

NEW HOSPITAL FOR CONCORD ASSURED: WILL COST \$75,000

Tract of Land on Tribune Street Purchased and Structure Will Start in the Near Future.

MODERN GENERAL HOSPITAL PLANNED Will Be 25-Bed Hospital With All Modern Appointments and Equipment—Site an Ideal One.

A modern general hospital is assured for Concord as the result of action taken by a number of local physicians...

The first step taken by the real estate company, which will be the holding company, was the purchase of three and a quarter acres of land on Tribune street...

Officials of the holding company estimate the hospital and nurses home will cost approximately \$75,000. The exact cost will not be determined until final plans have been secured from C. C. Hartman, Greensboro architect.

No name has been chosen for the hospital, it was stated, but probably will take the name of the present one, The Concord Hospital.

Officers of the holding company are: Dr. R. B. Rankin, President; Dr. P. R. MacFadyen, Vice President; and Dr. Joe A. Hartsell, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition to the officers, stockholders in the company are: Dr. W. H. Wadsworth, R. M. King, D. G. Caldwell, L. A. Yow, J. A. Patterson and S. E. Buchanan.

Dr. Hartsell stated this morning that as soon as final plans for the structure have been received from Mr. Hartman, the contract for the work will be signed.

The few buildings ready for occupancy by January 1, 1929, are: "We plan to give Concord a modern general hospital," Dr. Hartsell added.

The site for the hospital is one of the most desirable in the town of Concord. On a high elevation the tract overlooks most of the city to the north, while to the South there is offered an excellent panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.

It is understood that the present efficient corps of nurses at the Concord Hospital will be transferred to the new plant, with additions to care for the increase in facilities. Miss Auten, superintendent of the present hospital, will be retained in the new plant, it is said.

Granted Reprieve January 1st. Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The two negroes who were to have gone to their death in the electric chair at State prison today, Robert Lumpkin and Booker T. Williams, have been granted a reprieve until January 1 by Governor A. W. McLean.

Lumpkin and Williams were convicted of murder and sentenced to death in connection with the killing of B. M. Rogers, police chief of Rowland, in Robeson county. Rogers was slain the day after last Christmas.

The only question that remains to be determined is whether Rogers' murder was premeditated by the negroes, in which case it would really be first degree murder, or whether the killing was not premeditated, in which case it would be second degree murder, and would not warrant the death penalty.

Wind, Hail and Rain Cause Damage in Rowan County. Salisbury, Nov. 26.—Wind, hail and rain conspired this afternoon to give this vicinity a taste of storm. No serious damage was done in the city but to the west there was considerable damage to windows and automobiles. One man brought in town a bucket full of hail stones, many of which were as large as hen eggs and some of them considerably larger. The ground was covered with hail several miles to the west of Salisbury and many automobile tops were riddled.

Explosions in Mt. Vesuvius. Naples, Italy, Nov. 27.—Violent explosions within the cone of Mount Vesuvius terrified the inhabitants of Portici, Torre Annunziata and other towns in the surrounding valley early today.

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England's First



The first woman to become a Sheriff in England is Mrs. Foster Welch, of Southampton, shown in her robes of office.

International Newsweek.

Not Guilty of Murder or Manslaughter But of Carrying Firearms. Maidstone, England, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Alphonse F. A. Smith today was acquitted of murder or manslaughter in connection with the shooting of his friend John Thomas Derham.

He was sentenced, however, to 12 months at hard labor for carrying firearms with intent to endanger life. In his charge to the jury which heard the socially prominent defendant swear that the shooting of his friend on August 12 in the Smith villa, Stella Maris, was accidental, Judge Avery said:

"There is no motive more likely to cause man or woman to desire to do injury than jealousy."

The prosecution had based its case on the theory that Smith shot Derham in a fit of jealousy rage over the latter's attentions to Mrs. Smith. Pointing out that Mrs. Smith had not been called as a witness, the Judge asked:

"Is it conceivable that if she could support or corroborate the story which Smith told you, she would not have been called as a witness for the defense?"

THINK OTTO WOOD IS HID NEAR PENITENTIARY Text is Theory in Greensboro Where Gunman Used to Hang Out.

Greensboro, Nov. 26.—Following the telling of an automobile here early this morning, the word went around that "Otto Wood," accused murderer from the State prison had stolen it, but it was merely a rumor. Every stolen automobile in this vicinity will be ascribed to the bad man until he is caught.

Law enforcement officers really do not look for Wood to come this way on his third trip from the prison. His wife has remarried and is in a hospital in Winston-Salem, ill with typhoid. He has really no interest in this vicinity. His blood relatives live in West Virginia.

Officers here point out the utter futility of Wood staying "close" however, by stating that his one hand will give him away. Even if he were to go to South Africa, they say in time the word would come that a one-armed man was seen wandering about and Wood would be brought back to prison.

One theory here is that the man "went left" Raleigh. There would have been some trace of him if he had gotten away from Raleigh, they say, and they believe that he is "working in hiding not far from the penitentiary."

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NEW EVIDENCE NOW PRESENTED IN THE HALL-MILLS TRIAL

Letters Sent by Timothy Pfeiffer to State Attorney General Presented in the Trial.

HAND WRITING EXPERTS BUSY They Are Employed by the Prosecution to Examine Several Documents Presented by the Defense.

Court House, Somerville, N. J., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall went on the witness stand in the Hall-Mills trial at 2 p. m.

Dressed in black as she has been since the trial began, Mrs. Hall walked to the witness stand in the same calm manner that has marked her conduct in the court room since the trial began almost four weeks ago.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 27.—(AP)—John Solon, of the New Jersey Attorney General's office, was called as the first witness for the defense in the resumption of the Hall-Mills trial this morning.

Solon produced two letters which had been written by Timothy H. Pfeiffer to Attorney General McCran, concerning the investigation of the slaying of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills four years ago.

Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens are being tried for the murder of Mrs. Mills.

Pfeiffer is attorney for Mrs. Hall. Solon said he had searched the Attorney General's office for other letters written to Mr. McCran offering suggestions for the investigation, but these could not be found.

Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, announced the hand writing experts were examining the diary of Henry Stevens which was presented when he was called as a witness last week. A bill for \$5,000 presented by Felix D. Martini, private detective to Mrs. Hall, for his services, also would be studied by the handwriting experts, the prosecutor said.

Mrs. Henry Carpenter, whose husband is in jail on indictment similar to that on which the three defendants are being tried, testified she took her husband to the 7:35 train for New York on Saturday, September 16, and met him at 1:30. This places Carpenter in New York at the time the state alleges he took papers from the Hall home.

Mrs. Carpenter said she and her husband spent the next day at the shore, and her husband did not go to the Hall home on that day. She was not cross examined.

Free For All Arguments. Somerville, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A free for all argument between attorneys in the Hall-Mills case occurred today while Timothy N. Pfeiffer, member of the defense counsel, was on the stand as a witness for the defense.

The debate grew so intense at one phase that the jury was sent from the room.

The argument began when the defense tried to introduce letters to show that the defendants, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, had made efforts to solve the mystery of the murders of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, for which they are on trial. The letters were sent to state officers.

After Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, had accused Senator Clarence E. Case, member of the defense counsel, of making a "stump speech" and the defense had retorted that it was compelled to "defend itself against the calumnies of Senator Simpson," Justice Parker restored order, but excluded the letters. Pfeiffer continued his testimony between clashes that followed the first general outbreak of invective and accusations.

At one time, with Felix D. Martini, private detective employed by Mrs. Hall, on the stand, Senator Simpson demanded the names which the witness after investigations that cost the defendants more than \$5,000 had "burned up" as the real murderers. After another storm of argument had cleared, defense counsel said it would not name anyone suspected by themselves or of Martini unless commanded to do so by the court.

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Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Southern communities which felt the deadly breath of whirling tornadoes Thursday and Friday were clearing away debris and tending their wounded today, as the total of those killed by the winds' fury reached eighty-four.

Funds for supporting relief measures for the injured and homeless were being raised by newspapers and beneficent societies in response to appeals for aid which followed the destructive winds. The injured from Texas to Virginia were more than 300, and property damage was expected to aggregate above a million dollars.

Force of the Red Cross were in action today in Arkansas, where forty-seven were killed by the storms. In Morehouse and Claiborne parishes of Louisiana, relief workers from Shreveport and Monroe were toiling to re-establish order where sixteen persons perished and much distress prevailed.

Rehabilitation work was also in other states where the fitful tempest had wrought destruction in swirling through Arkansas Thursday night, striking in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, and then finishing its fatal course Friday at Portsmouth, Va.

Reports from the various states today gave these estimates of known dead in addition to a number missing: Arkansas, 47; Louisiana, 16; Mississippi, 10; Texas, 1; Alabama, 3; Missouri, 4; and Virginia 3.

Heber Springs, Arkansas, where the storm's toll was heaviest with 21 dead, had reported her nearly three score wounded and cleared her streets of debris.

Fifteen residence blocks in this small resort city of the Ozark foothills were razed in twin twisters which struck early Thursday night. Water facilities today were restored to nearly normal, and conditions of sanitation were secured by numerous corps of doctors and nurses who came from Little Rock, Kenosha and Harrisburg on three relief trains. Tennessee, estimated at 750, were given shelter and the destitute were fed and clothed.

With Our Advertisers. Give the Concord Plumbing Co. a chance when it comes to heating your house. Phone 1778.

Vulcanizing is tire economy. See ad. of the Concord Vulcanizing Co. Auto insurance will take away much of your travel worries. Phone 231. Fetzer & York.

At the Concord Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Harry Longdon in "The Strong Man." This is a laugh riot. Don't miss it.

Special Sunday chicken dinner tomorrow at Ritchie's Cafe, "on the square," from 11:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Wrenn at Kannapolis wants to do your dry cleaning for you. Phone 128, Kannapolis.

Two-trouser suits at \$30.00 at Hoover's. New collar-attached shirts, Stetson and Scotch hats. Many patterns and models to choose from. Big assortment of Christmas cards to select from at Clinch's Pharmacy. Phone the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. your order for groceries. Phone 571.

Children's Pennies Will Build Raleigh Monument. (By International News Service.) Raleigh, Nov. 27.—After twenty-five years' accumulation of school children's pennies, North Carolina's capital may yet erect a stone memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh here.

Back in 1901 school kiddies began donating to a fund to erect a monument to the founder of "The Lost Colony." Now it has been suggested by Joseph C. Brown, treasurer of the fund, that Raleigh civic clubs aid in raising the required amount for the undertaking.

The \$1,000 in pennies donated by school children has dragged along at 4 per cent interest until now the city has a \$2,249 nest egg as a starter.

Beautiful Engraved Christmas Cards. The Tribune-Times is now prepared to deliver on short notice beautifully engraved Christmas cards at unusually low prices. Call at the office and make your selection, as the stock is now ready for you.

CONNOR ISSUES A PUBLIC STATEMENT GIVING HIS POSITION

Has Not Promised Murphy the Chairmanship of Appropriations Committee in Next Legislature.

NOT MEMBER OF A BLOC OR GROUP To Wreck or Discredit the McLean Administration.—Sets at Rest the Various Reports.

Raleigh Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Positively denying that he has assured Walter Murphy of the appointment as chairman of the house appropriations committee, or that he is a member of any bloc or group to discredit or wreck the present administration, or that he has expressed any preference or made any promise, in the event he is elected speaker of the house of representatives of the legislature, H. G. Connor, Jr., today issued a statement setting forth his position with regard to these matters, this setting at rest various reports that have been in circulation with regard to his position.

Not only does he say that he has had no part in organizing or helping to organize any bloc or group which has for its purpose the wrecking or discrediting of the present administration, because he helped draw and put through many of the bills which are at present fundamental features of this and preceding administrations, but he doubts the very existence of such bloc or group.

Despite the fact that the reports referred to by Mr. Connor appeared exclusively in the afternoon newspapers of the State, Mr. Connor chose to make his statement public through a Raleigh morning newspaper that is known to be bitterly opposed to the McLean administration rather than through the afternoon press of the state.

"I do not know of the existence of such a group or bloc, if there is any such, which I say gravely doubts," he declared, adding that "whatever of opposition there may be to the present administration among the members of the lately elected general assembly is, in my opinion, individual in character with no attempt at organization."

He declares further that he has no reason to conceal his opinions or position and thus has chosen to take this method to let the people of the state know how he stands. His complete statement follows:

"As my attitude toward and position as to certain matters of public interest have been the subject of comment in several articles lately appearing in the press of the state; as I am a candidate, with reason to believe that I shall be the successful one, for a high and important position, both myself and certain of my friends and supporters desire that I should correct certain incorrect impressions and assumptions lately appearing in the public print. To do this, it is perhaps better that I should state my position and opinion and not, or at least as little as possible, be contradictory."

"At the outset, I desire to say that I am in no wise responsible for the publication of the articles in question nor did I know of their contents until I read them, and they were as surprising to me as to any other person."

"I have not authorized any other person to speak for me or to state my opinion or position. I do not understand that any one has assumed to do so, or has been quoted or reported as having done so."

"The suggestion, assumption and report contained in certain of these articles that I have authorized the Honorable Walter Murphy that if chosen speaker I would appoint him chairman of the committee on appropriations of the 1927 session is without the slightest foundation and is quite untrue. Mr. Murphy has never mentioned this subject to me, nor I to him. I have not promised to appoint him or any other gentleman chairman of any committee, and perhaps those members of the public who are in error of opinion, I shall make no such promise to any gentleman. I have not and shall not promise to appoint any gentleman chairman of any committee. It will be time enough to decide upon and make such appointments when speaker. Any other position would be in my opinion be highly improper."

"The suggestion or assumption is entirely gratuitous from whatsoever source it may have emanated."

"If I am not a member of any bloc or group to discredit or wreck the present administration, either by the repeal of certain acts passed at the 1925 session, some of which I assisted in drawing, favored then and favor now, or by any other means, I do not know of the existence of any such bloc or group, if there is any such, which I say gravely doubts. Whatever of opposition there may be to the present administration among the members of the lately elected general assembly is in my opinion individual in character with no attempt at organization."

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Men and Women in the News



MRS. WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT



CHARLENE MEREDITH



HENRIK SHIPSTEAD



CLARENCE C. DILL

Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt planned a Paris divorce. Charlene Meredith incorporated herself and sold shares before she attempted to break into the movies in Los Angeles. Equality of strength between Republicans and Democrats in the new Congress was expected to give Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite, balance of power. Senator C. C. Dill planned to introduce a bill providing Federal control of radio.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to Decline of 6 Points—January Off to 12.41.

New York, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to a decline of 6 points under southern hedge selling and week-end realizing. There was further covering by December shorts, and that position was relatively steady, increasing its premium over January to about 12 points, but the general market sagged off, January declining to 12.41 and March to 12.45, and the general list showing net declines of 9 to 11 points at the end of the first hour.

Private cables reported trade calling and continental buying had offset moderate hedge selling in Liverpool, but complained of poor inquiry for cotton cloth, from India and China.

The amount of cotton on ship board awaiting clearance at the end of the week was estimated at 235,000 bales, against 208,000 bales last year.

New York, Nov. 27.—Cotton futures closed at net declines of 6 to 13 points. Jan. 12.39; March 12.65; May 12.87; July 13.03; Dec. 12.58.

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"I regret the necessity of thus appearing in the public print. I would not do so but for the fact that my name, unknown to me, unauthorized by me, has been used in connection with certain suggestions and assumptions, my notions of and position in regard to certain matters, been the subject of incorrect comment. I have no reason to conceal my opinions or my position and perhaps those members of the public who are in error of opinion, I shall make no such promise to any gentleman. I have not and shall not promise to appoint any gentleman chairman of any committee. It will be time enough to decide upon and make such appointments when speaker. Any other position would be in my opinion be highly improper."

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ROYAL MAIL WILL TAKE OVER WHITE STAR LINE Transfer of Stock Will Not Affect Continuity of White Star Line Organization.

London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., announced today that arrangements had been concluded to acquire the entire capital stock of the White Star Line, as of the date of January 1, 1927.

The International Mercantile Marine, owners of the White Star fleet, confirmed the announcement.

Transfer of the shares will not affect the continuity of the White Star Line organization.

STAGE PISTOL IS FIRED TOO CLOSE Movie Actor Collapses After Scene in Which Gun is Fired Into Sees.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 26.—Charles De Roche, movie actor, collapsed Wednesday night after finishing his act in a local vaudeville theatre, as the result of a blank pistol being fired too close to his side. Wadding from the pistol penetrated his clothing and buried itself in the flesh.

De Roche continued his act without a halt, but fell in a faint when the curtain fell. The wound was not serious and the actor will conclude his engagement here.

Soap and Castor Oil in Use Before Christ. London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Soap, alum, liquorice, castor oil and pepperment were only a few of the medicines in use centuries before Christ as they are today, said Dr. Edward G. Gibb-Smith, health officer for Bedfordshire, in a lecture on the Greeks and Romans as specialists.

Ether was discovered in 1540, but the secret was lost and not rediscovered until 200 years later, said the physician. The Greeks and Romans had precisely the same kind of surgical instruments as were in use at the present time.

"Duds" Still a Menace in French War Areas. Lens, France, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Casualties from hidden projectiles that have escaped the search of the crews employed to mop up the shell strewn regions of France are still common here, eight years after the last cannon shot was fired.

Children are the most frequent sufferers. The severe regulations against the picking up of metal scraps by any region of projectiles have reduced the number of such accidents but they still occur at the rate of about two per week in the coal region.

First Christmas Showing at Parks-Bell Company's. In a half-page ad. today the Parks-Bell Company stores announce the beginning of their big Christmas drive and first showing of toys. They have set their quota of sales for now until December 24th at \$250,000. Take the kiddies and see what old Santa has for them—dolls, carriages, pianos, cradles, tea sets and hundreds of other things they will want for Christmas. See ad. for full particulars.

Born in the year after William IV. came to the throne, Captain De Kantsow, who has just celebrated his 95th birthday, is the oldest officer of his rank in the British navy.

DENY FERDINAND IS DYING; STILL DOES HIS USUAL DUTIES

Roumanian Foreign Office Says Mind Not Affected With Blood Disease.—Keeps at Work.

OPERATION MAY FOLLOW LATER On All Sides in Bucharest There Are Indications That Condition of King Is Not Improved.

Bucharest, Roumania, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Roumanian foreign office today formally authorized the Associated Press to categorically deny "unfounded and fantastic rumors that King Ferdinand is dying of a blood disease, and that the King's mental vigor is impaired."

The King's continuing to receive and work with his ministers daily. Reliable and authoritative sources report the monarch's condition improved.

The newspapers announced today that the physicians in attendance on the King are ready to forego an operation if his health appears to be better, and there is general agreement from every available source that it is improved.

There has not been the slightest suggestion either in the press or in official circles regarding Princess Helen, wife of former Crown Prince Carol for membership in a regency.

FAMILY QUARREL IS CAUSE OF SUICIDE C. H. Williams Shot Wife and Then Took His Own Life at Raleigh.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. C. H. Williams, 42, clung to life with a precarious grasp at a local hospital today, while her husband lay dead in a morgue as the result of two shots fired from a shotgun by Williams at their home near here last night.

Williams, 50, a bookkeeper, shot his wife and then placed the muzzle of the gun beneath his chin and blew his "face off," according to Mrs. Williams, who although suffering intensely from wounds in the breast was able to relate details of the shooting.

She declared she and her husband had quarreled about his not having a job and "providing for the family." She said he left the house in a rage, but returned to his supper without including the quarrel, leaving again on pretense of carrying some milk to a grandchild.

The wounded woman said she saw nothing more of him until she was preparing for bed, when he appeared outside a window and fired through it. She said she fell to the floor and that he rushed in and embraced her, declaring that he was going to kill himself.

"No, no, don't do that. One murder is enough," she said she pleaded with him. She stated he then went into the hall and turned the gun on himself, dying four hours later.

ANOTHER TURN IN FORSYTH MURDER CASE Girl Under Arrest Says Forsyth Was Killed When He Fell From Automobile.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mystery surrounding the killing of "Mighty" Forsyth near here early this week assumed a deeper hue today when a woman giving her name as Evelyn Brit, 34, of Durham, now held in Wake County jail without bond, admitted that she was a member of the death party, and declared that Forsyth met his death by falling from the car driven by Robert Separk. Separk is now being held in a local hospital in connection with the slaying.