

### STATESVILLE FIRE THREATENS LARGE BUSINESS SECTION

Blaze Started About 10:30 This Morning and Was Reported Burning at Furious Rate at Noon.

### FURNITURE LIES IN FIRE'S PATH

Lumber of One Concern Already Burned and if Wind Shifts Other Property May Be Burned.

Statesville, March 31.—(AP)—Fire starting about 10:30 o'clock in the Diamond Hill section of this city has been burning at a furious rate. From the fertilizer house it spread to stacks of lumber nearby. A high wind has been blowing since the fire started, and more than a million feet of lumber and four industrial plants are in jeopardy should the wind shift its course toward these plants. All available fire fighting forces have been fighting hard since the fire started, but for lack of sufficient water facilities little headway had been made toward extinguishing the flames.

So far only the lumber owned by Hutton & Roubonnais is affected. The fire rages near a big pile owned by the Morrison Manufacturing Company. About \$60,000 is the estimated value of the lumber already burned, and in danger.

### SECOND SON IS BORN TO CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Stork Visits Famous Screen Comedian's Home Twice Within Two Years.

Hollywood, Calif., March 30.—A second son was born to Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, wife of the screen comedian, at 9 o'clock this morning, an announcement from the studio said.

Reports said that mother and son were progressing nicely. The event, which had been anticipated for some time in film circles, took place at the Beverly Hills home of the famous screen comedian.

Chaplin's first son, Charles Spencer Chaplin, Jr., is a little more than a year old.

Mrs. Chaplin was formerly Miss Lita Grey, picture actress.

### The Medlin Hearing.

Referring to the preliminary trial of A. B. Medlin for the slaying of Mark Simpson, in Union County, the Monroe Journal says:

"A number of people from Concord appeared at the trial as character witnesses for the defendant. These included Rev. Ebenezer Myers, L. A. Talbirt, chief of police of Concord, Sheriff Caldwell of Cabarrus county, J. L. Hartsell, manager of the Hartsell Mill, and a number of others, all of whom gave him a good character.

"The defendant himself was not put on the stand, but the version of the killing which he gave to the Sheriff when surrendering was not greatly changed by the State's witnesses, all of whom were relatives of the dead man. These were Mrs. Britton Helms, a sister of the deceased, and her husband, J. C. Simpson, father, and Henry Helms, nephew of the deceased.

"The story of the State's witnesses is similar to the statement made by Medlin to Union County officers with the exception to the manner of approach made by Simpson, and the black-jack scuffle. Medlin said that Simpson approached in an angry manner and cursing, and that he grabbed the black-jack and was holding on to it when he fired his pistol. The State witnesses say that he did not appear mad on approach and that he only reached for the black-jack.

"Dr. Richardson was called to the stand and corroborated the testimony of the witnesses as to the effect of the bullets.

"The State witnesses were again called to the stand and questioned as to the knife found under Simpson when his body was being removed. None of them knew about the knife except Simpson's father who said that he saw the knife and that it was the property of the dead man. The presence of the knife was corroborated by Dr. Richardson."

### Overman is Against Italian Settlement.

Washington, March 30.—In replying to letters which Senator Overman is receiving expressing the hope that he will vote against the Italian debt settlement, the senator states that the more he looks into this debt settlement the more he realizes that it is a very bad proposition, and that he is now inclined to vote against it.

If it's Thrills you crave— If it's Excitement you're looking for— THEN—

By all means see "THE WINDING STAIR" AT THE STAR THEATRE TODAY and THURSDAY With Alma eubens, Edmund Lowe, Warner Oland and Chester Conklin Admission 10c and 25c

### The Enemy?



Does he want power for himself? Luigi Federzoni, one of Mussolini's chief aids, is reported to be turning against his chief. It was at Federzoni's instigation, it is rumored, that Cesare Rossi was allowed to "escape" to Paris, much to Mussolini's anger.

### IS UNDER BOND IN ALIENATION CASE

W. C. Murphy Arrested on Complaint of Dr. Nicholas A. Mandellos, Who Has Filed Suit For \$50,000.

Asheville, March 30.—W. C. Murphy, county superintendent of public instruction, who lives at 19 Furman Court, was arrested this afternoon by members of the sheriff's department and held under \$2,500 bond in arrest and bail proceedings, upon complaint of Dr. Nicholas A. Mandellos, 55 Ashland Avenue, who filed suit for \$50,000 for alienation of his wife's affections, alleging that Murphy debauched her, using his office to attain that end while she was a member of the teaching staff of Johnson school.

Murphy was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Dave Snelson and Deputy Constable T. R. Parker as he sat at his desk in the county court house annex. He was allowed, by direction of Sheriff E. M. Mitchell, a reasonable time in which to arrange bond. His attorney, J. W. Haynes, visited the home of the clerk of superior court and succeeded in having the bond of \$25,000 asked in the complaint, reduced to \$2,500 which was furnished.

"Charging that while his 21-year-old wife was a member of the faculty of Johnson school, Murphy succeeded in winning her affection by maliciously planning and exerting all improper influence over her, Dr. Mandellos, who is a member of the staff at Oteen hospital, alleges that Murphy made promises to the wife of the plaintiff that he would use his influence to have Miss L. Johnson, then supervisor of schools in Buncombe county, removed and that he further promised to give this position to the wife of the plaintiff, Elmore Griffiths Mandellos.

Dr. Mandellos further contends that the defendant in this action "contrived maliciously and wickedly to injure the plaintiff, and to wrongfully deprive him of the affection, comfort and society of his wife, and maliciously planned and undertook to accomplish his purpose, acquiring an improper influence over her."

The defendant in this action was elected head of the school system in Buncombe county in April, 1925, and took over the office which he was holding at the time of his arrest July 1, last year.

### With Our Advertisers.

Say it with flowers—see new ad. of Mrs. J. A. Walker today. Young men's felt hats with fancy bands only \$3.98 at J. C. Penney Co's. The new ad. today on page five will tell you more about them. Canned chicken a la king, chicken liver, deviled chicken and chicken salad at Sanitary Grocery Co. H. B. Wilkinson sells many well known nationally advertised lines. See new ad. today for particulars. "You name it—we bring it"—that's the way C. H. Barrer & Co. do business.

Easter is just around the corner and Ed's is ready for you. New hats from \$1.95 up. Schloss Bros. Co. Easter suits from \$25 to \$50 at Hoover's, Schoble Hats, \$5 to \$8. Everything else for men.

Only three more days of the big Easter Sale at the Parks-Belk Co. Every department of this big store is loaded down with Easter merchandise. Monday and Tuesday of next week at the Concord Theatre Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q. Son of Zorro" This is his newest picture.

Corinne Griffith with an all star cast at the Concord Theatre today in "The Marriage Whirl" This is a First National picture.

### Judge Meekins' Opinion in Tobacco Association Case.

Raleigh, March 31.—Judge Meekins holds that he is empowered to appoint a receiver for the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association without any proof as to fraud or mismanagement, if such appointment appears for the best interests of the Association and its members; and he further inclines to the opinion that under an opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court, the Federal court in which the case is being tried has no jurisdiction.

The many friends of Miss Mary McKinley will regret to learn that she is ill at her home in No. 4 town-ship.

### The Prettiest Dimples of All



Kenosha, Wis., business men set out the other day to find out what girl had the prettiest dimples. They finally picked 20-year-old Miss Anna Lancik as the winner.

### "MAN" PASTOR 22 YEARS FOUND TO BE A WOMAN

Negro Congregation Never Suspected Sex Preacher Assumed to "Make More Money."

Birmingham, Ala., March 31.—After a service of twenty-two years as a pastor of a church at Brown, it has just been learned that the Rev. Murray Leslie, negro, is a woman. She was struck by an automobile while in Birmingham today and taken to a hospital where her sex was discovered.

The preacher admitted to detectives she had assumed the male role twenty-two years ago. She told them she discarded her skirts "because a man preacher could make more money than a woman preacher." No charge was made against her.

During all these years her sex never had been questioned. It is said she prospered financially and owns considerable valuable property.

### White House Lawn Awaits Egg Rollers.

Washington, March 31.—President Coolidge today ordered the south grounds of the White House opened to the children of Washington next Monday for the annual Easter egg rolling festival.

Several thousand youngsters go to the White House every Easter Monday for the egg rolling, and some have learned to make spare change by hiring themselves as escorts for adults who wish admittance, but who are barred unless accompanied by a child under ten.

### Secretary Hoover is Invited to Salisbury.

Washington, Mar. 30.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has been invited by Senator Lee S. Overman, on behalf of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, to be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the chamber on a date convenient to the Secretary between April 10 and 15.

Secretary Hoover has not yet announced whether or not he will be able to accept the invitation.

Eight million American Sunday newspapers are sold annually in Canada where Sunday newspaper printing is forbidden. American monthly and weekly magazines have a circulation of one million in Canada.

T. H. Webb is able to be at his office today after several days' illness.

### A THRIFT TALK THAT CONCERNS CHILDREN

Start them young with an appreciation of thrift—educate them to the advantages of an active "building and loan account."

We urge accounts for children since it means immeasurably more to you and to the children than any other single habit.

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CABARRUS COUNTY B. L. & S. ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

### Nash Declares "Health Booster" Beer Cannot Be Sold In Tar Heels

#### THE SHACKLETTE-POU-SINK HEARING THURSDAY

Keen Anticipation of What Tomorrow's Hearing Will Bring Forth. Raleigh Bureau of

The Concord Daily Tribune, Raleigh, March 31.—Although the Shacklette vs. Pou and Sink controversy has been overshadowed in Raleigh this week by the sensational charges hurled in the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association hearing in Federal Court, the prison episode has been far from forgotten and there is keen anticipation as to what tomorrow's hearing of the prison board will bring forth.

It has been fairly definitely established that the additional charges preferred by Rev. W. S. Shacklette, prison chaplain, against Superintendent George Ross Pou have to do with the alleged acceptance of money from prisoners for advancement in rank, although neither Mr. Shacklette nor members of the board have had anything to say on the matter. It is said that the militant chaplain claims to have statement one or more copies to substantiate his charges, but even persons one too friendly to the prison administration admit that such evidence is hardly sufficient to substantiate charges so serious as he is said to have brought.

The keenest speculation here is on the question of whether or not the chaplain will decline to press his charges and attempt to back out of a difficult situation with as good grace as possible, or whether he will bring with him whatever proof he may have against Superintendent Pou and Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink and try to make a case. On this question, the betting is 50-50.

Those who incline to the belief that there will be no retraction, point to the fact that J. W. Bailey, Chaplain Shacklette's attorney, was loud in his protestations against the re-appointment of Mr. Pou as superintendent and declare that the attorney, who was Governor McLean's opponent for the gubernatorial nomination in 1924, will overlook no bet in an effort to discredit the prison administration.

Those who are firm in the belief that the charges will be withdrawn can imagine no possibility of the existence of proof sufficient to make the charges stick and are convinced that the chaplain was no more than repeating hearsay obtained from sources which has found, or will find, unable to back him up in the final test.

It has become fairly common knowledge here that Shacklette went to both Raleigh newspaper with these same charges, or similar ones, some months ago. One paper is said to have refused to give them consideration, while the other is said to have investigated and found insufficient proof for publication.

One thing seems admitted in all quarters—that the investigation will not be concluded until it is definitely established whether or not there is any ground for the allegations of trafficking in pardons, bribery and whatever else may have been included in the chaplain's various statements, written and verbal.

Adequate proof of that would seem to have been provided by the prison board's action in adjourning the hearing until the chaplain might have his attorney present. The board might very well have refused to acquiesce last Friday and declared the charges groundless when the person refused to talk in the absence of his legal advisor, since he was the accuser and not the accused. It seems evident that the board members are willing to grant the author of the allegations every right, actual or imaginary, in order to get at all the facts and base their findings on a complete statement and proof thereof.

Should the chaplain fail to make his charges stick, it is a certainty that his connection with the prison administration will be severed forthwith. Even should he do the seemingly impossible and submit the requisite proof, it is said to be doubtful if he will remain, but that is a matter only for conjecture.

Rumors have been current for some time that he was contemplating quitting his prison duties and going on the lecture platform to conduct a crusade for improved methods in penal institutions, but they seem never to have been verified. He has interested himself actively in prison reform since he became chaplain, but, so far as is generally known, he never has announced his intention of conducting a campaign from the outside, rather than from the inside of prison bars and convict camps.

### Honors Gov. McLean's Requisition.

Raleigh Bureau of The Concord Daily Tribune Raleigh, March 31.—The governor of South Carolina last night wired Governor McLean that he was honoring the extradition of J. J. Hayes, alias J. J. Hayes, wanted in Pitt county for assault with a deadly weapon, transporting liquor and driving an automobile while intoxicated. The appeal for extradition was made by the prosecuting attorney of Pitt county.

### Germany Accepts League Proposal.

Berlin, March 31.—(AP)—The cabinet unanimously decided today to accept in principle the invitation of the league of nations for Germany to be represented on the commission charged with examination of the question of the composition of the league council.

### Attorney General of State Says New Orders Will Not Affect Laws of This State.

#### OTHERS BELIEVE HE IS WRONG

Director of Prohibition Says No State Laws Can Prohibit Sale of the New Beer.

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—Whether the new malt tonic with its 3.75 per cent. of alcohol and its resemblance to outlawed beer will be salable throughout the United States remains to be seen. Some think it will, and some think it won't, while others are waiting to be shown just how pleasant it is to take in beverage quantities.

Despite the opinion of James E. Jones, director of prohibition, that there are no State laws that would prohibit sale of the "health booster," a number of State law officers in the West and South especially share the skepticism expressed by Andrew J. Volstead, father of the federal prohibition act, and now legal advisor in the district enforcement offices at St. Paul, Minn.

Frank Nash, assistant attorney general of North Carolina went further than most of State officials, asserting that "the sale of medicinal beer so far as North Carolina is concerned, is illegal, and any drug store undertaking to sell it will be violating the State law." A less definite attitude, but one of watchful waiting, was taken by the law officers of Washington, Oregon and Oklahoma, while wholesale druggists in Utah and Colorado want rulings from their State attorney generals before making any comments, and those in Wisconsin have sought the opinion of L. C. Junderson, State prohibition director.

Andrews Defends Ruling. Washington, March 31.—(AP)—The sale of the new 3.75 per cent. beer tonic was defended today by Assistant Secretary Andrews in charge of prohibition as "practicable and reasonable."

Although insurance of a permit for the new preparation has been pronounced a "mistake" by the anti-Saloon league and assailed as illegal by the father of the Volstead act, General Andrews declared in a public statement that the new product not only was entirely permissible but was of such a character that no stretch of the imagination could be regarded as "beer."

The statement follows: "In the matter of our policy of granting permits to manufacture and distribute malt and wine tonics: "This policy was adopted after thorough consideration of the question and amounts to this—agreements entered into with all reliable houses to restore to the market certain well known and established tonics on the basis that the manufacturer accepts the responsibility for their distribution for legitimate purposes and agrees to watch this closely and withdraw the product from any market where it appears that the tonic is being sold for use as a beverage."

"This is practicable and reasonable, and is done for the purpose of making these tonics available to those who need them. A malt tonic containing 2 1/2 per cent. of solids is by no stretch of the imagination a beer. If the public attempts to use it as a beer it can be instantly withdrawn from the market.

"The department believes this to be a reasonable regulation and to be the best interests of the police, and is confident that the public will so consider it and treat it."

### VESSEL REMAINS QUIET AFTER SENDING "S. O. S."

Call For Aid Came From Vessel Signing the "S. S. Blair." New York, March 31.—(AP)—An S. O. S. followed by complete silence was received by naval communications early today from a vessel signing S. S. Blair. No details were given, and attempts to get further information were unavailing.

The only vessel of this name is a freighter owned by the American Export Lines, which left Havana, Spain, for New York March 20th. She was due here April 6th.

The owners of the vessel said they had been out of touch with her for some days.

### Takes Carbolic Acid; Will Likely Recover.

Statesville, March 30.—According to her physician, unless complications arise, Mrs. Anderson Nash will recover from the effects of carbolic acid which she took Saturday night.

Mrs. Nash and others went on a long hike Saturday. That evening on her return she announced that she was tired and would retire. Soon after her husband left the room she was heard to scream and investigation disclosed that she had taken the carbolic acid. Doctors were quickly summoned and did what could be done to offset the effects of the poison. She was unconscious for some time. Her condition is better and prospects for her recovery are good. Whether the acid was taken through error or purposely has not been definitely established.

### Disappears



Mystery surrounds the disappearance of William Burkhardt, member of the Illinois Commerce Commission and brother-in-law of William Hale Thompson, former mayor of Chicago. Burkhardt has not been seen since he left a Chicago hotel a week ago.

### SEEKING NEW BILLS AGAINST CRANFORD

#### New Bills of Indictment Are Being Sought by Solicitor Don Phillips at Albemarle.

Albemarle, March 31.—(AP)—New bills of indictment were being sought today by Solicitor Don Phillips, charging N. C. Cranford, former State county convict superintendent, with first degree murder in connection with the deaths of two negro prisoners in 1918.

All state witnesses were appearing before the county grand jury with action expected during the day. Judge Michael Schenck at the same time had under advisement a motion of the defense to quash the indictments now before the court, while another of the state was to move the trial to another county.

The defense claim of irregularity in the first degree indictments now standing against Cranford is based upon alleged remarks of Judge McElroy who presented the charge to the grand jury. It is claimed by the defense that these remarks were derogatory to the defendant.

No ruling is expected from court until the grand jury completes its consideration of the new bill asked.

### W. H. WILLIAMSON DIES IN FLORIDA

Former Raleigh Man Passed Away at Deland After Long Illness. Charlotte, March 30.—William Holt Williamson, one of Charlotte's prominent citizens, died at his home at Deland, Fla., Monday at 11 p. m., after an illness of ten days, following a period of failing health for a year. He had been suffering from kidney and heart trouble.

The funeral will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh Thursday at 3:30 p. m. and interment in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh until he moved to Charlotte three years ago.

Mr. Williamson, who was a son of the late J. N. Williamson, of Graham, was engaged with his father in the management of the Ossipie Cotton Mills near Burlington, afterwards organizing the Pilot Cotton Mills Company at Raleigh. Ten years ago both concerns were sold, and Mr. Williamson retired from active business.

He was, at the time of his death, a member of the board of directors of the American Trust Company here, and was an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He had a wide circle of friends in Charlotte.

Mr. Williamson was a nephew of the late W. E. Holt, Sr., of Charlotte, and a first cousin of Mrs. R. L. Tate and William E. Holt, Jr., now residing in Charlotte.

### Atlanta Klansmen Alone Can Use the Word "Klan."

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—(AP)—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan organization of Atlanta holds sole right to the use of the word "Klan," Judge Thomas W. Slick decided in a suit in U. S. District Court here today, in enjoining the Independent Klan of America from using that name. Judge Slick did not rule on the request for \$500,000 damages asked by the plaintiff. That point was considered waived as the plaintiff did not present cause for damages in its arguments and briefs.

Miss Margaret Hartsell and Miss Francis Jarratt, students of Salem College, are spending the Easter holidays with their parents.

### City Tax Notice

City taxes and street assessments are past due. Pay today and save extra cost for April.

CHAS. N. FIELD,

City Tax Collector.

### ENGLISH CASE MAY BE SETTLED TODAY BY HOUSE MEMBERS

Some Indication That Roll Call on Impeachment Charges May Be Made Before Adjournment.

#### BITTER DEBATE FEATURES DAY

The Speakers Are More Cautious Than on Yesterday Due to Warning Issued by Longworth.

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—The House proceeded today toward a vote on impeachment charges against Federal Judge George W. English, of Illinois, with some promise that a final roll call would be taken before adjournment.

Judge English's conduct in bankruptcy cases, and the disbarment of attorneys again furnished the fighting issues of the debate.

Discussion proceeded under the damper of a caution by Speaker Longworth, however, who yesterday rebuked some of the disputants for quoting literally in the presence of the galleries bald "fighting words" attributed to the jurist.

As during yesterday's debate, the term was divided between those supporting the Judiciary committee recommendation for impeachment, and those favoring the minority report against such action. No limitation had been set and no hour for a well call agreed upon, but some of the leaders indicated that if the debate dragged on toward nightfall there would be a move to force the issue.

#### SAYS THAT CRIMINALS ARE IN THE SADDLE

Solicitor Swain Pronounces Enforcement Methods Inadequate. Asheville, March 30.—Criminals are in the saddle in this section. That was the opinion expressed by Solicitor J. Ed. Swain in discussing the law enforcement methods in rugged here, which he described as antiquated and inadequate in the extreme.

Murderers are escaping the electric chair and felons are eluding the net of the law because of the present system of catching criminals and tracking the guilty to justice, the solicitor declared.

"This is the twentieth century. Criminals are using airplanes and our officers are using the methods of the stagecoach and oxcart days," Mr. Swain declared in discussing the question.

"Understand, I am not trying to criticize the officers. They are doing exceedingly well with what facilities the general public has put at their command, but they cannot hope to cope with a situation of this sort, which is becoming more aggravated every day."

Trained investigators are needed to meet the situation, in the opinion of the solicitor, and nothing short of a drastic move to revolutionize the entire law enforcement system in this section will prove adequate.

#### Mecklenburg to Give Enormous Paganant.

Charlotte, March 30.—Miss Ethel Rockwell, of the extension department of the University of North Carolina, was visiting Monday 37 of Mecklenburg county's schools, supervising the work of beginning practice on parts which approximately 3,000 school children will take in a paganant, entitled "The Children of Old Carolina," which will be staged at Independence Park here April 16th.

Miss Eloise Rankin, assistant superintendent of Mecklenburg county schools, accompanied Miss Rockwell on her visit to the schools.

Miss Rockwell is author of the paganant, which depicts the Revolutionary period of North Carolina history. It is expected to attract hundreds of people to Charlotte, and is considered the most ambitious thing Mecklenburg county schools have undertaken in several years.

While the paganant has been given in other sections of the state several times in the course of the past few years, the showing here April 16th will be the first time it has been given in this section, it was said.

#### Whittmore Not Be Tried in New York

New York, Mar. 30.—(AP)—District Attorney Banton this afternoon waived New York County's rights to hold Richard Reese Whittmore, Baltimore convict, and confessed robber, leaving only Buffalo, N. Y., and Baltimore in the contest in the right to try him for murder.

Partly cloudy and colder tonight, temperature near freezing in west portion; Thursday fair and colder, strong southwest and west winds.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

