

MUSSOLINI REGRETS
ATTACKS MADE UPON
FRENCH CONSULATES

Sends Note to France Expressing Regrets and Incident Is Now Considered Closed.

SEVERAL ATTACKS
ON THE FRENCH

The Attacks Followed Attempts Made Recently on the Life of the Italian Premier.

Paris, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Formal written expressions of regret for the anti-French incidents at Ventimiglia and Benghazi were handed to the French ambassador in Rome today by Premier Mussolini in the form of a memorandum.

The French foreign office announced that in view of this action and the satisfactory nature of Foreign Minister Briand's talk with the Italian ambassador in Paris yesterday, the government considers the incidents closed.

This visibly eases the situation between Paris and Rome, as the recent Garibaldi affair involving anti-Fascist activities on the Riviera and the participation of Italians in the recent unsuccessful Italian plot on French soil are considered purely police matters.

Mussolini's action in giving a written declaration to the French ambassador was largely spontaneous, the French government having refrained from making any pressing demands in connection with the anti-French incidents.

The French ambassador called on the Italian under-secretary of foreign affairs yesterday in reference to reorganization of police arrangements at Ventimiglia, which is a railway station town on the Italy-French border.

The incidents at that place and at Benghazi in Tripoli, closely followed upon the attempted assassination of Mussolini a week ago Sunday at Bologna.

At Ventimiglia French railway employees were beaten by fascists who prevented the French consul from uncovering the playing of a fascist hymn. Later a fascist crowd staged a demonstration in front of the French consulate and one man mounted the balcony of the consulate and from it delivered an anti-French speech.

Mussolini told the ambassador he had ordered the authorities at Ventimiglia to speed up the trial of the man named Cavini and others who might be responsible for the attack.

Regarding the incident in Tripoli, Mussolini told the ambassador that he had admonished the colonel in command who according to the report forced the French consulate to hoist an Italian flag alongside the French colors on the consulate. The Premier added that strict orders had been issued to prevent repetition of the two affairs.

GEORGIA COTTON WILL
BE WITHDRAWN ALSO

300,000 Bales Will Be Financed by Banks Which Create \$12,000,000 Fund.

Atlanta, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Georgia will begin immediately the withdrawal of 300,000 bales of cotton from the market for a period of 18 to 24 months, or until such time as the market is satisfactory in order to relieve the situation brought about by the low price of the staple.

Financing of this withdrawal has been arranged by the Georgia banks without calling on the government financial agencies for assistance, in furnishing funds for advances on cotton grown who placed their cotton in the holding pool.

Five of Atlanta's banks have underwritten a \$12,000,000 fund for financing the holding movement, which also is for the purpose of marketing the 300,000 bales in orderly fashion, it was announced today.

COLD WAVE IS HEADED
IN THIS DIRECTION

Rain, Sleet and Snow Flurries Reported in Middle Western States.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—(AP)—A cold wave accompanied by rain, sleet and snow flurries today moved into the Central Mississippi Valley region from the Southwest states, where generally clear skies prevail after two days of unsettled weather.

Originating in Canada, the storm swept western Montana and the Dakotas, and settled over Nebraska and Kansas, where shifting winds yesterday sent low clouds over Missouri, Oklahoma and northern Texas. Temperatures were dropping early this morning in eastern Missouri and northern Arkansas, changing a drizzling rain to sleet at some points.

New Bank For Salisbury.
Salisbury, Nov. 7.—This city has a new banking institution which opened for business last week. It is the Central Industrial Bank and will do an exclusive loan business. J. M. McCorkle is president, J. K. Donsett, vice president and J. W. Carpenter, cashier.

Mrs. W. F. Cannon entered the Concord Hospital Sunday, where she is undergoing treatment. Her condition today is reported as being improved.

Rum Runners Along Canadian Border
Scatter Tacks To Handicap Pursuers

(By International News Service)
Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 9.—Bootleggers and rum runners along the Manitoba-Minnesota border are operating their high powered automobiles and trucks equipped with a special device that strikes heavy roofing tacks over the road in their rear when being pursued, according to advices received here from Winnipeg.

Two cars captured at the border were found to have a tray fitted beneath the gas tank with a shutter operated by a lever controlled from the driver's seat. When the shutter opens a shower of tacks with large heads spread out fan shape over the road. It invariably ends the pursuit of the fugitives. Police cars pursuing rum runners picked up tacks of the pattern found in the confiscated cars. The two cars captured also have specially constructed compartments to increase the capacity for transporting liquor.

WOOD TO GO ON TRIAL
IN WAKE COUNTY FRIDAY

Wellness Worker and Deputy Sheriff Charged With Slaying Convict.

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—Trial of Rev. George Wood, minister, welfare worker and deputy sheriff of Winston, for the slaying of J. B. Vickers, state convict, has been set for Friday in Wake Superior Court. The case was continued from the September term of court and was yesterday set for Friday by agreement of defending counsel and Solicitor W. F. Evans.

Vickers was slain August 28th when he made a break for freedom while being returned by Wood to State prison here. Vickers was cornered in the yard of R. T. Coburn, 208 South Boylan Avenue, and was slain by Wood after, according to eye witnesses, he had surrendered. Wood contended that he was afraid Vickers was about to strike him and pushed his gun against the man's stomach. He denied any intention to fire and claimed that the pressure of pushing the pistol against Wood must have discharged it.

Vickers died October 2nd, and Wood was released on bond of \$5,000 furnished by citizens of Winston, where he is pastor of the Unitarian Church of that city. Vickers, at the time of the shooting, was being returned from Spartanburg, S. C. He was serving a ten-year sentence for murder.

THE COTTON MARKET
Opened Firm at Advance of 8 to 10 Points, With January Contracts up to 12.00.

New York, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 8 to 10 points on continued trade buying, covering and moderate commission house demand, promoted by relatively firm Liverpool cables and the steadiness of yesterday's market after the publication of the government crop report.

January contracts sold up to 12.00 in the first few minutes, a net advance of 10 to 20 points on active trading, and recovery of about 83 points from the low level touched shortly after publication of the official crop figures.

There was considerable southern selling and realizing above the 12-13 cents level, however, while demand seemed to taper off after the initial buying orders had been executed. The prices showed reactions of 8 or 10 points from the best by the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened firm: Dec. 12.48; Jan. 12.58; March 12.82; May 13.02; July 13.25.

Jugular Vein Cut in Automobile Crash.
Hickory, Nov. 8.—Mrs. M. P. Alexander, wife of the sheriff of Iredell county, and Earl Wagner, of Conover, were seriously injured early Sunday night when the cars in which they were riding collided eight miles east of this city. Mrs. Alexander's jugular vein was severed in the crash and she is not expected to live.

Wagner was injured about the head and amputation of one arm was necessary. Sheriff Alexander, who was in the car with his wife, and young Alexander, his son, who was driving, was only slightly injured and was discharged from the hospital last night.

Fast Freight Shave Leaves Prize Winner With a "Raw" Face.
Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 8.—A contest to see "who could stand the closest to a fast moving freight train" here last night was won by Robert Alexander, 18, but at the expense of a number of lacerations about his head and face. A number of companions competing with Alexander escaped injury.

Embezzler Arrested While Singing in Choir.
Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 8.—Arrested as he was participating in a revival service as a member of the choir, Jacksonville police were holding for Hillsborough county authorities, J. H. Estes, 37. Estes was taken in custody on a warrant charging embezzlement of \$700 from a Tampa jewelry firm.

Durham, Nov. 8.—Rev. Franklin H. Dinges, aged 73 years, for 47 years a member of the Methodist conference of North Carolina, died last night at Brevard, where he and Mrs. Townsend had been spending the summer with their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Martin, following several years of declining health. Mr. Townsend had been placed on the superannuate list of the Western North Carolina conference five or six years ago, after having preached for more than 40 years at scores of places in the state.

Mrs. Grace Propert has accepted a position in the office of Ritchie Hardware Co.

Queen Marie Will Visit North Carolina.
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You Will Like Concord Better—

when you help it grow. Let all of us put our shoulders to the wheel and by hard work put over everything that will make our city bigger and better.

We live in a city of many opportunities and we should put forth every effort to develop them for the benefit of the community.

OUR NEW SERIES WILL OPEN SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6th, 1926

Citizens Building & Loan Association

Office in the Citizens Bank Building

WANTS PARTY LINES
FORGOTTEN IN
REDUCTION BATTLE

President Asks for Non-Partisan Consideration for Proposals He Has Suggested.

MELLON PLAN IS
NOT FINAL ONE

Chief Executive Intimates Democrats Charge Him With Playing Politics in the Matter.

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—President Coolidge today asked for non-partisan consideration of his tax reduction proposals.

He made known through the White House spokesman his desire that party lines be forgotten in consideration of the proposal by Congress.

It was also declared that the income tax credit plan announced yesterday by Secretary Mellon was not the final proposal of the administration.

The President will confer with the members of the House ways and means committee before recommending how the surplus should be returned to the taxpayers.

The White House pronouncement did not refer directly to Democratic charges that the President's move was a political one, but it was said that Mr. Coolidge felt that politics must be avoided at all hazards.

If the tax credit proposal becomes involved in a political controversy at the short session it will be difficult in the President's opinion to work out any relief for the taxpayers at this time.

The President thinks the best means of action by Congress would be that pursued in the last Congress, when a non-partisan agreement was worked out for passage of the revenue act.

WINSTON-SALEM FIRE
IS BEING INVESTIGATED

W. A. Scott, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Looks Into Rosenbach Store Fire.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 9.—W. A. Scott, of Greensboro, deputy fire insurance commissioner, came to Winston-Salem today and began an investigation of the fire which Saturday night destroyed the Rosenbach Brothers department store.

No statement was made today by Mr. Scott. The chief of the fire is a mystery fire Chief Harry Nissen said.

Contractors are figuring on the building in an effort to ascertain the exact amount of damage. Adjusters have not arrived yet to investigate the damage done to contents, and the estimate of loss incurred could not be obtained, other than the owners' original statement that the figures would reach approximately \$150,000.

The building owned by the local lodge of Odd Fellows, is a peculiar structure, the second and third floors being separated by a roof that originally covered the second floor. The third story was added.

The contents of the third floor, used as a lodge room by the Odd Fellows, were damaged considerably. About \$2,000 worth of extra furnishings and equipment had been purchased recently, and these were destroyed by the fire.

It was reported today that the Odd Fellows would probably sell the property and buy outside of the business district. Some time ago the lodge considered selling, but the deal was not closed.

Rosenbach's operates one of the largest department stores in Winston-Salem. The concern is said to have had many valuable cloaks in stock at the time of the fire, and all were destroyed.

Fire Chief Nissen is positive in the assertion that the fire originated on the second floor, but members of Rosenbach's firm were of the opinion that it broke out on the third floor.

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WOULD BREAK DOWN
EVIDENCE OFFERED
BY STATE WITNESS

Edward Schwartz Finger Print Expert, Given Severe Cross Examination at Hall-Mills Trial.

HE AND COUNSEL
OFTEN CLASHED

Defense Sought to Show Card Had Been in Many Hands Before It Came to Schwartz for Study.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 9.—(AP)—Again today defense counsel in the trial of the Hall-Mills case jumped on finger print evidence with both feet.

With Edward Schwartz, New York finger print expert, under cross examination, brought over from yesterday, a contest developed between the witness and the 66-year old Robert H. McCarter, former attorney general conducting the cross examination.

McCarter, like a blooded bulldog, had sunk his teeth deeply into the calling card of the Rev. Mr. Hall, declared by the experts to bear finger prints of Willie Stevens, and he would not let go. He resembled a bulldog still further in his tenacity as he piled the witness with questions, and by a slight stress of imagination could be pictured fairly barking at the Newark police officer. The witness in turn almost returned snarl for snarl, and several times raised his voice apparently approaching anger.

The defense was stressing the circuitous route traveled by the card of officially bearing the title of P-17 before it was examined by professionals for finger prints. The cross examination indicated that there was a conjunction at the defense counsel table that amateurs had handled the exhibit before it fell into expert hands.

Mr. McCarter went over at some length the journey of the card from the scene of the crime in a "certain brown parcel," and the other contents of the parcel with the possibility that the print might have been impaired then and later as it covered a wide stretch of New Jersey territory.

The re-direct examination developed into a difference of opinion between counsel, which, however, did not extend beyond the skirmish stage. There was no sustained firing at the moment between Mr. McCarter and Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor.

The dual capacity of Mr. Schwartz as civil engineer and finger print expert precipitated the exchange. The witness, it has been developed, first entered the case to make a survey of territory about the scene of the slaying of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, 44 days after the commission of the crime.

The witness said that he found some disturbance of the ground resembling a hole, and that the place where Mrs. Jane Gibson had said she had buried her husband during her ride through De Russy's Lane on the night of the murder.

The defense insisted that the state should be required to submit proof that there had been no physical change in the ground in the interim between the double murder and survey by the witness. The testimony was ruled competent by Judge Chas. W. Parker "for what it is worth."

Gasoline War Cuts Price in Raleigh.
Raleigh, Nov. 8.—After a truce of more than eighteen months, a gasoline war was renewed here today between rival gasoline service stations and the automobile driving public benefited to the extent of a three-cent reduction in gas prices. The popular fluid dropped from 20 to 23 cents, which is the tank wagon price plus the State tax.

Two leading service stations started the price cutting early this morning and during the day virtually every service station in the city reduced prices in accordance with the reductions of the two leading competitors. Small filling station owners, unable themselves to sell gasoline without any profit. The larger stations, able to handle carload lots, were making a slight profit, it was stated.

Evangelist Sued For \$150,000 by Slain Man's Son.
Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 8.—S. C. asking \$150,000 damages because he has been deprived of maintenance, education and support by the death of his father was filed in district court here today against the Rev. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist Baptist preacher, in behalf of Elliott Chippis, 14, son of D. E. Chippis, whom Norris is charged with having shot and killed here last July.

The trial of the minister on a murder charge was transferred last week to Austin, Texas, on change of venue. The charge represents that the elder Chippis earned \$1,000 monthly in the wholesale lumber business.

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Four New United States Senators



DAVID I. WALSH ROBERT WAGNER



FRANK L. SMITH WILLIAM S. VARE

Here are four men, who were elected to the United States Senate from key states in the recent election. David I. Walsh is a Massachusetts Democrat; Frank L. Smith is an Illinois Republican, and William S. Vare is a Pennsylvania Republican.

Adopt a Definite Plan For
Reduction of Cotton Acreage

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—A definite and well organized cotton acreage reduction plan, with a double-barreled system of enforcement in which the bankers, country merchants and supply merchants are to supply the buckshot and powder, in case any farmers refuse to co-operate has been adopted and machinery is now being set up to put the plan into immediate operation as the result of the conference held in Raleigh yesterday at the call of Governor A. W. McLean to develop a plan for the immediate instilling of measures looking toward a cotton crop reduction of not less than 25 per cent. for 1927.

This plan which is to be put into operation in all the cotton counties of the state by the central committee, and a sub-committee in each county in which cotton is grown is made up of the more practicable elements in a large number of plans which heretofore have been suggested and its effectiveness predicated largely on two elements. The first is that through urging diversification only to the extent that farmers raise their own feedstuffs, the acreage thus needed will more than take care of the desired decrease in cotton acreage. Figures available indicate that if North Carolina farmers will produce the crops to supply their own needs, such as hay, grains, pork, beef and milk, that the added acreage needed for these crops will automatically bring about a 33 1-3 per cent. reduction in cotton acreage, instead of 25 per cent.

The second alternative, in case the farmers fail to respond to the diversification program for cotton acreage reduction, is to compel farmers who will not voluntarily agree to crop reduction, to cut their plantings through a curtailment of their credit by the banks, country merchants and supply merchants. And to this end a clause was added requiring these banks and merchants to sign a pledge to refuse to finance any farmers who would not co-operate in the crop reduction plan.

Summarized briefly, the plan adopted provides for the following: First—A better balanced system of agriculture that will automatically bring cotton acreage reduction. Second—A campaign for better farming and cotton acreage reduction on the part of all farmers growing more than five acres of cotton. Third—To make all plans applicable to the individual farmer, instead of all farmers collectively, considering his individual circumstances. Fourth—The support of bankers and supply merchants for the plan is demanded. Fifth—Public recognition of farmers who co-operate in the plan. Sixth—Provision for better marketing facilities for all crops.

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TRAIN STRIKES TRUCK
AND FIVE ARE DEAD

Five Others Injured in Grade Crossing Accident in Texas.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Five persons were killed and nine injured today when a Southern Pacific passenger train struck a truck at a crossing near here.

The truck was loaded with laborers en route to an oil refinery. The train operated between Houston and the Galena refineries.

130 BODIES RECOVERED.
70 STILL MISSING

Bodies Found in Batangas and Bataan, Following Saturday's Typhoon.

Manila, P. I., Nov. 9.—(AP)—One hundred and thirty bodies have been recovered in the town of Batangas and Bataan, and 70 persons are still missing, following Saturday's typhoon.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

Thursday, November 11th, Armistice Day being a legal holiday in the State of North Carolina the banks of Concord will not be open for business.

CONCORD NATIONAL BANK
CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK
CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

THE WEATHER
Generally fair and much colder tonight and Wednesday, except probably showers in northeast portion of night. Fresh south, shifting to west and northwest winds.

SEN. NORRIS GOES
ON WITH PLANS TO
DEFEAT FOE, VARE

Personal Inquiry Into the Pennsylvania Situation Is Now Underway by the Republican Senator.

LINES FORMING
FOR THE FIGHT

Vare Leaves Florida But Declines to Discuss What He Will Do Should the Contest Come.

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Senatorial lines were forming today for a potential contest over the seating in the 70th Congress of Senator-elect Wm. S. Vare, republican, of Pennsylvania, whose primary election expenditures have been investigated by the Senate campaign funds committee.

A personal inquiry into the Pennsylvania situation is under way by Senator Norris, republican, of Nebraska, who campaigned prior to the election on behalf of Wm. L. Wilson, the democratic candidate.

Meanwhile Senator Blease, of South Carolina, announced that he would vote to seat both Senators-elect, Vare and Smith, republican, of Illinois, unless it could be shown that their election had been effected by fraud or corruption, and Senator David Reed, republican, of Pennsylvania, reiterated his intention to vote to seat his colleague on the ground that republican expenditures in the Keystone State had been legal, honest and necessary.

In Philadelphia the entire election board of one division and the Democratic inspector of another where no votes had been credited to Mr. Wilson in the unofficial returns, were ordered to appear today in the election court to explain discrepancies.

Senator Blease said his intention to vote to seat Senators-elect Vare and Smith in the absence of a showing of fraud was based upon his adherence to the doctrine of state's rights. He contended that a state has the right to make its own election laws, and that the Senate cannot go beyond the authenticity of the certificate of election used by the Governor of a state.

THREATENING BLAZE
IS PUT OUT AT OTTEN

Little Damage Is Done to Veterans Hospital and None of Main Building.

Asheville, Nov. 8.—United States veterans' hospital No. 60, at Oteen, near Asheville, was thrown into a state of intense excitement tonight when fire, starting at the edge of the reservation, swept two dwellings before it was checked by the combat apparatus of the Asheville Military Police.

The fire loss was partially covered by insurance. All available apparatus from the three departments was concentrated in the path of the flames as they approached the hospital building nearest the entrance, and aided by a slight wind the flames were able to check the advancing blaze after it had reached the second dwelling. The Black Mountain highway, leading from Asheville to Oteen, was packed with cars for more than an hour as thousands sought to get nearer the source of the pink lights that lit up the sky for miles.

The origin of the fire was not learned. G. F. Warren, who occupied the first house in the row, discovered the fire, which had been smoking, apparently, for some time. He dashed into the house, fought his way through the smoke, and picking his baby up in his arms made his way to safety. The air admitted when he opened the door, caused the overheated house to burst into flames just as he emerged. Another baby, the child of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cloud, was carried from the second home by a little girl, Arline Anderson, who was watching the child while the mother was partially covered by insurance. All available apparatus from the three departments was concentrated in the path of the flames as they approached the hospital building nearest the entrance, and aided by a slight wind the flames were able to check the advancing blaze after it had reached the second dwelling. The Black Mountain highway, leading from Asheville to Oteen, was packed with cars for more than an hour as thousands sought to get nearer the source of the pink lights that lit up the sky for miles.

Charlotte Will Give Dinner in Honor of O. Max Gardner.

Charlotte, Nov. 8.—Between 400 and 450 reservations are in prospect for the dinner which the Charlotte chamber of commerce membership will give tomorrow night in honor of O. Max Gardner, of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner will arrive by motor tomorrow afternoon.

A committee headed by Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the chamber of commerce, Mayor D. M. Abbeneth, H. M. McAden, representing the Charlotte clearing house association; J. B. Dye, representing the Charlotte merchants association; State commander Paul R. Younts, of the American legion, and Chairman R. N. Hood, of the board of county commissioners, will greet Mr. Gardner at the hotel.

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