

COLONEL COOLIDGE IN SINKING SPELL AT VERMONT HOME

His Condition at 6:30 Was So Serious That Nurse Sent Hurried Call to Dr. Albert M. Cram.

LATER PATIENT RALLIED SOME

President Is Being Advised of All Changes in the Condition of His Aged Father.

Plymouth, Vt., March 18.—(AP)—Col. John C. Coolidge suffered a sinking spell early today and his condition is very critical.

Mrs. May Johnson, the nurse in charge of the sick room in the Coolidge farm house here, hastily summoned Dr. Albert M. Cram of Bridge-water when her patient's heart showed alarming symptoms at 6:30. The physician arrived at 7:30.

The attack was similar to that last Thursday when the Colonel's pulse went to 140.

After the doctor had been with the patient half an hour it was announced that the heart action was somewhat less accelerated.

Deputy Sheriff Angus MacAulay, bodyguard to Col. Coolidge, brought the news to the general store at 8:30. He said the White House already had been notified of the condition of the President's father.

MacAulay said his condition was critical, but there were indications that the crisis might be passed safely.

At 8:40 Dr. Cram left the house long enough to make public the following bulletin at the general store:

"Colonel Coolidge has grown weaker during the night and his heart is not so good."

"It has improved over the condition at 6:30 this morning, but is more variable, ranging from 65 to 140. His temperature is about normal and his respiration 45."

The physician said after talking with the White House that the President expected to arrive here before tomorrow morning.

Dr. Cram said his patient might lose his slight hold on life at any moment.

Sinking Fast.

Plymouth, Vt., March 18.—(AP)—Colonel John C. Coolidge is sinking fast. Dr. Albert M. Cram, his physician, left the white farm house at 12:30 long enough to make this announcement.

"The Colonel has been failing rapidly the past two or three hours," the doctor said. "I do not look for anything to happen suddenly, but I would not be surprised if the end came at any time. He is losing ground and during the last hour it was at a pretty rapid rate."

Colonel Coolidge, the physician said, was conscious but extremely weak.

Only Short Time to Live.

Plymouth, Vt., March 18.—(AP)—Col. John C. Coolidge has from 24 to 48 hours to live, his physician, Dr. Albert M. Cram, of Bridge-water, said today.

The aged father of the President has suffered two serious heart attacks since yesterday.

Dr. Cram said Mr. Coolidge's strength would not carry him more than 48 hours and possibly not more than 24 hours.

After giving his report he returned to the sick room, announcing that he would remain within easy call of his patient throughout the day.

The physician said that in addition to his weakness the Colonel was extremely sensitive to pain after his long illness.

He said the patient flinched when his skin was touched indicating a very nervous condition.

President Alarmed.

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Alarmed over the condition of his father, President Coolidge will probably leave today for Plymouth, Vt.

Announcement of the President's plans are withheld, but it is understood arrangements have been made for a special train to take the President and Mrs. Coolidge to Vermont.

If they should depart late today they would arrive in Plymouth by noon tomorrow, leaving the train either at Ludlow, Vt., twelve miles from Plymouth, or at White River Junction 30 miles away for the last stretch of the journey over snowy roads.

President Prepares to Leave Capital.

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge decided to leave Washington for the bedside of his father in Vermont as soon as arrangements could be made. It was indicated he might be able to get away early in the afternoon.

Will Leave Washington Late This Afternoon.

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge will leave here this afternoon to go to the bedside of his father at Plymouth, Vt.

In addition to Mrs. Coolidge the President will be accompanied only by Attorney General Sargent and Dr. James F. Couper, white house physician.

The President's train is expected to reach Woodstock, Vt., fifteen miles from Plymouth, early tomorrow morning. From there the trip will be made by automobile.

American women spent \$750,000, 000 every year in retail drug stores.

Sisters Tied in Beauty Contest



Goldie Sullivan (left) and her sister, Opal (right), telephone operators in Los Angeles, Calif., entered a beauty contest together. Each one received the same number of votes as the prettiest.

SALISBURY BROKER HURT IN ACCIDENT

Railroad Officials Say C. J. Jones Drove Into a Train That Was Standing at the Time.

Charlotte, N. C., March 18.—(AP)—C. J. Jones, business man and cotton broker of Salisbury, narrowly escaped death and sustained a fractured skull and other injuries near here early today when his automobile crashed into a freight train at a crossing on the Salisbury highway.

At the hospital where he was taken it was said he probably will recover.

Mr. Jones was conscious this morning and preparations were made to take X-ray pictures of his head. His arm also was broken.

The accident occurred at 4 a. m., according to officials of the Southern Railway here, who explained the automobile struck the 33rd car from the engine, and 18th car from the caboose.

The side of the freight car was crushed by the impact, the railway report said. It was added that the train was standing at the time.

AMERICANS REPORTED SLAIN BY MEXICANS

U. S. Consul at Mazatlan Hears of Death of One of Own and Wounding of Another.

Mexico City, March 17.—Rex McIlpene, an American, was killed, and E. H. Heidenkamp, another American, seriously wounded by bandits in the town of Lixian, near Mazatlan last Sunday. This information came to the American embassy here today in a dispatch from William P. Blocker, the American consul at Mazatlan.

The embassy immediately sent a note to the Mexican foreign office requesting the government to take steps for the apprehension and punishment of the bandits.

Consul Blocker also has officially notified the governor of the state of Nayarit of the attack upon the Americans and requested that troops be sent in pursuit of the attacking party.

The message of Consul Blocker to the embassy here was brief and garbled in transmission and the embassy therefore is ignorant of all the details of the affair. It has requested Consul Blocker to make a report by mail. Meanwhile the Mexican government is making an investigation. McIlpene and Heidenkamp were employed by the Utah Construction company.

Speakers Announced For College Closing.

Greensboro, March 17.—Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College, the institution of the Methodist of the State for the education of young women, announces that Bishop James Edward Dickey, of Waco, Texas, will preach the baccalaureate sermon during commencement, on May 31. He will also preach the sermon on the anniversary of the founding of the college Y. W. C. A. the evening of the same date.

Selected to deliver the baccalaureate address, on the morning of June 1, is George B. Cromer, of Newberry, S. C., an attorney.

Says Bootleggers Want to Lose Their Jobs.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 18.—Although bootleggers would lose lucrative incomes if prohibition were repealed, a pastor here in two public addresses charged Sioux Falls bootleggers were out in the streets trying to induce women and girls to vote "wet" in a poll conducted by the Press.

New Anti-Smuggling Treaty Signed.

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—The new anti-smuggling treaty with Mexico became effective today upon an exchange of ratification by Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Telles.

John McGraw, the veteran manager of the New York Giants, was considered one of the best third basemen that ever played the game when he was with the old Baltimore team.

MERCHANTS' INSTITUTE IS CLOSED DURING MORNING

Sessions Proved of Great Benefit to Merchants of Concord—Griest the Leader at Sessions.

The institute for merchants, conducted here during the first three days of the week under the leadership of J. W. Griest, of Chicago, came to a close this morning with an informal meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

Sessions of the institute began Monday at noon with a luncheon meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Another luncheon meeting was held Tuesday and yesterday the merchants held a joint meeting with the Rotarians.

Mr. Griest speaking to the members of the two organizations.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights Mr. Griest talked to merchants, executives and sales people, outlining in an instructive and forceful manner the need of better salesmanship, better advertising systems and better co-operation between merchants.

Mr. Griest has aroused much interest among local merchants. He is an expert in his line and his talks have been very beneficial. He has a pleasing personality, commands a world of facts and data and knows how to get across the messages he delivers.

Local merchants are lavish in their praise for the manner in which Mr. Griest conducted his work in Concord. Suggestions and plans recommended by him have found favor with many of his hearers and many of his recommendations will be incorporated in the management of local business houses.

Mr. Griest left at noon for Albemarle, where he will spend the next several days.

With Our Advertisers.

The Pre-Easter Sale at Ebird's will begin Friday morning, March 19, at 9 o'clock and will last through Saturday night, April 3rd. During this sale there will be a great offering of new spring piece goods.

"Torrent" with Ricardo Cortez and Greta Garbo, today and tomorrow at the Concord Theatre. See the great tidal wave, the screen's biggest thrill.

The Yorkie & Wadsworth Co. is now agent for Myers' fresh water systems.

Pasteurizing milk destroys all bacteria. See ad. of Cabarrus Creamery Co., Phone 292.

A safety deposit box in the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will cost you only a small sum. It's a same place for your valuables.

Country cured meats and Kingan's meats fresh each week at Cline & Moore's.

Read the new ad. today of Bob's Dry Cleaning Company.

Better settle that hot water question before March 20th, when the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co.'s offer expires. Before that time you can get a Raud heater for only \$22.75, with only 75 cents down and \$2.00 a month.

Note the thermo-syphon cooling system of the Ford car. Read all about it in the new ad. today of the Reid Motor Co.

Rugs for every home and for every need at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

Mrs. W. F. Kennett Injured in Accident.

Greensboro, March 17.—Mrs. W. F. Kennett, wife of Rev. W. F. Kennett, pastor of the Granville circuit of Methodist Protestant churches, is in the clinic hospital here recovering from injuries received in an automobile collision near this city Monday afternoon. She suffered cuts in the face and hands and bruises. She and her husband were on their way here to visit a daughter, Mrs. J. E. York, and had gotten within a mile of the city when the car, driven by J. L. Patterson, of Charlotte, traveling salesman, collided. The cars were badly smashed.

Frank Robinson Is Injured When Plane Is Forced Down.

Shelby, March 17.—Frank Robinson, young aviator of Rutherfordton, was slightly injured here this afternoon when his plane tipped over after a forced landing near the resort development section east of Shelby. The plane was en route from Charlotte to Rutherfordton, it is understood.

On account of the pressure on our advertising columns we are obliged to omit today the installment of our serial story, "Joanna."

WORLD COURT PLANS GET ATTENTION IN COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

Question of America's Adherence to Permanent Court Will Be Discussed at the Session.

CHAMBERLAIN TO OPEN DISCUSSION

It Is Believed He Is Acting on Advice Received From the Ambassador in Washington.

Geneva, March 18.—(AP)—The League of nations council decided this morning to discuss at its afternoon session the question of America's adherence to the permanent court of international justice, including reservations attached by the Senate.

The decision which was expected was taken on a motion by Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary. Sir Austen is believed to have acted on advice from the British Ambassador at Washington, Sir Esme Howard, conveying the opinion that the American government would not deem examination of the problem by the council either offensive or unwarranted.

HARNETT WHITE MAN IS GIVEN NEW TRIAL FOR LIFE

Judge Erred in Instructing Jury as to Recommendation—New Trial Is Ordered.

Raleigh, March 17.—Rory Matthews, Harnett county white man, won a new trial from the Supreme Court today because the trial judge instructed the jury that it might return a verdict with a recommendation of mercy.

Matthews has been on death row at State prison since his conviction in Harnett Superior Court last September. He slew D. J. McLeod, well-to-do farmer of the county.

While the authorities in this state hold that a mercy recommendation accompanying a verdict is surplusage and may be disregarded, it must be rendered voluntarily, and without instruction from the court, according to Justice Connor, writing the opinion, pointed out. In Matthews' case, Justice Connor found that the jury's verdict was in pursuance of instructions from trial Judge W. A. Devin.

The jury deliberated for several hours without reaching a decision, and finally sent out to ask the court if it could render a verdict with a recommendation of mercy. Judge Devin sent back an affirmative reply, the verdict followed promptly.

CONFESSIONS ARE MADE IN "DAD" WATKINS CASE

John Gray Said to Have Confessed to Slaying of Aged Albemarle Man.

Albemarle, N. C., March 18.—(AP)—Signed statements were today in the hands of authorities implicating one man directly and another indirectly in the slaying of Dad Watkins, aged man, whose charred body was found some time ago in the debris of a burned barn.

John Gray, who has been held in connection with the disappearance and finding of the body, is alleged to have confessed that the murder was committed October 30 at the Gray home, robber being the motive.

Watkins, according to the confession, was lured to the Gray home, made drunk and hit over the head with a hatchet wielded by Gray.

Sweat testified, according to a detective of a national agency, that Gray induced him to help "him out after the murder." He is then alleged to have taken the body to the barn and there cut off the arms, legs and head.

The men have been grilled incessantly for the past two weeks in an effort to obtain a confession.

ARE TAKING NO PART IN D. A. R. CONTROVERSY

Greensboro Regent Says Chapter Will Not Further Dissension in Any Way.

Greensboro, March 17.—Gullford Chapter of the North Carolina Division of the Daughters of American Revolution, was not a party to the controversy which occurred in the recent convention at Charlotte, over the endorsement for a vice president for the national organization, Mrs. Whitte Stone, regent of the local chapter, announced today.

Nor will the chapter have anything to do with furthering in any way the dissension, she said.

"We must keep in mind the work which the society must do," Mrs. Stone said. "Our real purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who helped to achieve American independence; to encourage historical research concerning the Revolution and to publish the results of the research."

It is announced that the chapter will erect a suitable monument to David Caldwell and his wife, Rachel Caldwell, the memorial to mark the site near here of the old school over which David Caldwell, who was a noted minister and champion of the patriot cause, presided for years before and after the revolution.

Seams of coal twenty-five feet thick, and fossil remains of temperate and tropical trees exist only a few degrees from the North Pole, Captain Donald B. MacMillan declared recently.

Wants Poll



Senator Walter Edge, of New Jersey is impressed by the scope of the present newspaper prohibition referendum. So now he wants the government to hold an official country-wide referendum on prohibition and abide by the result.

TO LAUNCH NINE SHIPS SAME DAY

Record-Breaking Feat Planned by Newport News Dry Dock Company.

Newport News, Va., March 18.—Within a period of three hours on Saturday morning nine ships will be launched and the keels of three others laid at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Never before in the history of American ships has a ship yard planned such a record-breaking feat. Whereas Hog Island holds the record for the greatest tonnage of identical ships launched in a day—a wartime record—the public never has had an opportunity to see so many ships of such a varied character launched.

The engineers of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company have evolved a new method for launching.

Seven vessels now on the \$4,000,000 shipways, originally built for the battle cruisers Ranger and Constellation, will be launched by floating them. That visitors may witness both methods of launching, two ships, the new Dorchester and the war department dredge Raymond, will slide down greased ways.

The yards of the company will be open to the public during the ceremonies, and it is expected that more than 30,000 visitors will view the launching, including many marine engineers, navy officers, and government officials. Special invitations have been sent to the governors of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.

The ships to be launched include the freight and passenger vessel Dorchester, built for the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company. It is 368 feet long, of 5,600 gross tons, and will have accommodations for 316 passengers. It is fitted with a triple expansion steam engine, a single screw and oil-burning boiler.

The Savrona, a sea-going and coastwise yacht, equipped with twin-screw engines, generating 1,000 horsepower, will be the second ship to take to the water. This vessel is 185 feet in length with a speed of sixteen knots, and a cruising radius of 9,000 miles.

The cruiser is Richard M. Caldwell, Jr., of Fort Washington, Pa. The vessel will fly the flag of the New York Yacht Club.

The third vessel to be launched is the sea-going and coastwise yacht Josephine; 140 feet over all, with twin-screw engines. E. S. Burke, Jr., of Cleveland, is the owner.

The Aras, built for Hugh J. Chisholm, of Portland, Me., will be launched at the same time. This is a twin-screw vessel 162 feet over all.

This season, Gabby Street, Raymond comes next and will be put into service on the Delaware River. It will be 227 feet in length, and will have Diesel dredging engines. The other four launches will be three one hundred-foot steel barges, built for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and a steel car float for the same owners. These four are designed for service in Hampton Roads.

Two twin-screw Clyde steamers for passenger and freight service will be laid down as soon as the launchings are completed. They will be 407 feet over all with turbine engines, developing 8,500 horsepower and a speed of eighteen knots. Both will be twin-screw steamers to sail from New York and carry accommodations for 930 passengers.

At the same time the keel will be laid for the largest merchant vessel ever contracted for in an American ship yard. This will be a 600-foot, oil-burning combination passenger and freight ship for the Panama Pacific Line, to have electrically driven engines, and accommodations for 745 passengers.

Lieut. Thompson Is Hanged.

Manila, March 18.—(AP)—Second Lt. John Thompson, of the U. S. Army, was hanged here today for the murder of his 17 year old fiancée.

Protest Prohibition Poll



Prohibition leaders called on President Coolidge and protested against the present newspaper poll on prohibition, assailing it as "farceful" and insisting the drys are not voting. Left to right, they are Dr. A. J. Barton of Kansas City, Dr. A. H. Briggs, of San Francisco and Dr. William H. Forgrave, of Boston.

LEAVE PROBLEMS BEHIND WHEN DRIVING AN AUTO

Accidents Caused by Preoccupation of Auto Drivers in Opinion of Experts.

Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—Motorists have too much on their minds and have difficulty finding room for thoughts of safety because they carry their domestic and business troubles with them, in the opinion of C. W. Roberts, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club.

The club, following the example of the more than 700 other automobile organizations affiliated with the American Automobile Association, has been studying the behavior of motorists in an effort to discover why there is so much apparent carelessness. The preoccupation of the motorist's mind is one of the principal features thus far disclosed by the investigations.

"Motorists carry their business and domestic troubles with them," says Secretary Roberts, "and the result is there is very little room for thoughts of safety. The housewife does too much shopping while at the wheel. The business man puts over too many deals while he is dodging pedestrians. Altogether the situation is not conducive of safety."

How Mr. Roberts reached his conclusions is as interesting as the conclusions themselves, according to those who have been advised of the method used. Members of the safety and accident prevention committee of the club were commissioned to accept offers to ride with local motorists and to endeavor to discover what the drivers were thinking about. Almost invariably the drivers launched into a conversation regarding their respective interests. The assumption was that if there had been no one in the car to talk these matters over with the drivers would have discussed the matters with themselves, mentally.

"Only a small percentage of drivers tested talked about traffic, pedestrians, safety and precaution," says Secretary Roberts. "Thoughts were on matters quite unrelated to the task at hand and observers noted that the drivers were inclined to be inadvertently careless."

THE COTTON MARKET

Prospects For Cold Rains in South Offset Relatively Easy Liverpool Cables.

New York, March 18.—(AP)—Prospects for cold rains in the south served to offset relatively easy Liverpool cables and prices held fairly steady in the cotton market early today.

The opening was steady at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 3 points, and after selling off 3 or 4 points under liquidation and South-sea selling the market rallied at about yesterday's closing figures.

Private cables said the decline in Liverpool was due to hedge selling which had supplied covering and trade selling. Some trade buying to fix prices was reported here in the early trading, but the bulk of the demand was attributed to covering by Wall street and local shorts. July fluctuated between 18.15 and 18.19 and was holding around 18.15 at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 18.65; July 18.17; Oct. 17.54; Dec. 17.18; Jan. 17.19.

UNINHABITED YACHT GROUNDED IN SOUND

Mysterious Craft Drifts Through Inlet Near Wilmington.

Wilmington, March 17.—A small handsome yacht, lavishly furnished but with no one aboard, drifted through the inlet near Buena Vista farm and grounded on a shoal in Middle Sound early today. Residents of the section boarded the craft but found nothing that would fix her identity. She will be floated tomorrow and held while efforts are made to locate her owner.

Nothing more has been heard from the yacht No. 7400-S, of Hampton, Va., which broke her tow late yesterday and drifted to sea. A crew from Oak Island station spent the night and this morning in quest of the runaway, finally abandoning the hunt since a strong west wind was blowing and Captain Willis said the chances were the craft had been blown far to sea.

Senator Cummins Denies Report.

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Rising to a question of personal privilege for the first time in his long Senate career, Senator Cummins, Republican of Iowa, today declared "wholly utterly untrue" reports that had been widely printed yesterday that his Senate friends might consider the effect on his own personal and political fortunes in deciding the Steck-Brookhart election contest.

Earthquake Recorded.

St. Louis, March 18.—(AP)—Armenia was the probable location of an earthquake recorded at St. Louis University today from 8:19 to 9:20 a. m. Seismologist James B. MacCallister, however, estimated the distance at 8,700 miles, in an easterly direction and said the severity of the tremors indicated a destructive quake.

NINTH CABINET BY BRIAND STATES ITS AIM TO PARLIAMENT

Cabinet Was Received in Rather Chill Atmosphere But Will Be Given Some Support.

BRIAND GIVEN SOME APPLAUSE

No Way to Tell Now, However, How His Financial Plans Will Be Accepted Later.

Paris, March 18.—(AP)—The ninth cabinet of Aristide Briand was received in a rather chill atmosphere when it appeared in parliament this afternoon to present its ministerial declaration containing an appeal to the legislators to observe exceptional discipline in order that the financial difficulties of France might be solved.

The first applause in the chamber came when Premier Briand stated that his previous governments' policy of international agreements would be adhered to. The chamber, however, received in deepest silence M. Briand's appeal for discipline in voting the necessary financial measures.

When M. Briand reached a passage of the declaration which referred to the government's desire to change the situation of electric measures of the chamber, he added "the country has its eyes on you, and is waiting anxiously your action."

Hopes For the Better.

Paris, March 18.—(AP)—The ministerial declaration of the reorganized Briand government read this afternoon in the chamber of deputies and senate frankly admits failure to bring about a solution of the country's financial problems by the date expected, but calls upon parliament to "observe exceptional discipline" so as to vote the necessary measure before the Easter recess.

STATE CONSTABULARY FAVORED BY HODSON

Federal Enforcement Official Says Help of the State is Urgently Needed.

Charlotte, March 17.—Establishment of a State constabulary to assist in enforcement of the prohibition law is favored by W. H. Hodson, assistant prohibition administrator of the eighth district whose headquarters are in this city.

Rigid enforcement of the law in this state can be brought about only by the appointment of such a constabulary which is free of entangling political alliances in Mr. Hodson's opinion.