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## THE NORTHERN PACIFIC, FORMER ARMY TRANSPORT IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Forty Miles Off the Jersey Coast Caught Fire—Crew Abandoned Ship and Rescued by Other Vessels—Was in Constant Use During War Hauling Soldiers to and from France.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The former transport Northern Pacific—which last claimed headlines in 1919, when she rashed onto a sand bar off Fire Island, with 3,000 American soldiers she was bringing back from France—today was destroyed by fire forty miles off Cape May, N. J.

A crackle of the radio early this morning brought word that fire had broken out aboard the swift steamer and that she was a mass of flames.

Later messages reported that she had been abandoned by Captain William Lusti, and her skeleton crew who were taking her to dry dock in Chester, Pa.

Remains of all her crew by steamships which had rushed to the scene next was recorded.

The latest message stated that the vessel, blazing fiercely and listing hard to starboard, was drifting southward.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Fire which broke out on board the former United States transport Northern Pacific, off Cape May, N. J., at 10 o'clock this morning, swept through the ship and at dawn was raging uncontrolled, said a wireless dispatch received here at 6:45 o'clock.

At that time it appeared the ship would be a total loss.

For a time there was some alarm over the fate of four employees of the Sun Shipbuilding Corporation of Chester, Pa., who were on board, but the dispatch stated they had been picked up by a steamer standing by.

The fire was still eating its way through the ship at 8:20 a. m., radio advice said, and at that time it apparently was only a matter of a few hours before she would burn to the water's edge.

The Herbert G. Wylie and the transportation, which picked up all the survivors, planned to leave for Philadelphia this forenoon.

The position of the burning vessel was reported to be 20 miles northeast by east of the Five Fathom bank light ship or about 40 miles east of Cape May.

The wireless calls for aid sent out by the flaming steamer were first answered by the Herbert G. Wylie and the Transportation, which reported at 3 o'clock that they had picked up 300 containing members of the Northern Pacific's crew.

A few minutes later the Wylie sent a radio, saying she had picked up a boat containing the second mate, the second engineer, two sailors and one officer or fireman.

The second mate of the Northern Pacific, when picked up by the Wylie, asked that the Transportation be asked if all men employed in the steward's department of the burning ship were safe, adding "they were virtually trapped by the fire."

## North Carolina Women Have A Narrow Escape From Death In The Richmond Hotel Fire

### Mrs. L. G. Daniels and Daughter, Miss Drucilla Daniels, Awakened by Scratching of Cat on Door, Barely Escape From Lexington Hotel.

(By The Associated Press.)  
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 8.—A charred body, burned beyond recognition, the first taken from the ruins since the Lexington hotel was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning was found by workmen at 10:50 o'clock this morning. This brings the number of known dead from the fire to four.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 8.—Search of the ruins of the Lexington hotel fire for the bodies of several missing or unaccounted for guests today was expected to add to the death toll of yesterday's conflagration here, when three men were killed by leaping from windows and nineteen other persons suffered injuries that necessitated their removal to hospitals.

Chief of Police Sherry said early today that thus far there are only three known dead. Laborers worked through last night removing debris in efforts to find bodies in the ruins. Search is yet to be made in the ruins of the forward part of the building, where masonry walls are yet standing.

Bodies of from 15 to 20 persons are buried in the ruins of the Lexington hotel, according to the best information gained by the police following an all-day and all-night search for missing guests.

Though workmen, aided by a tractor and many automobile trucks, labored all last night and this morning removing tons of fallen bricks and other debris, no trace of bodies has been found. Four persons, three of them hotel men, are believed by their friends to have perished. They are: E. T. Cox, part owner of the hotel; H. L. Shaw, railway conductor of this city; Samuel Ash, of this city, and T. D. Picrier, of Yorkers, N. Y.

Side walls of the building were torn down yesterday afternoon in an effort to make safer the work of clearing away the debris. It was the general belief that the work had been begun at the wrong part of the building, as it was the consensus of opinion that the victims were buried near the extreme rear of the building and over toward the southwest corner, while the workmen appeared to be concentrating their efforts on the northeast corner of the ruins, around where the elevator had been. The elevator shaft was a burning furnace, according to the night hotel clerk and it is not believed that any one would have sought it as a means of egress.

Of those who, it is believed, are buried in the ruins, three, Messrs. Cox, Shaw and Ash, occupied rooms on the third and fourth floors toward the southeast corner. Mr. Picrier went into the hotel leaving his automobile outside. What became of him is not known. His name does not appear on the hotel register and it is thought possible that he called on some guest of the hotel.

The scratching of a cat on the bathroom door no doubt saved the lives of Mrs. L. G. Daniels and her daughter, Miss Drucilla Daniels, both of Raleigh, N. C., who were trapped on the fourth floor of the Lexington and narrowly escaped being burned alive.

Mrs. Daniels and her daughter occupied a room on the fourth floor in the rear of the building and were the only persons sleeping at that end of the hall. They were awakened shortly after 4 o'clock by the sharp grating noise made by the cat scratching on the door.

"My daughter and I did not have time to dress and went out of the window to the fire escape in our night clothing. We jumped from the fire escape to a roof beneath which was a lot of from the flames that our feet were severely burned. When we landed on the roof we were in an awful quandary as to how to

get to the street and we could not see a soul anywhere, but heard groans and distressing sounds coming from below.

"Finally, seeing no other escape, we broke the glass window of an adjoining building which window extended above the roof. Our hands and feet were cut by the broken glass, but we were able to find our way down the flight of stairs to the first floor and into the streets."

### TOLD OF TERRIBLE CONDITION OF JEWS.

Mr. A. G. D. Cohen Addressed Mass Meeting Last Night—Local Men Also Made Pleas—Canvass For Jewish Relief Fund Begins Tomorrow.

A small but enthusiastic audience of Gastonia business men heard, at the court house last night, from Mr. A. G. D. Cohen, southern field director of the Jewish Relief Fund, a graphic description of the terrible conditions existing among the Jews in Europe. Mr. Cohen made a magnificent plea for the starving and suffering people of his nationality in those European countries which have never yet emerged from the horrible conditions brought about by the World War.

Mr. J. H. Separk presided over the meeting and brief but telling talks were made by Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite, Rev. A. L. Stanford, Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Rev. J. W. C. Johnston, Rev. W. C. Barrett and Mr. J. Lee Robinson.

Plans were perfected for the local campaign which commences tomorrow. It is expected that Gastonia will, in this instance as in all previous cases of this kind, do its full duty by the down-trodden and suffering peoples of the earth.

Following is the personnel of the canvassing committee: E. Frohman, A. J. Kirby, W. Hugh Wray, Chas. Ford, J. H. Kennedy, D. Lebowitz, Jno. B. Rankin, Jno. L. Beal, Fred L. Smyre, E. J. Rankin, Alex. Sherman, W. V. Warren, Geo. B. Mason, M. Silverstein, A. A. Armstrong, R. C. Patrick, W. B. Morris, J. Honigman, Rev. C. J. Black, Sidnie Levin, Rev. T. H. King, S. Garmise, J. Lee Robinson, Treas., J. H. Separk, Chairman.

### HEAVY FROSTS ARE FORECAST FOR TONIGHT.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The east storm, which was attended by gales and snow in the middle and north Atlantic states, moved rapidly northeastward and is centered southeast of Nova Scotia. A fall in temperature throughout the Atlantic and east Gulf states was reported by the Bureau to have followed passage of the storm with temperature below freezing early today, reported as far south as extreme northern Florida and heavy frost as far south as Tampa, Fla.

Generally fair weather was predicted for tonight and Thursday in the states east of the Mississippi river with heavy frosts forecast as far south as Northern Florida.

## Cotton Market

### CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Cotton futures closed strong. March 17.19; May 16.80; July 16.29; October 15.74; December 15.60. Spots 17.40.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed ..... 49 1/2c  
Strict to Good Middling ..... 16 1/2c

## CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES BIG PROGRAM OF STREET PAVING

### Linwood Street From Franklin Avenue to City Limits to Be Paved at Once—Many Other Streets to Be Brought Out of the Mud—Big Delegation Faces City Council.

Delegations from many sections of the city appeared before the city council Tuesday afternoon asking for paved streets and sidewalks. The recent spell of bad weather and mud has aroused the people living on unpaved streets. Many of the streets have been almost impassable for the past two or three weeks. Linwood street in particular has been a veritable quagmire. It is almost impossible for auto traffic to get through. From that section of the city a large delegation was present before the council seeking relief. In view of the fact that the county intends soon to hard surface the road from the city limits to Linwood College, residents of this street thought this an opportune time for the city to pave the street from Franklin Avenue to the city limits. Those appearing in behalf of the paving were Messrs. Boyd, Gilliam, Dixon, and Rev. C. J. Black and R. C. Long. Messrs. Anthony and others from the county were also present. The council decided to proceed at once to the paving of this street. It was also ordered that the following streets be paved, petitions to this effect having been already presented to the board:

- Columbia street from Franklin to 2nd Avenue.
- Chestnut street from Franklin to 3rd Avenue.
- Second Avenue from Church street to Chestnut.
- West Airline Avenue from Highland to Ransom street.
- Second Avenue from Chester to Clay street.
- Fifth Avenue from Chester to Jackson street.
- Sixth Avenue from York to Jackson street.
- Third Avenue from York to South street.
- Fourth Avenue from Chester to York street.
- East Main Avenue from Broad to Avon street.
- Sidewalks were ordered for: Beech street from Airline to Rankin street.
- Lee street from 4th to 5th avenue.
- South Broad street, West side, from 3rd to 4th Avenue.
- North Broad street, 1500 feet from Long avenue.
- North Highland street, on the east side, 1,500 feet and on the west side, 2,100 feet.

Buffalo club to train in Gastonia this spring.

International League Club to Spend Five Weeks Here in March and April—George Wietse, Former Giant Star, Is Manager.

The Buffalo baseball club, of the International League, will do its spring training in Gastonia, it was announced today by local baseball fans. A guarantee necessary to finance the undertaking has been raised among the baseball lovers of Gastonia. The team will arrive in Gastonia March 20 and will be here until April 12. The Buffalo club is managed by George Wietse, former New York National League pitcher. Games with other major league clubs, and with teams from the South Atlantic League will be played in Gastonia.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR.

- Wednesday, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Quicquel's committee Rotary Ann. 4:00 p. m.—Department of Publicity. 5:00 p. m.—Community Service Play rehearsal.
- Thursday, Feb. 9.—Jewish Relief canvassers. 5:00 p. m.—Community Service Play rehearsal. 7:30 p. m.—Pythian Band.
- Friday, Feb. 10.—Chamber of Commerce Glee Club. 8:00 p. m.—Community Chorus.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th. 7:30 p. m.—Membership Meeting—Address by Dr. Chas. A. Eaton.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY

### MEMBERSHIP SMOKER — FEBRUARY 17.

Friday night, February 17th, in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium, Dr. Chas. Aubrey Eaton, international authority on industrial relations, will address the membership of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Eaton's address is in popular vein and is a delight. It created a profound impression before the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce recently. Be sure to save the date—the 17th. The Chamber of Commerce Glee Club will start the program off with some selections. Smokers will be provided for the members, but not until the completion of the preliminary program.

Plenty of zip marks the beginning of the new year's work of the Chamber of Commerce. The new administration received the affairs of the organization from the retiring board on January 5th and immediately got down to work. The new administration is as follows:

- President, S. A. Robinson.
- First Vice President, Wade S. Barce.
- Second Vice President, R. Grady Rankin.
- Treasurer, S. N. Boyce.
- Directors, G. C. Andrews, E. R. Hart, P. W. Garland, Ira R. Hayes, W. H. H. H. Van Sien and Dameron H. Adams.

First Vice President, Wade S. Barce, Second Vice President, R. Grady Rankin.

Merchandise affairs: H. M. Van Sien, director; T. B. McNeely, Ed. C. Adams, W. V. Warren, J. W. Gulp, G. H. Marvin, H. Schneider, T. G. Hooper, W. H. Poole, R. B. Gardner.

Traffic and transportation affairs: G. C. Andrews, director; H. M. McKee, Chas. D. Dickerson, R. C. Simpson, D. T. Outz, E. G. Wilson, W. L. Wetzell, G. G. Willis, Z. C. Wagner, C. J. Loftin, J. B. Reeves, C. J. Russ.

Industrial affairs: Ira R. Hayes, director; R. R. Ray, W. T. Rankin, H. G. Winget, J. M. Holland, R. S. Dickson, George Graves, C. K. Torrence, J. D. Moore, S. E. Spence, T. A. Heary, T. E. Leavitt, J. Spencer Love, M. R. Miles.

Conventions and public affairs: Don H. Williams, director; M. J. Robt. Hill, G. E. Barwell, R. G. Cherry, H. Price Lindberger, John M. Miller, H. J. White, W. G. A. Gray, A. G. Mangum, P. H. Thompson, R. W. Stowe, E. M. Eramum, M. A. Carpenter, Chas. S. Thompson.

Publicity: E. B. Brittain, director; E. D. Atkins, A. B. Carter, W. G. Hamner, S. B. Doherty.

## THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight, not quite so cold in west portion; Thursday, fair and warmer.

## POPE PIUS XI HAS UNBOUNDED ADMIRATION FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

### Tells Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, That America Is Hope and Anchor-Sheet of the World.

(By The Associated Press.)  
ROME, Feb. 8.—Pope Pius XI expressed "unbounded admiration" for American people and urged his deep interest in the work of the Washington conference at his reception of Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, yesterday.

"I am happy to see your people working earnestly to take the first step toward amity with the monstrous evil of armaments," the pontiff said. "Like my illustrious and learned predecessor, I have unbounded admiration for the energy and energy and the great heart of our people."

Then turning his hand on the American Cardinal's shoulder, he added slowly: "For Americans are young in years, but old in wisdom, worldly prudence and foresight. You possess qualities of fairness, justice and peace, your great moral and spiritual stability and your infinite riches make you the hope and anchor-sheet of the world."

The Pope expressed his profound disappointment that America had not been represented at the Vatican which elected him, saying: "It was a great personal sorrow that you were not present."

Cardinal O'Connell told the correspondence that the Holy Father was made like an American. Amiability, modesty and sweetness of manner were his dominant traits, and his manner was most democratic. The cardinal added: "He is a man of the common people, and has all the human qualities which make the world love Pius XI. He has an unobtrusive and an alert manner, a discerning judgment. He has spent his life with books; was librarian at Milan and the Vatican; is a very close student of nature and an indefatigable worker."

Discussing the probable policy of the new pontiff regarding relations between the church and state, the cardinal said that, while the Pope had no diplomatic experience, the whole world could be sure he would follow a course of prudence and conciliation.

## DEACONS' CONVENTION AT LINCOLNTON NEXT TUESDAY

Rev. Daniel Iverson, of Charlotte, to Address Deacons of Kings Mountain Presbytery in Session in Lincolnton Presbyterian Church February 14.

The 10th Semi-Annual Convention of the Deacons of Kings Mountain Presbytery will meet in Lincolnton at the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday, February 14.

The program: Tuesday Evening, Feb. 14, 7:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. A. Murray, Moderator.

Reading of Minutes. Enrollment of Delegates. Address of Welcome, R. A. Kinsair, Moderator; Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Moderator; Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Moderator; Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Moderator.

Tuesday Afternoon, 1:45 P. M.—Devotional Exercises—G. A. Baker, Moderator; Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Moderator; Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Moderator.

Free Discussion to Follow. Appointment of Committees. Business Session. Report of Committee on "Home for Motherless Children of Kings Mountain Presbytery."

Resolution of Thanks, Praise and Thank of Next Meeting. Appointment of Committee on Program. Report of Resolution Committee. New Business. Reading of Minutes.

## DETECTIVES ON TRAIL OF MANY CLUES IN EFFORTS TO FIND SLAYER OF WILLIAM D. TAYLOR

### Trying to Locate Letters of Mabel Normand and Mary Miles Minter to Taylor—May Issue Complaint Charging Murder Against Edward F. Sands—Miss Minter Is Ill Following Funeral of Taylor.

(By The Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Location of Mabel Normand's and Mary Miles Minter's letters to William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, the possibility of the issuance of a complaint charging murder against Edward F. Sands, Taylor's missing former butler secretary, and renewed activity of detectives toward deductions, that the sweetheart of a screen actress was seen near the Taylor apartments the night of the murder, were angles early today of the police investigation into the motion picture mystery.

The letters written to Taylor by Miss Normand and for which she searched his apartments vainly two days after his murder have been returned to her, according to three detectives working on the case. The return was made, it was declared, by a man connected with the film world, who had taken them for some unknown purpose during the confusion surrounding the finding of Taylor's body, and had been threatened with a grand jury investigation. Who made this alleged threat was not stated. A representative of Miss Normand said the letters had not been given back to her.

Captain of Detectives Adams stated the police never had been in possession of Miss Normand's letters nor of those written by Miss Minter to Taylor, although the latter also, according to Captain Adams, have been returned to the writer. Miss Minter has guards around her home, he stated, and he would not say as to whether she had received her letters, however, denied she had received the letters.

William C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney stated a complaint charging the Sands, or Edward Felt-Sturdivant, as he is known, with the murder of Taylor, might be issued today, depending upon developments. Detective Sgt. King, assigned to the duty at the district attorney's office, previously had made a similar statement.

It was reported also that more information had been given to the police to the effect a man in love with a screen actress, who did not return his love but who was believed to have had affection for Taylor, had been seen near the Taylor apartments before the murder.

A story told by Howard Fellows, editor of the Los Angeles Examiner, said that Taylor, that about 8:15 o'clock the night of the murder he returned to the apartments with Taylor's car, was said by the police to have testified that it was he who was seen there by Mrs. Douglas McLean, wife of a film actor, and her maid.

Fellows said he had seen the film several times but received no answer. Finally, as there was a light in the apartment, he concluded Taylor did not wish to be disturbed, so proceeded to leave the car in the garage.

A quarrel between Taylor and Mabel Normand was described by Harry Fellows, chauffeur for Taylor, according to the Los Angeles Examiner today.

"I was driving Mr. Taylor and Miss Normand from the Ambassador hotel, where they had attended a New Year's party, to her home," Fellows is reported to have said. "On the way they had a quarrel. I don't know what it was about, but both were very much excited. Mr. Taylor took Miss Normand home and I then returned to my apartment. Upon arriving there, he looked down and wept."

"On the following morning he had some jewelry in a package and took it to Miss Normand at her home."

Harry Deavey, negro house man for Taylor, and who found the slain director's body, confirmed Fellows' story.

Fellows said that Taylor and Miss Normand were "very affectionate."

Fellows left Taylor's home at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, on the night of which Taylor was slain. He was instructed to be sure to telephone at 7:30 o'clock, he said. He said that he telephoned from a girl's house at 7:55 o'clock and there being no answer from Taylor's home, he went there. He reached the Taylor place at 8:15 o'clock and rang the bell and knocked at the door. There was no response, so he put up the car and went home.

## TAYLOR WAS "DUDE" IN DAWSON CITY

(By The Associated Press.)  
SANTA MONICA, Calif., Feb. 8.—William Desmond Taylor, the "studie" of Dawson City, in 1910, according to a story told here by Adelbert Bartley, who said he knew the slain film director well in Yukon.

Taylor had one of the few dress suits in Dawson City, Bartley said, and he wore it upon appropriate occasions. He also wore flannels, a soft crush hat, and "casual" underclothing, and was immensely popular with the women. He was rather downcast as a "weekend" tennis player and card expert.

MIAMI POLICE IGNORED  
OFF COLLINS' ARREST.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 8.—Miami city police have no knowledge of the purported arrest here yesterday of Don Collins, ex-convent and tenderkin habitue, in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, as reported in New York dispatches last night. The police are holding for Los Angeles authorities Tom Fernandez, alias White, wanted for embezzlement, and it is believed here that the arrest of Fernandez may have caused the erroneous report.

TRYING TO CLEAR UP  
STORY OF YARBOROUGH

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Further efforts were made today by the Senate Committee investigating charges that American soldiers were hanged without trial in France, to clear up the alleged shooting of a soldier by a firing squad near Canton, Yarrowburgh, in July, 1918.

George W. Yarrowburgh, a high school teacher of Ranky, Alabama, who recently testified that he was an eye witness to the shooting as described by Captain F. B. Edwards, of Fort Sill, Okla., his commanding officer, as a soldier above the average, whose general reputation was excellent. Answering Senator Wetmore, Democrat, Georgia, Captain Edwards declared Yarrowburgh was a conscientious man and that he would not hesitate to believe what he said under oath.

Captain Edwards and other officers attached to the Yarrowburgh command, recalled, however, that they never heard of the shooting, either from the Alabama teacher or others, and that they did not believe such an execution could have taken place without word of it reaching their ears.

PARTY MAY BE LOST  
OFF FLORIDA COAST

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 8.—Fears that a party of three Miami people who left on January 25 in an open boat for the island of Bimini, 100 miles distant, were in a small which came up later in the day, were strengthened today when Ed Pitts, city fireman, stepson of a member of the party, returned from Bimini with the news that the boat had never returned in of the harbor there. Pitt went to Bimini by airplane. Other searching parties were to go out today.

Those in the party are J. J. Hart, former pastor of Pine; Linton Strange and Mrs. W. Walker. Hart recently married Mrs. Ross, whose husband was killed about a year ago. The slayer was never found.

## 846 VOTES CAST IN ELECTION AT 3 O'CLOCK

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon 846 votes had been cast in the Tubercular Hospital bond election at the four Gastonia precincts, as follows:

No. 1	..... 250
No. 2	..... 296
No. 3	..... 100
No. 4	..... 200

Total ..... 846

It is believed that these are practically every one of the bond issue, as the opponents of the measure do not need to vote in order to be counted.

Figures are not available at the time of going to press from the other voting precincts in the county. Cherryville township is known to be heavily against the measure. It is believed, however, that it will carry.

## LEADING IRISH UNIONISTS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED

(By The Associated Press.)  
BELFAST, Feb. 8.—A large number of the leading unionists of counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, in the Ulster area, were kidnapped from their homes early today, taken to unknown destinations. Fifteen arrests have been made in connection with the kidnappings.