

STABLES AT FAIR GROUNDS BURNED; ALL HORSES SAFE

Seventy-Two of the 85 Stalls in Big Stable Destroyed by Fire Discovered Last Night.

WILL REBUILD THE STRUCTURE SOON Fire Will Not Interfere With Plans Being Made Now For Annual Fair to Be Held in October.

Fire of undetermined origin which at one time seemed certain to burn its way throughout the grounds, last night destroyed 72 stalls in the big stable at the Cabarrus County Fair grounds.

Only the wind saved other structures, the flames being driven toward the interior of the grounds. The loss is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The origin of the fire is believed to be a cigarette carelessly thrown in or near one of the stalls. Persons who first saw the fire reported that it started somewhere near the middle of the stable which had 85 stalls.

Straw and hay in the stalls caught quickly and a few minutes after the blaze was first seen the heavens were lit by the flames and sparks. The fire spread in two directions, burning southward with more rapidity than northward.

The twelve stalls were saved after members of the Concord fire department reached the fair grounds. Those were carried from the dam behind the poultry house to the stable, a distance of 1,800 feet, and with about 100 pounds of pressure on the water, the flames were soon knocked out.

Fourteen stalls were standing but two are so badly burned and otherwise damaged they will have to be torn down.

Holdup Men Slay Three In Efforts To Steal Two Autos For Their Work

Driver of Taxi and Couple Sitting in Private Car Slain by Gunmen, One of Whom Was Arrested

WRECK LED TO MAN'S ARREST He Smashed Car Into Railroad Gates and He Was Pinned Under Car—Man Called "Curley" Sought.

Chicago, July 12.—Cicero, scene of the recent spectacular McSwiggan party slaying, counted three more killings today apparently prompted by a desire of hold-up men to obtain automobiles for marauding expeditions.

A taxicab chauffeur, who protested surrendering his car to a pair of robbers, was mortally wounded, stripped of his uniform and thrown from his machine, while less than a block away a young man and a young woman sitting in a car in front of the latter's home, were slain when they remonstrated against giving up their automobile.

The police are holding Thos. McWain, 24, from whom they obtained a statement implicating himself and a man known to them only as "Curley." McWain said he and "Curley" had had the cab to go to Cicero, and that they shot the chauffeur, Ludwig Rose, to obtain his car.

The South sold heavily here, and local selling was encouraged by relatively easy Liverpool cables, combined with further more reassuring crop advices from some parts of the belt, and hope of clearing weather.

Large black milks, vagabond vets and large feds at Robinson's millinery department.

With its more than 700 stores the J. C. Penney Co. is in position to buy goods of high quality at prices extremely low.

Lower prices on flour at Cline & Moore's. This firm sells the very best brands. See new ad today.

The annual Clean-Up Sale of all Summer goods is now on at the Concord Furniture Co. Watch this paper tomorrow for announcement.

BEGIN SEARCH FOR DEAD AMONG RUINS OF NAVAL ARSENAL

Marines, Soldiers and Sailors Enter "No Man's Land" to Seek Those Who Died in Explosion.

SUES TURFMAN Mrs. William Ziegler filed suit in Paris, asking for a divorce from her husband, a prominent New York turfman and polo enthusiast.

Dover, N. J., July 12.—The bombardment of shells which has rained on the countryside intermittently since the destruction of the Navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark Saturday ceased this forenoon, and dispatches of marines, soldiers and sailors prepared to enter "no man's land" to make an immediate search for the dead.

The bodies will be taken to the hospital at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Rear Admiral Plunkett, commandant of the third naval district at Brooklyn, and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, are expected here during the day.

Sixteen Known Dead. Dover, N. J., July 12.—(AP)—The number of persons known to have been killed in the explosion of the naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, was set at sixteen today in a telegram to the chief of naval operations at Washington from Captain William Sayles, senior officer at the scene of the tragedy.

Worm Among Ruins. Dover, N. J., July 12.—(AP)—Ravaged as the merciless artillery attack of an invaded area in war time, the country surrounding the Lake Denmark naval ammunition depot smoldered under a summer sun today.

Marines and soldiers move cautiously through the shell wrecked area, determined to wrest from the smoking ruins the grim secrets of death and destruction hidden among the devastated ruins.

The shells which had rained their death dealing steel fragments upon the countryside since a bolt of lightning first ignited stores of it Saturday ceased their intermittent thunder this morning and it was hoped that the worst had passed.

Most of the dead were marines stationed at the depot. A bolt of lightning late in the afternoon struck an arsenal which exploded. The entire town of Mount Hope, was called out to fight the first which followed and a second and greater explosion caught them, leaving them dying or injured.

The terror and confusion spread through the surrounding country made it almost impossible to describe the fate of some of the number of casualties. Fifty persons were taken to the Dover general hospital, many seriously injured; 50 were taken to an emergency hospital at the American legion headquarters; 13 seriously injured were taken to Morris-town hospital, Morristown, N. J., and scores of others with minor injuries were treated by physicians in the hills about Mount Hope, a few miles from the depot, was reported destroyed and many injured were found there.

ACCIDENTS KEEP UP HEAVY TOLL AMONG FOLK IN SOUTHLAND

Thirty-Seven Persons Were Killed and 249 Injured in Traffic Accidents Last Week.

NORTH CAROLINA WAS THE LEADER Seven Persons Were Killed in This State.—Georgia Leader in the Number Injured With 42.

Traffic in eleven Southern States killed 34 persons and injured 246, a survey conducted yesterday by the Associated Press revealed. That total compares with 37 persons killed and 249 injured the week previous.

Not included in the fatality total is the death of Lieut. J. W. McKenzie, Tennessee national guard aviator, killed at Nashville last Wednesday, when his plane became ignited while 5,000 feet in the air.

North Carolina led all southern states in the number of persons reported killed, with a total of 7. Alabama followed closely with six, while Virginia and Florida reported four each.

Every State reported one or more deaths from the traffic accidents. Georgia led all Southern States in number of persons reported injured, with 42 for the week. Alabama was second with 2, Florida third with 31, and Virginia and Arkansas tied with 30 each for fourth place.

A tabulation by states includes: North Carolina killed 7, injured 9; South Carolina, killed 2, injured 4.

High Point, July 12.—North Carolina's national advertising campaign, for which preparations are now being made to raise \$150,000 to spend during the coming year, will be projected so as to further the prosperity of the state as a unit, and all lines smacking of sectional advantage will be erased.

Speaking for the organization committee, Mr. Tate said, "I want to make it clear that we are engaged in a state-wide enterprise to bring the country's attention to North Carolina as a unit, not as a group of sections where diversified industries are carried on."

In speaking further of the aim and purpose of North Carolinians, Incorporated, Mr. Tate said that this is a "one for all, all for one" project. Every locality in the state is not only invited but is expected to become a part of the organization.

JOHN W. WEEKS IS DEAD; NO FUNERAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

Former Cabinet Member Had Been Ill For Several Months and Death Was Expected.

DEATH OCCURRED AT SUMMER HOME He Lapsed Into Coma Early Sunday Morning and Death Came Without His Speaking Again.

John W. Weeks, war secretary under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, died here at his summer home, Mount Prospect, at 3 o'clock Saturday last this morning. Death came from a long illness and followed a long fight for health.

Mr. Weeks died without recovering consciousness from the coma into which he had lapsed early Sunday morning. Mrs. Weeks, his son, Shirlah, and Mrs. J. John Washington Darridge, his daughter, were at his bedside when the end came.

Announcement of the death was made to the Associated Press by Mr. Weeks' son shortly before 6 o'clock. From the lodge at the top of Mount Prospect the news of the death of the statesman reached this small town.

Mr. Weeks was born sixty-two years ago. Ever since his return here, the people had watched with anxiety the battle with death being waged on the hillside.

No plans for the funeral had been made at the lodge where the family sought a little rest after their long bedside vigil. Dr. Miller said the body undoubtedly would be taken to Washington for funeral arrangements.

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BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The Purpose of the Conference is to Train Church Workers. Blue Ridge, July 12.—Eleven Protestant denominations were represented here in the Blue Ridge conference of the missionary education movement which ended last night.

Closing a ten-day session the conference last Sunday elected the following committee to prepare the program for next year's meeting: Dr. H. F. Williams and Mrs. Hume R. Steele, of Nashville, representing the Presbyterian and the Southern Methodist churches, Miss Sallie Dean, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Olive Pearson, of the Congregational Sunday school extension society.

SONNER IS VIRTUALLY OUT OF DANGER NOW

Youth Who Was Shot When Miss Braswell Was Killed Much Improved. Tryon, N. C., July 12.—(AP)—Q. C. Conner, Jr., seriously wounded last Wednesday night when Miss Jean Braswell was fatally shot, virtually is out of danger, Tryon hospital officials said today.

Southern Mill Stocks

Gastonia, July 10.—At the close of the week a decline of 72 cents per share in bid prices was noted according to the average of 25 active stocks as compiled weekly by R. S. Dickson and company, the average now standing at 111.80 against 111.08 for the previous week.

New Hickory Hotel to Be Opened July 15

Hickory, July 11.—Ex-Gov. Cameron Morrison will make an address at the stockholders banquet at the new \$400,000 hotel which opens in Hickory on July 15.

Miss Alice Coltrane Dies By Her Own Hand

Raleigh, July 10.—Miss Alice Coltrane, 30-year-old inmate of the state hospital for insane, last night committed suicide by hanging herself with stocking from the bars of her window. She was a Randolph county woman.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Harry Langdon in the Biggest Picture of the Year

"Tramp Tramp Tramp" The Picture You Have Been Waiting to See

Concord Theatre 10c and 25c

Solicitor Pless Goes Over the Braswell Tragedy at Tryon

Saluda, July 11.—Solicitor J. W. Pless, Jr., together with Sheriff Robert W. McFarland, spent several hours this afternoon going over the scene of the shooting that cost the life of Jean Braswell, Tryon girl, Wednesday night, and sent Q. C. Conner, Jr., son of a prominent Saluda merchant, to the hospital in a dangerously wounded condition.

Lake Denmark Plant Was Navy's Largest Arsenal. Washington, July 12.—The Lake Denmark plant was the navy's largest ammunition storage depot, comprising more than 50 acres of land during the war. It was extended by an addition of 383 new buildings and other extensions of considerable magnitude were made.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight, slightly warmer in west and central portions; Tuesday partly cloudy, probably local thunder showers in west and central portions. Moderate shifting winds, becoming southwest.