

THE GOVERNOR GOES TO SCENE OF FIRE

Mrs. Clara Phillips, Murderess, of California, Breaks Jail and Escapes

MR. MORRISON WILL PERSONALLY VIEW THE PLIGHT OF THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS AT NEW BERN

EPIDEMIC IS NOW FEARED BUT EVERY PRECAUTION USED

Red Cross Field Workers Are In Charge of the Sanitary Work

NURSES VISIT STRICKEN Typhoid Vaccine Is Being Administered Among All the Homeless

SHELTER IS PROVIDED

All the Victims Are Living Under Roofs and Have Food, According to Those in Charge of Relief

NEW BERN, Dec. 5.—With the housing, clothing and feeding problems in connection with relieving the victims of Friday's fire temporarily cared for the relief committees today are devoting most of their attention to the sanitation and unemployment question.

Last night passed quietly with members of the local battery unit and soldiers from Fort Bragg patrolling most of the city.

Governor Morrison will arrive here this evening to personally view the situation.

Carter Taylor, chief of field work of the southern division of the Red Cross, who is in charge of relief work here this morning gave out the following statement relative to conditions:

"The citizens' relief committee has the refugees situation well in hand. Everyone of those who were rendered homeless by the fire are under cover and are being fed. None of the fire victims are suffering at present. Relief in all its branches is on a well-organized basis and we now are beginning to inaugurate a definite policy of rehabilitation.

"The thing that is receiving our greatest attention at present is sanitation. Every effort to prevent an epidemic of typhoid or influenza is being employed. All of the homeless are being inoculated with typhoid vaccine. As many as 17 families have been found in one small house, some of the refugees having a number of small children with them. Such conditions must be changed at once.

"The negro section of the city has been divided into four districts and are being canvassed daily by Red Cross nurses to see that sanitary instructions are carried out. Good progress also is being made in finding employment for those thrown out of work on account of burned industrial plants and stores and it is hoped that within the next 30 days every refugee will be at some kind of productive labor.

"Three thousand refugees are still being cared for at a cost of \$1,000 a day. This amount represents cash disbursements only and does not include the many donations of supplies which have been made by local citizens and outside towns."

Governor Goes to New Bern.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 5.—Gov. Morrison left here early today for New Bern to make a personal investigation of the condition of the 3,000 persons reported homeless from the fire there last week.

Prior to his departure Governor Morrison discussed the situation with Adjutant General Metts and was told conditions in the fire-stricken city were more acute than first thought. General Metts said the relief measures taken had been "pitifully inadequate." The housing situation was the greatest problem, the general said.

Cause Was Accidental.

NEW BERN, Dec. 5.—W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner, stated today that there were absolutely no grounds for reports of incendiary in connection with the fire here last Friday. Mr. Scott has been in New Bern since Saturday investigating the fire for the state insurance department.

"I have found that the fire started from a terra cotta flue which has been in use for years. We found at least six witnesses who saw it when it was burning under the attic. There is no evidence of incendiary. As to the Roper Mill fire a negro named Ernest Gibbs has been detained pending an investigation. He is not charged with firing the mill but is being held as an escaped patient from an insane asylum."

IRISH FREE STATE WILL MAKE ITS BOW AS NATION TOMORROW

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Without pomp or ceremony the Irish free state will come into being after midnight tonight. By a special order in council the full administration of the country has been handed over to the provisional government. Therefore when the constitution comes into existence tomorrow there will be no ceremony of any kind to mark the fulfillment of the treaty between the Irish and British governments.

COMPANY LIKELY TO BUY A SHORT LINE ROAD HERE

New Developments Are Expected in C. and Y. Railroad Situation Soon

Developments are following thick and fast in the situation of the Carolina & Yadkin River railroad, which has been ordered sold by the court, after a petition to that effect had been filed. Although no definite action has been taken regarding the will continue in operation after it is matter, it appears now that the road purchased by some corporation.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting was held in the chamber of commerce rooms and at this meeting a proposition is said to have been presented by out-of-town capitalists, who agreed to purchase the road and then rehabilitate it.

No agreement was reached at the meeting, however, action being delayed until another meeting here Friday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. At that time another proposition will be presented by local interests.

Several days ago the superior court of Guilford county ordered that the road be sold at auction, and local business and professional men are now lining up their forces to see that the short line is bought by a company that will improve the road and continue it in operation. The order of the court was that it be sold within 60 days.

Business and professional men of High Point are of the opinion that the C. & Y. railroad can be made a paying proposition. With the expenditure of some money for improvements, the road will be operated more successfully, it is declared.

The C. & Y. railroad operates trains from High Point to High Rock, a distance of approximately 35 miles. Freight alone is hauled on this railroad, the company having discontinued the practice of carrying passengers.

KIWANIANS WILL BANQUET TONIGHT

Although the celebration of opening of the new concrete highway between Winston-Salem and High Point was called off today because of unfavorable weather, the dinner to be given at the Sheraton hotel tonight by the High Point Kiwanis club for the Winston-Salem Kiwanians, will be carried out as scheduled. It was announced today by club officials.

The banquet will begin promptly at 6:30 o'clock, and it promises to be the most enjoyable gathering of Kiwanians in the history of the local club.

ROTARIANS WILL ATTEND MEETING

Thursday evening the local Rotary club will attend en masse the local educational week celebration to be held at the Sheraton hotel at 6:15 o'clock and for this reason the regular weekly meeting, usually held every Thursday noon, will not be held this week. Members of the local Kiwanis and Civitan clubs will also attend the educational celebration, which will be held next Thursday night under the auspices of the Andrew Jackson post of the American legion.

BOARD AUTHORIZES \$100,000 MORE IN SCHOOL INSURANCE

To Increase Amount of Fire Insurance on School Buildings of the City

BOARD HOLDS MEETING Regular Session of School Officials of High Point Held Last Night

REPORTS ARE RECEIVED Principals Report That Work Is Now Progressing Well In the Schools of the Furniture City

Hearing personal reports by the principals of the various schools of the city, authorizing subscription to approximately \$100,000 more fire insurance for the school buildings of the city and acting upon a number of minor matters, the city school board met in regular session last night in the office of Superintendent W. M. Marr. The board also discussed at length the matter of caring for the education of the school children that have just been brought within the city by the recent extension of the corporate limits, evidencing an intention to furnish adequate means for caring for the children at the opening of next year's school session. No action was taken on the matter, but the opinion of some of the members of the board were expressed.

According to the individual reports of the principals of the various schools, the whole system has overcome the disadvantages that it was confronted with at the opening of the session this fall and work is progressing well in each of the schools.

"The outlook is the best it has ever been," reported C. A. Smith, principal of the Elm street school.

"We have very bright prospects," said Miss Emma Blair, principal of the Emma Blair school.

"The spirit among the teachers of the Grimes street school is very good," declared Miss Ada Blair, head of that institution.

According to the report of L. R. Johnston, principal of the South Main street school, the facilities of both branches of the school—the high school and the primary school—are of a higher class than they have ever been. His report of the high school was especially promising. The pupils are showing a greater interest in their work and are more orderly in their conduct, everything has been systematized and various organizations have been formed. The very best and improved methods of education are being used.

The report of Ossie Davis, principal of the Fairview street negro school, indicated that all was well in that quarter, considering the adverse circumstances. The new Fairview street school has not been completed and classes are being held in four of the negro churches in that section of town. The principal said that the best had been made of the present conditions and classes were being conducted in an orderly fashion.

S. S. Whitted, principal of the Leonard street negro school, informed the board that he had a good faculty and that work was being carried on very successfully.

Principals Tell of Needs.

The principals told the board of some minor needs, and action was taken to provide for these needs as soon as possible. Many small repairs were authorized. The lack of libraries was deplored by all of the school heads, but provision was made by the board so that every school in the city, white and colored, can receive aid in establishing a library. A resolution was passed authorizing the payment out of the school contingent fund of any sum of money to be matched by an equal sum raised by the school for library purposes. The board also authorized the appointment of library committees for the various schools. It is believed that all of the schools will take advantage of the opportunity offered by the board.

C. F. Tomlinson, chairman of the board, last night expressed the urgent necessity of the board taking out more fire insurance on school buildings and equipment. Chairman Tomlinson said that if one of High Point's schools were destroyed by fire he would feel like leaving the city because he would feel that he was criminally negligent on account of the small amount of insurance that the board was carrying on the various school buildings. The other members of the board agreed with him in his opinion and it was but a matter of a few minutes and a little discussion before a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of about \$100,000 more fire insurance for the schools of the city. The resolution contained a clause to the effect that the insurance should be

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Slayer Of Young Lady Saws Bars To Freedom

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—Clara Phillips climbed out of a window in the woman's section of the county jail and escaped early today. She was under a sentence of ten years to life imprisonment after conviction of the hammer murder of Alberta Meadows. She was held in jail pending formulation of an appeal.

With the aid of several steel saws her escape was effected at 2 a. m., according to a report to the sheriff by the jailer. Belief was expressed that she had been aided by other inmates. Doors were sawed through and after crawling out the window she dropped to the roof of an adjoining building, climbed down the fire escape and disappeared.

The escape was not discovered by jail authorities for several hours. It is believed she escaped in an automobile.

FORMER LADY OF CITY IS BURIED

News reached High Point today of the death of Mrs. Callie MacNeill Williams, who died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at her home at Lexington. The body was taken to Worthville, her former home, for the funeral and interment.

Mrs. Williams was well known in High Point, having lived here at one time. She was 18 years of age, and a young woman of charming personality, possessing many friends in this city and section who will regret to learn of her death. She was a member of the Union Methodist Episcopal church at Lexington.

Mrs. Williams is survived by one child and her mother, Mrs. Michie MacNeill, and by five sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. Dora Williamson (Mrs. John Fritz, Misses Tessie and Ella MacNeill, of Lexington; Mrs. William McDonald, of Worthville; Archie MacNeill, of High Point, and Bascom MacNeill, of Lexington.

MRS. EDNA HILL DIES HERE TODAY

Mrs. Edna J. Hill, 68 years of age, died at her home, No. 426 Park street, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, her death following an illness of about 12 months.

Mrs. Hill was born in Bristol, Va., on February 25, 1854. She moved to North Carolina when a small child and for a long time had made her home in High Point, being known by a large number of local citizens. For several years she had been a member of Midway Methodist church.

Besides her husband, S. H. Hill, she is survived by one son, H. M. Hill, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Thomason, of this city, and a brother, William Conrad, of near Kansas City, Mo. She also is survived by F. P. Conrad and Mrs. C. C. Gray, whom she adopted when they were small children.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon, pending the arrival of relatives.

MRS. NEWTON IS DEAD NEAR CITY

Following a lingering illness of several months, Mrs. O. B. Newton died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at her home near the city. Although her death was not unexpected, it will occasion keen regret among her friends, she being well known in her community.

Mrs. Newton was 32 years of age and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Franklin. She is survived by four brothers, Fred, Dennis and Marvin Franklin, of High Point, and Carson Franklin, of Indianapolis, Ind.

MISS ELLIOTT'S FUNERAL IS HELD

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock for Miss Martha Elliott, who died Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. B. Bean, 335 West Russell street. Rev. T. J. Rogers, pastor of South Main Street Methodist church, was in charge of the services.

The death of Miss Elliott followed an illness of several months with cancer. She was 68 years of age and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bean, of this city, and Mrs. Temple Hall, of Salisbury.

HIGH POINT BUILDERS

Pen sketches of men of affairs in the Furniture City by Harry Palmer, noted pen sketch artist of the New York World



DR. W. F. CLAYTON.

Immediately after graduating from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dr. Walter Franklin Clayton, a dentist whose ability has been recognized by the government, came to High Point June 23, 1907 and began to establish a reputation here as an expert in his profession and a citizen of the highest and most progressive type.

Dr. Clayton, a native of Florence, S. C., saw in High Point, like many other men, a promising young city

of opportunities. He therefore made his home here, shared the advantages of the city and lent his aid in making it a bigger and better place in which to live. He has always been back of progressive movements and ready to do his part. In fact, movement that has recently been launched to secure a school dentist here he has played a prominent part, strongly advocating the pro-

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High Point Asked to Subscribe To Relief of New Bern Fire Victims; Local Negroes to Hold Mass Meet

Answering the appeal to alleviate suffering among people of New Bern as the result of fire Friday which swept that city, causing more than 3,000 persons to be homeless and entailing a loss of more than \$2,000,000, High Point citizens were today endeavoring to secure money clothing and food for the victims of the conflagration.

An appeal was issued by the chamber of commerce, which has promised to accept all donations and to see that they are delivered to the proper authorities at New Bern. A similar appeal also has been made by Mrs. O. E. Mendenhall of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Mendenhall expects to send a box to New Bern tomorrow and she is anxious

to receive donations immediately. The negroes of High Point also are rallying to the relief of negroes in the New Bern disaster, it being announced today that a large sum of money has been secured for that purpose, but this is expected to be augmented at a mass meeting tomorrow night.

This meeting, it was announced, will be held in the First Baptist negro church on East Washington street at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night and at that time money will be secured for the New Bern negroes. It is hoped by those in charge of this meeting that every negro in the city who is interested in doing something to relieve the negroes of New Bern, will be present tomorrow night, ready to make a donation.

BANDITS SEIZE A CHINESE PORT CITY

TIENTSIN, China, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports received here say that Chinese bandits have taken control of Tsing Tao, Shantung the Kiochop port whose stormy career in war and diplomacy was to culminate today in its return to China after 24 years of alien rule, the first 16 under Germany and the last 8 under Japan. The population is reported to be fleeing from the city.

Police are Driven Out of Tsing Tao and Refugees Escape on Train

Trains leaving Tsing Tao are said to be crowded with refugees. Chinese police sent from Peking to take over the city are reported to have been driven out by the bandits.

The outlaws are holding out for the appointment of their chief as governor of the port. Shops and residences are being looted nightly, the dispatches say.

NO MESSAGE FROM HARDING TO HOUSE SMASHES CUSTOM

President Allows Second Day of New Session to Pass Without Message

NO DATE IS FIXED YET Failure of the President to Deliver Note Is In Nature of Precedent

SIMMONS VS ROBINSON North Carolina Senator Has Opposition for Leadership in the Next Congress—Campaign Is On

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Harding broke a precedent today by permitting the second day of the new session of congress to pass without delivering his annual message reporting on "the state of the union" and outlining the administration's recommendations for legislation.

It was said at the white house that no date has been fixed for the president's appearance before the senate and house but that he expected to be able to complete his message in time to deliver it before the end of the week. Officials added no formal explanation for the delay but indicated that pressure of public business had prevented compliance with the usual custom under which previous presidential messages had been placed in the hands of congress on the first or second day of the session.

There is no provision of law requiring that the president report to congress at the beginning of the annual short session, it was pointed out, the constitution stipulating merely that the "executive shall from time to time give to the congress information as to the state of the union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall consider expedient."

Contest for Leadership. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A contest appeared certain today between Senators Simmons of North Carolina and Robinson, Arkansas, for the democratic senate leadership in the next congress to succeed Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who is to retire as leader voluntarily because of his health. Friends of both began an active campaign although neither senator had formally announced his candidacy.

Senator Simmons is the ranking democrat in point of service and was the chairman of the finance committee during the Wilson administration. Senator Robinson, also a veteran but a young man, has been prominent in the democratic campaign for a number of years and was chairman of the last democratic national convention.

EMERY HENDERSON IS LAID TO REST

Funeral Services Held For Local Citizen, Who Died at Newport News, Va.

The funeral of Emery G. Henderson, who died Saturday night in a hospital at Newport News, was conducted at the First Reformed church yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor Rev. Milton White, and the interment followed in Oakwood cemetery. Members of Guilford council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. were in charge of the services at the grave and acted as pall bearers.

About a month ago Mr. Henderson suffered a broken leg as the result of a fall while at work in the ship yards at Newport News, where he held a position. Complications set in, resulting in his death Saturday night. The body was brought to High Point Sunday night on train No. 29 and taken to his home in the northern section of the city.

Mr. Henderson was 60 years of age and was well known in High Point, having lived here practically his entire life, until several years ago when he went to Newport News to accept a position. He was a possessor of many admirable traits and had many friends in this city who will mourn his death.

Surviving are the widow and four children, Misses Mattie, Dorothy and Leona Henderson, of this city, and Forest Henderson of Birmingham. He was a faithful member of the First Reformed church.

Ed Ragan Is Not the Count Ragan

Ed Ragan, cashier of the High Point Savings and Trust company, today requested The Enterprise to state that he is not the Ed Ragan tried and convicted in municipal court yesterday for receiving more than a quart of liquor within 15 days. The man in court was another Ed Ragan.

MOONSHINE WHISKY IS FATAL TO YOUTH

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 5.—Analysis of whisky seized at the home of W. A. Smith, residing near Nashville, probably will determine substantiation or abandonment of the charges against him for the murder of Russell Hicks, age 19, who died Sunday night at his home in Springfield as a result of poisoning. The young high school student and football player bought the liquor at the home of Smith, according to one of the seven school boys who were with him. All of his companions were made ill.

It is charged that buckeyes a species of chertnuts, were found in the liquor. Buckeyes are often used to flavor whisky, it is said, but chemists declare it is a powerful poison.