

As a spur to the department introduced a resolution directing the attorney general to advise the Senate whether it is the purpose to submit Hayes' testimony to a grand jury with a view to obtaining an indictment against him.

Declaring that the story of the prosecution of Senator Wheeler makes "black chapter in the history of the American jurisprudence" Senator Walsh said it was of "transcendent importance that the attempt through perjured testimony to silence a member of this body and overwhelm him in ignominy should not pass unnoticed."

Reviewing the events at the trial in Montana last year, at which Senator Wheeler was acquitted of the charge of accepting money for prosecuting oil lease cases before the Interior Department, Senator Walsh says Hayes' testimony on its face was incredible. The story was that Wheeler had confessed with him in New York and offered to split the fee with him for prosecuting the oil lease cases of Gordon Campbell of Montana.

MANY GASTON SPINDLES STANDING IDLE TODAY

Lack of Demand for Yarns Causes Curtailment in Some Plants.

Gaston, March 15.—(P)—Over 1,000,000 spinning spindles are idle today under curtailment forced by lack of demand, according to a check made this morning. It is also understood that other plants in nearby counties and in Gaston not reached, are standing likewise until tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock. The demand has been decreasing generally for the past month of six weeks, and it is understood nearly all mills in this territory except those spinning for their own looms expect to curtail from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning, until the demand reaches a point to take up that production.

Bessie Love Says Parisians Copy Styles From U. S. Films

Calver City, Calif., March 15.—(P)—The saleslady of Fifth Avenue still may prattle, "This is very smart; just from Paris." But in Paris the shopkeepers are saying, "Very chic; just what they are wearing in Hollywood."

So reports Bessie Love, who has returned from Paris to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio to make her next picture, "Lovey Mary."

"In Paris, it is an open secret that the designers copy their gowns from the American films," said Miss Love. "Parisian women are quick to follow the fashions of the American screen, and so the designers are compelled to copy them."

White Bill Passed
Washington, March 15.—(P)—The White bill, to control all phases of radio, was passed today by the House, by a vote of 218 to 124. It now goes to the Senate.

The Final Vote

Seven hundred and seventy-five votes have been cast here in the matter of prohibition enforcement. The vote stands as follows:

For strict enforcement, 529.
For Repeal of Amendment, 50.
For modification of law, 216.
The votes will be completed in the office of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, Cleveland, O., Saturday, March 20, and announced to the papers by wire. The Tribune vote was forwarded today.

NO NOMINATION AT D. A. R. MEETING

Mrs. Gregory Rules That Mrs. W. O. Spencer Did Not Receive Majority of Votes at Meet.

Salisbury, March 15.—(P)—A ruling has been made by Mrs. E. C. Gregory of Salisbury, regent of the North Carolina Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, that the vote of 69 to 68 in which Mrs. W. O. Spencer of Winston-Salem was endorsed for Vice President General does not constitute a necessary majority.

Mrs. Gregory holds that under the regulations of the organization an endorsement requires a majority of the votes registered at the time of the voting. Therefore 70 votes at least were necessary for endorsement she said.

The vote for Mrs. Spencer was over Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham in the recent state convention held in Charlotte. The votes registered at the time numbered 138 while 137 were voted.

NO CANDIDATE ENDORSED RULES HEAD OF D. A. R.

President General of National Society Settles Disputed Point.
Charlotte, March 15.—No candidate was endorsed for the office of vice president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution by the North Carolina D. A. R. in this recent annual meeting at Charlotte, according to a telegram from Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, president-general of the National Society, addressed to Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, of Salisbury, State regent.

"Endorsement required a majority of the voters registered at the time of the voting; therefore at least 70 votes were necessary for endorsement," reads the telegram. "Hence no candidate was endorsed."

At the recent convention in Charlotte Mrs. W. O. Spencer, of Winston-Salem, was declared the nominee of the North Carolina D. A. R., having received 60 votes to 68 votes cast for Mrs. Ralph VanLandingham of Charlotte. The record shows 138 registered voters present at the time of the balloting.

NOTORIOUS RETAILER AGAIN BEHIND BARS

Bud Lippard, Notorious Law-Breaker of Catawba, Arrested at Salisbury.
Newton, March 13.—Bud Lippard, Catawba's notorious law-breaker, is again in the Newton jail, having been arrested in Salisbury, Sheriff Bost, upon being notified of his arrest, sent Deputy W. C. Curlee to Salisbury after him. Lippard was sentenced to the county jail for 18 months for violating the prohibition law, but was later paroled by Governor Morrison. After he was paroled he again violated the prohibition laws and the Governor revoked the parole. Since that time he has been dodging officers. Capones had been sent to all nearby towns. At the time Lippard was convicted in Catawba Superior Court he was crippled, walking on crutches, and the judge sentenced him to the county jail instead of the chaingang. He had served only two months of the 18 months sentence when he was granted a parole.

WARRANT IS ISSUED AGAINST GROUNDHOG

Judge Murray, of Burlington, Orders Animal Shall Answer For His Crimes.
Burlington, March 13.—Judge E. H. Murray today established a precedent in the application of the law in this city when he issued a warrant against "the groundhog" for alleged tampering with the weather. Hardy Stockard, veteran Alamance county deputy sheriff, has been called upon to make the arrest and to hold the prisoner without bail, if he is apprehended.

According to information given out by Judge Murray, the deputy sheriff will form a posse of late citizens to assist him in the arrest. If the bloodhounds are able to trail the elusive desperado character to his lair, which it is feared will be a difficult task because the snow had blotted out his tracks.

Discreet Story of Eye

Amsterdam, March 13.—The Rev. J. B. Geelkerken, who in a recent sermon cast doubt on the Bible story of Eve and the serpent, was suspended today for three months by the General Synod of the Reformed churches after a trial for heresy. He had refused to sign an agreement to interpret Genesis literally.

The bout between Gene Tunney and Young Stribbling is expected to attract a record crowd to the Miami stadium on the night of March 12th.

160 ARE REPORTED LOST IN ACCIDENT

Those Killed Were Natives of Costa Rica, Believed to Have Been on Religious Excursion.

Boston, March 15.—(P)—Cable advice received today by the United Fruit Company said that 160 natives of Costa Rica were killed in a railway accident at Virilla River bridge near San Jose yesterday.

Those killed were believed to have been members of an excursion party on the way to Cartago where a religious festival was in progress. The train was coming from the western part of the island on the railroad that runs from Port Limon on the Pacific Coast.

A thousand persons were on the train. One coach fell down an embankment into the Varilla River and it was believed most of those who lost their lives were in this coach. Other cars also were derailed.

The advices received here said identifications of only one man had been made, a professor in a school at Cartago. His name was not received here, and it was believed he too was a native. No tourists were on the train.

Report 248 Killed

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 15.—(P)—Two hundred and forty-eight persons were killed and 93 injured in Sunday's disastrous train wreck on the Costa Rica railroad, it has thus far been established. Three cars were demolished, one fell to the bottom of the Varilla River from the bridge over the stream, and two others were left hanging from a 190-foot precipice.

NESBITT ENLARGES HIS CONFESSION OF CRIME

Recites Details of Wife's Murder, Clearing Up Many of the Uncertain Points.
Troy, O., March 13.—The last words Frances Nesbitt uttered before she met death at the hands of her husband were: "Oh, Jake, don't you still love me?"

Jacob Nesbitt recalled that today as she sat in the semi-gloom of his cell in jail here facing a charge of first degree murder for the slaying of his pretty wife in their home here February 19th. Other details of the tussle preceding the murder became etched on his mind as it cleared from the stress and emotion of last night's confession.

He recalled he struck his wife with a stick of firewood, then burned it. That clears up one of the most profound mysteries of the murder—what weapon was used.

He related details of the killing to Prosecutor L. E. Harvey telling of them in a faint voice, his sunken eyes in a face seamed and lined with fatigue and emotion.

Nesbitt after three weeks of proclaimed innocence during which time he lent his efforts to officials and newspapermen in an effort to solve what had been termed a "perfect crime" last night after five hours of questioning broke down and confessed he killed his wife after they had quarrelled over business affairs.

Nesbitt's alleged confession and the legal preparations for ransoming the widow tragedy shared interest as to what his defense will be.

His attorney asserted he has made no plans, but Prosecuting Attorney Harvey was prepared to fight a plea of temporary insanity. Personal friends and medical advisers of the confessed wife slayer have injected their opinion that he was a victim of paranoia, a progressive form of insanity, resulting from a feeling of persecution.

Forbes and Thompson Denied Review

Washington, D. C., March 15.—(P)—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans bureau, and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, convicted at Chicago of conspiracy in connection with hospital contracts were today denied a review by the Supreme Court.

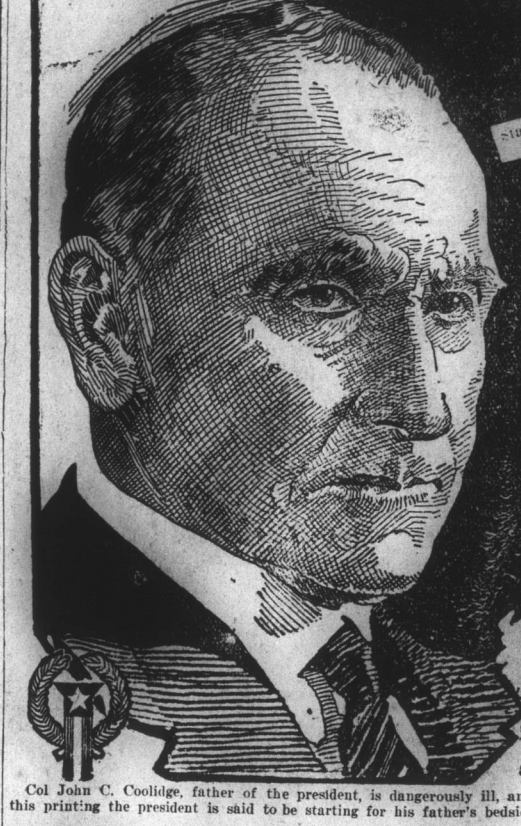
Forbes and Thompson were each sentenced to terms of two years in Leavenworth penitentiary and fines of \$10,000. The grounds advanced in support of their petition to the Supreme Court were substantially those advanced without success in the circuit court of appeals.

Refuses to Review Chapman Case

Washington, March 15.—(P)—Gerald Chapman, the mail bandit, under sentence to die April 6th, today was refused a review of his case by the Supreme Court.

Tried and convicted of the murder in Connecticut while serving a Federal sentence at Atlanta, Chapman was given commutation of his Federal sentence by President Coolidge to enable the state to execute the death sentence.

John Calvin Coolidge



Col John C. Coolidge, father of the president, is dangerously ill, and at this printing the president is said to be starting for his father's bedside.

FEWER DEATHS ARE REPORTED IN SOUTH DURING PAST WEEK

Dixie Yielded One of Lowest Tolls to Traffic During Week, Only 34 Being Killed.

SIX DEATHS IN TAR HEEL STATE

Georgia Leader in Injuries Column, With 55—Nineteen Were Hurt in North Carolina.

(P)Dixie yielded one of the lowest tolls to traffic during the week just ending that has been recorded in several months' 34 killed and 321 injured. These figures were revealed in a survey conducted today in eleven Southern states by the Associated Press.

North Carolina was at the top of the column with six deaths, and Florida a close second with five. Kentucky, brought up the rear with none, the only state having this record for the week.

Georgia was an easy leader in injuries column with fifty-five. Florida came next with 43. Louisiana with 30 being her nearest rival. Mississippi reported the lowest number hurt with four.

The figures were compiled in these states from automobile railway train, trolley car and motorcycle accidents.

THE SINNING SPOUSE IN KANSAS CITY

Holmes Morris Sends His Wife Money as Evidence of Contrition.
Monroe, March 13.—Emsley H. Morris, who lives near this city and who is the father of Holmes Morris, whose strange disappearance on the night of February 18th, developed into a sham murder stunt, has returned from a visit to his son in Kansas City, Mo., and reports that Holmes, as having a good job and doing well.

Sheriff Clifford Fowler located Holmes shortly after it developed that his shut-up car sin chicken blood in the Wynoma mine section was a sham. The sheriff stated yesterday that he waited for some time for a warrant for Holmes and the money to go after him, but when it appeared that no one was interested in bringing him back, he made known to his people his whereabouts, and his father went and found him where the sheriff instructed him to look for his son.

His father walked up behind him, laid his hand on his shoulder and said, "Hello here." His wayward son, who evidently thought that by this time a tombstone had been erected to his memory, turned and in great surprise exclaimed, "Where in the world did you come from?"

His father spent the night with him and they talked over the sham which he attempted to pull, and which for three days created great excitement and wonder in Union county. The young man, it is said, was somewhat on the fence as to whether he would stay where he is, or return home to his wife and babies. He sent his wife some money and an expression of his love.

He pleaded to his father that financial reverses had impaired his reasoning faculties, and that at the time he was going through the sham murder act, he was not conscious of what he was doing. In the opinion of the people here, it is unfortunate for him that he did not have an alienist with him on that night to testify in his behalf. Referring to the letters written by him to the woman with whom he left, under a fictitious name, and through which the sheriff located him, young Morris said that he wrote them on purpose to let his people find him.

The letters intended to be received by Briece Reims, the woman with whom he eloped, were addressed to "Miss Blonnie Smith, 12 S. College Street, Charlotte, N. C." Enclosed envelopes for reply were addressed to "Richard Reims, Kansas City, Co." Richard Reims is the real husband of Briece Reims, the paragon of Morris. The Reims woman, who was apprehended and lodged in Monroe jail shortly after the elopement, dropped the sheriff a clue, and instead of Briece Reims, alias, Blonnie Smith, the sheriff opened the letters. If Morris intended these letters to let us know of his whereabouts, say his friends and neighbors, he chose a mysterious route to impart the information.

A part of a primitive human skull has been found forty-two feet below the surface in excavations for Lloyd's on the historic site of the Sae Sandia House in London.

UNFAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE IS SHOWN

Exports During February Amounted \$353,000,000 as Against Imports Valued at \$358,900,000.

Washington, March 15.—(P)—An unfavorable trade balance of \$56,000,000 was shown in preliminary estimates of American foreign trade for February issued today by the commerce department.

Total exports last month were valued at \$353,000,000 as against imports worth \$358,900,000. The figures compared with exports worth \$397,195,833 in January, and imports of \$416,707,339.

The excess of imports over exports during February nearly equalled the favorable trade balance of \$37,259,065 during the same month last year.

Officials pointed to preliminary estimates showing imports of rubber during February were \$58,000,000 as one explanation of the excess of import values.

GOLD HILL WOMAN ACCIDENT VICTIM

Mrs. Jap Odum Killed When Auto in Which She Was Riding Skidded and Threw Her Out.

Albemarle, March 15.—(P)—Mrs. Jap Odum was fatally injured today and two others were shaken up as the result of their automobile skidding on the Troy road here, throwing the occupants from the machine. Mrs. Odum's neck was broken. Her husband is a prisoner at the State penitentiary at Raleigh. She was a resident of Gold Hill.

The woman's sister-in-law and male companion were riding with her at the time of the accident.

CLAIMED TO BE OFFICER

Brings in Three Young Men Handcuffed and Gets Behind Bars Himself.
Hickory, March 11.—Claiming to be a Buncombe county officer, a young man giving his name as John Dexter, of Charlotte, was arrested last night and placed in the city jail after he had brought three young men to the police station, all handcuffed, and asked Officers Robinson and Mitchell that a warrant be sworn out against them, charging gambling.

According to the story of the boys, six of them, one the alleged officer, gathered around a table in a local rooming house and engaged in a game of poker. Towards morning Dexter found himself broke and pulled a gun on the boys, it was said, and displayed a gold badge which bore the inscription "deputy sheriff."

After hearing the story, the officers locked Dexter up with the other boys. A search of Dexter's room found some liquor, which will also figure in the case against the alleged Buncombe county officer.

Officials got in touch with Sheriff Mitchell, at Asheville, this morning who said that he had a man named John Dexter Merrill, but no John Dexter, and that Merrill was in Asheville at that time and had not been to Hickory.

Dexter presents a nice appearance and claims to be 24 years old and a native of Massachusetts. He wore his gold badge under his vest and carried a new .38 calibre pistol. In his pocket was a warrant for Carl Drake and also a check payable to Carl Drake and signed by John Dexter for the sum of \$14. The warrant charged Carl Drake with forging Dexter's name.

Asphalt Plant Burns in City of Salisbury

Salisbury, March 13.—The asphalt plant of Lassiter company, in the western part of the city, was burned this afternoon, together with a quantity of asphalt. While answering the alarm two of the city fire trucks got stuck in the mud and after three hours were liberated by the use of a caterpillar tractor.

Dr. Douglas Receives Call From Tennessee

Wadesboro, March 13.—Rev. John Jordan Douglas, for the past eight years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, has received a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Jefferson City, Tenn.

After an interval of three years Eddie Brier, of the Crescent A. C., of Brooklyn, has regained the A. A. U. national one-wall court handball championship.

Keystone is now replacing electricity on bumps, barge canals, and in railway signaling. Certain special lamps will burn continuously for a year without attention.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Partly cloudy tonight, Tuesday fair, not much change in temperature. Fresh southwest shifting to northwest winds.