

6 KILLED WHEN PLANES CRASH

Irish Free State is Formally Proclaimed in Dublin

Langley Field Machines Collide a Few Feet From Ground During Practice

TWO OFFICERS AND FOUR OF ENLISTED MEN MEET DEATH

Martin Bomber Hits a Fokker When Machines Were Flying Low

BURST INTO FLAMES

Victims Met Instant Death From Short Fall or From Burning

MAY HAVE SIDESWIPED

No Details Are Given Out Until the Accident is Investigated

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Guy L. Gerhart, of Leavenworth, Kan., Capt. Benton A. Doyle, of St. Louis, and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field today when a Martin bomber plane carrying five of them and a Fokker scouting machine, piloted by the major, collided about 25 feet in the air. Both machines crashed to earth in flames. The enlisted men killed were:

Staff Sergt. Marsick, Cleveland, O.; Private F. J. Blunka, Chicago; Private Thomas Jordan, Deepsteep, Ga.; and Private Leon Rolas, Philadelphia.

Machines Were Sideswiped NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Gerhart, Captain Doyle and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field this morning when a Martin bomber collided with a Fokker while making a landing.

It was reported that the Fokker sideswiped the Martin while the two machines were in the air but officials at the flying station refused to confirm or deny this. The machines had been sent up for a practice spin.

Officers From West WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—War department records show that Major Guy L. Gerhart, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Capt. Vinton A. Doyle, of St. Louis, were stationed at Langley Field. A message received by the air service said Major Gerhart and Capt. Doyle and four enlisted men had been killed but did not go into details as to the accident.

YOUTH STRUCK BY SEABOARD TRAIN

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 6.—Clarence Strickland, age 28, a weaver in the mills at Neuse Falls, received a fractured skull about noon Tuesday when his car was struck by Seaboard passenger train No. 12 just south of Neuse, seven miles from Wake Forest. Eye witnesses say that a truck obstructed the way forcing Strickland to drive at an angle to the crossing and so failed to see the train but though warned of his danger he persisted in going ahead.

With him in the car was a two-year-old child who escaped with a few minor scratches. The injured man is in the college hospital under care of the college physician and unless complications arise will recover.

GATE CITY OPENS CONCERT COURSE

Quite a number of High Point people are expected to attend the opening of the 1922-23 season of the Greensboro concert course which offers as its initial attraction, two distinguished artists, Claire Dux, soprano, and Salvi, harpist, in a concert tonight at the National theater. This concert course offers an opportunity to hear some of the finest artists in the musical world.

NEGRO IS FINED \$10 AND COSTS

Charles Price, negro, charged with assault on Louis Underwood, white, was found guilty and fined \$10 and the costs when tried in police court this morning. Clyde Connor submitted and paid the costs for speeding. Tried on a charge of operating an automobile with the cutoff open. Connor was found not guilty. No other cases were tried in police court today.

COUNTERFEITING IS A NEW EVIL OF THE BOOTLEGGING GAME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The bootleg liquor business has brought about a big increase in counterfeiting, much of which is the work of amateurs, W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service, told the house appropriations committee at hearings today. "We are just now very greatly troubled with some counterfeit bills of fair workmanship in the eastern half of the country," said Mr. Moran, "much of which is being used in purchase of bootleg whisky. It is being done to a considerable extent. On the Canadian border the counterfeiter is defrauding the people on the other side of the border and the purchase of whisky, which he seeks to bring across."

BOXES ARE SENT TO NEW BERN TO HELP SUFFERERS

High Pointers Asked to Remember Victims of the Great Conflagration With one box having been mailed today to send two others, High Point citizens are responding to the appeal sent out from New Bern for assistance in furnishing relief for the victims of the big fire last Friday.

One box has already been mailed to New Bern by the Order of the Eastern Star, and another was being prepared by Mrs. O. E. Mendonhall of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The chamber of commerce also has issued an appeal to the people of High Point to remember the victims of the New Bern conflagration and it is hoped that the citizens will respond liberally to that appeal. The chamber of commerce requests that food, clothing and other articles as well as money be sent to the headquarters of the organization at once in order that little time will be lost in sending these donations to New Bern.

As announced in The Enterprise yesterday, High Point negroes also are rallying to the support of the negro victims of the New Bern fire. A mass meeting of local negroes will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist negro church on East Washington street and at this meeting collections will be taken for the New Bern fire victims. It is hoped that the negroes of High Point will respond to this appeal and attend the meeting tonight, being ready to make contributions for the cause.

UNVEIL ANOTHER HIGHWAY MARKER

Another one of the Boone Trail Highway association monuments was unveiled yesterday afternoon, this time the monument being at Jack's Temple school house, Un on Cross, not far from where another one is located at the corner of Guilford, Forsyth and Davidson counties. The usual ceremonies marked the unveiling.

J. Hampton Ritch, managing director of the Boone Trail Highway association, presented the monument. Persons living in the vicinity of the monument also participated in the unveiling exercises. Professor R. T. Hedgecock, principal of the Jack's Temple school, acted as master of ceremonies.

Slayer Breaks Jail. COLUMBUS, Dec. 6.—Richard Garrett, charged with the murder last Friday of his wife and small daughter, escaped from the Polk county jail here last night after beating up the jailer. The latter is in a serious condition. A sheriff's posse is pursuing Garrett into the mountains. Garrett recently was charged from an insane asylum.

Catholics Guard Property. MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Officials of the various Catholic orders today announced elaborate plans for guarding church property against incendiaries believed to be responsible for fires which have destroyed or damaged several Catholic institutions in Canada within the last few weeks.

CITY COUNCIL IS TOLD TO PROVIDE FIRE PREVENTION

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Brockwell Talks to the Councilmen

NEW BERN IS EXAMPLE

Mr. Brockwell Brings First Hand Information of the Awful Holocaust

MAY ADOPT ORDINANCE

State Fire Marshall Suggests Anti-Shingle Roof Ordinance For the City; To Hold a Meeting

Sherwood Brockwell, deputy fire insurance commissioner of North Carolina, told the city council at its regular meeting last night that High Point ought to take precautionary measures against fires by adopting an anti-shingle roof ordinance. Although no definite action was taken regarding the enactment of the ordinance, the council did take tentative action in calling a special meeting to decide whether such a law is to be passed. No date was named for this special meeting, but it will be called by Mayor John W. Hedrick in the near future.

Having just returned from New Bern, where he witnessed the fire that wiped out 46 blocks in that city, incurring a total property loss of more than \$2,000,000 and causing more than 3,000 persons to go homeless, Mr. Brockwell was prepared to give the councilmen first-hand information concerning what he described as North Carolina's greatest conflagration. New Bern was unprepared he said, and that is why the city was visited by such an awful holocaust last Friday. "Every day approximately \$5,000 are being expended for relief work there, according to the state fire marshal.

Shingle roofs are largely responsible for fires, it was pointed out by Mr. Brockwell. It is very easy for a shingle roof to become ignited from a falling spark and that is why it is essential that buildings be erected with roofing that is not combustible. North Carolina's deputy fire insurance commissioner does not believe the anti-shingle roof ordinance will work a hardship on any individual. A roof passing the regulation tests can be built more cheaply than the shingle roof, and then there will be a tremendous saving in the cost of insurance, he declared.

Other Cities Adopt It. Mr. Brockwell read copies of ordinances adopted by other cities in North Carolina, prohibiting the erection of buildings with shingle roofs. These ordinances, which were adopted after the cities had suffered heavy losses by fire have been found entirely satisfactory, he said, adding that he was confident such an ordinance would work equally as satisfactory in High Point. Among North Carolina cities in which the anti-shingle ordinance is now in effect are Winston-Salem and Durham.

Mr. Brockwell also read a letter written for the municipal authorities in North Carolina by the state insurance department. This letter was declared to have been written more than a month ago, long before the New Bern disaster. In the communication, the authorities of the cities and towns of North Carolina were urged to adopt anti-shingle roof ordinances as a precautionary measure against fire.

While speaking to the councilmen, Mr. Brockwell declared that it is impossible to operate successfully and entirely satisfactory a pumper with only three men. At least five men are needed, he said. At present the pumper of the High Point fire department is operated by only three men, but it is highly probable that the man-power will be increased immediately.

Mr. Brockwell also took occasion to offer a word of praise for Fire Chief A. B. Horney, of the High Point department.

"I have known your fire chief for many years," said Mr. Brockwell, "and I know that in the national firemen's conventions his advice is sought."

The councilmen apparently were heartily in favor of the suggestions offered by the deputy insurance commissioner. Councilman E. K. Ingram said he already was "sold" to the proposition because he had learned from his experience as fire chief in High Point that the city needed to take the necessary precautions to guard against conflagrations. "But, we are serving the public," said Mr. Ingram, "and I think we ought to give this matter the proper publicity and see what the citizens of High Point think about it."

Cabinet Is Formed At Dublin and Government Is Started

DUBLIN, Dec. 6.—(By The Associated Press).—Ireland took her place today among the world's commonwealths. The provisional government and parliament ceased to function, their place being taken by the permanent parliament and cabinet of the Irish free state and the new commonwealth being formally proclaimed as an established government.

The provisional regime which ceased to exist today had such full powers that the new one now inaugurated marks but little change except in name. The program provided that parliament meet without ceremony and after the members had taken oath, elected a speaker. The order of the day called for the naming of the executive council by the president with a committee of the parliament nominating the other ministers. Other arrangements were simply the confirming in office of the other men already there.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP FEATURES BANQUET OF KIWANIS CLUBS

High Point and Winston-Salem Celebrate Opening of the New Highway

AN ELABORATE PROGRAM

Road Opening a Stimulus For Gathering of Members of Two Clubs Last Night

MANY SPEAKERS HEARD

Two Cities Boosted and Many Stunts Featured; Endorse Movement for \$15,000,000 More Road Bonds

Another knot was tied last night in the tie that binds High Point and Winston-Salem citizens closer together, the High Point Kiwanis club being host to the Twin City Kiwanians at a banquet at the Sheraton hotel. The banquet was marked by good fellowship and by mutual rejoicing over the completion of the new hard-surface road between the two cities. Wishing to show their appreciation of the road and of good roads anywhere in the state, the Kiwanians voted unanimously to endorse the state highway commission's proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue with which to continue its road building program.

The setting in the ball room of the Sheraton was unique. One end of the room had the appearance of a tea wagon with a couple of kegs, a coal scuttle and a dust pan on it to make the whole contraption look like a concrete mixer. On the long tables here and there were toy dump carts, wagons, horses, and even miniature Ford trucks loaded with rocks and sand. The menus were blue-printed and the first course was called "preliminary work" and the second the "foundation." Roast Guilford turkey was served "reinforced with cranberry sauce." Thus the menu was given in appropriate phrases throughout. Then, too, the Kiwanians were dressed appropriately, the local members of the club being togged in overalls with red banana handkerchiefs around their necks and the visiting Kiwanians and other persons with blue bandanas tied over their collars. Everything was appropriate. The program committee, composed of S. C. Clark, chairman; F. J. Sizemore and Ralph Parker had planned it that way.

There were stunts and practical jokes. One of the outstanding stunts was one unusually fitting—the funeral of "old man Stick in the Mud." R. H. Schreier, this city, and William Fogler, Winston-Salem, were the funeral directors and C. C. Robbins was the preacher. Automobile repair men present were the chief mourners. The deceased has not his death at the hands of J. Elwood Cox, but that person had been exonerated because he had only ordered the death of "old man Stick in the Mud" and Royer-Ferguson had executed the order. There was very little regret evidenced at the funeral.

Many Other Stunts. Dr. I. T. Mann was called on to perform a very delicate operation for the transmission of monkey glands. However, after the cage had been pulled in it developed that it was the wrong kind of a monkey and the pro-

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Officers Believe Mrs. Phillips Has Escaped Into Mexico And Are Searching For Her There

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beating Mrs. Alberta T. Meadows to death with a hammer and who escaped early yesterday from the Los Angeles jail was in active progress today through the lower California peninsula and southern California.

Despite various "tips" and clues sheriffs' deputies generally held to their original belief that the "hammer" murderer had fled across the border to Mexico and plans were made to extend the search today for her as far as the west coast of lower California peninsula.

Armour L. Phillips, the convicted woman's husband upon whose story of his movements the 24 hours preceding his wife's escape "some doubt" had been cast according to sheriffs' deputies still was in technical custody today.

Although not placed in jail he was in charge of a deputy sheriff with whom he slept and with whom he took his meals.

Completion of the work. Mr. Dickinson's bill provides that the "federal chemical corporation" consisting of the secretary of war, three members to be appointed by the president be given power to complete and operate the Muscle Shoals project for the manufacture of nitrate and fertilizer, the latter to be sold to the consumer at cost, less 4-1-4 per cent to complete the plants. No charge would be added for equipment already installed. The corporation also would be authorized to sell excess power to states, municipalities or private enterprises, giving preference to states and cities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Government controlled corporation to produce nitrate for war purposes and cheap fertilizer for farmers was proposed today as a solution of the Muscle Shoals question by Representative Dickinson, republican Iowa, the leader of the farm bloc who introduced a bill to put his plan into effect. In a statement accompanying the bill Mr. Dickinson said the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals had been subjected to such "strong criticism" as to endanger the future disposition of the plant and that he had been led to the conclusion that some plan of federal operation is the only solution that will insure early com-

GOVERNOR OFFERS TO HELP NEW BERN

Situation in Stricken City Worse Than Pictured Mr. Morrison Says

NEW BERN, Dec. 6.—Destruction caused by the fire last week was declared to be worse than pictured by newspaper reports by Governor Cameron Morrison today on his arrival here with Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway commission.

"This is bad," said the governor, "I had no idea the situation really was like this. You may depend on me to do everything I can to help." M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, also is here to aid in the unemployment situation. The health and sanitary work is in direct charge of Major Erwin of Fort Bragg.

Outside assistance continued to come in during the day. Liberal financial contributions and donations of food and clothing were received.

Bill Is Introduced To Make Muscle Shoals a Government Operated Power-Nitrate Plant

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SPECULATION RIFE AMONG WISE ONES IN STATE CAPITAL

Political Wiseacres Are Making Guesses on the Big Appointments

NAME COMMITTEE HEADS

The Governor Pleased With the Prospects of Harmony in Next Legislature

CLAYTON'S TRIAL OVER

Fayetteville Man Charged With Receiving Stolen Automobiles Will Probably Hear Fate From Jury Today

RALEIGH, Dec. 5.—Legislative approach starts tongues on general assembly politics and the big appointments of the lower house are all parceled out in advance of Speaker John G. Dawson's arrival and election.

Grand Old Man Rufe Doughton will head finance W. N. Everett the appropriations, Lindsey C. Warner Judiciary No. 1, Major Walter Murphy propositions and grievances, H. G. Connor, Jr., education, and Clayton Moore roads, according to the guessers who haven't had a word from anybody justifying this shot at the legislative allotments. In the senate Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper must choose between D. F. Giles and Walter H. Woodson, of Rowan, for headship of the education committee and Mr. Woodson will get it. Governor Morrison is exceedingly anxious that Senator A. F. Sams, of Forsyth, get a worthy committee chairmanship and Mr. Sams will in all probability take a judiciary committee. Senator Giles will probably handle appropriations and Senator L. R. Varseth slides.

Speaker Dawson is having his troubles even without any contest. It is the old woe when all men speak well of one. He has had no contest and therefore cannot reward his friends at the expense of his foes. There are no foes. Representative Bowie, of Ashe, will have a strong claim on the committee on roads and Ambassador Will Neal, of McDowell and Representative Bob Cox, of Forsyth, are two of Dawson's most faithful friends.

Committee headships are interesting chiefly as legislation is related to them. There are lost provinces to be found, railroads in the west to be discussed and steamboats in the east to be agitated. It is capably important that these great proposals get off to a good start. They get away best when they have chairmen who know how to direct committee legislation.

These few outstanding members of both houses do not obscure the other new or old men. There is E. S. Parker, of Alamance, a man of great ability who comes down this time. Then Capt. W. M. Sanders, prominent business man of Johnston, is coming up. He is a great friend of Governor Morrison and would aid his excellency mightily in a big business deal.

Governor Morrison enters his mid-term on a deed level with the whole assembly. Two years ago he presented his program and the general assembly enacted it much as he assembled it; but the midterm legislature is always the hard body to work with. It is this immemorial condition that makes the friends of Governor Morrison so uncertain about his shipbuilding scheme. The half-year legislature always takes the half-year view of things. It cannot be stamped and it is hard to be aroused even. It has allowed the gubernatorial glamour to wear off and it gets right down to homely brass tacks.

Thus far the governor has worked well with his co-ordinate bodies. He has pleased the legislature mightily and it has no old scores to set with him. But it is a painfully pragmatic body which takes nothing on faith after the first session of a new administration, and it will cause much more worry in the executive office than it did in 1921.

Argument in the case of United States against W. R. Clayton, of Fayetteville, charged with receiving stolen automobiles knowing them to have been stolen, ended this morning and the case went to the jury noon.

Clayton faced many witnesses, the most interesting of them being Frank Eckles, of Auburn state prison on New York, who is serving seven and a half years for thefts of which he was convicted two years ago. Eckles supplied Clayton regularly, but testified yesterday that no conversation ever took place which indicated that Clayton knew the machines which Eckles sold here were stolen.

The government, however, had other testimony and introduced...

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