

REV. GEORGE A. SPARROW, PROMINENT MINISTER OF COUNTY, DIES SUDDENLY

Had Been Pastor At Olney and Union Churches For 28 Years.

HE WAS 77 YEARS OLD

Dead From Sudden Attack Of Heart Failure At Montreat.

News reached Gastonia Tuesday evening of the death at Montreat of Rev. George A. Sparrow, for 28 years pastor of Olney and Union Presbyterian churches in this county.

Mr. Sparrow was 77 years of age and was the oldest minister in point of service in Kings Mountain Presbytery. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

Rev. and Mrs. Sparrow went to Montreat a week ago to spend a vacation of two weeks. Only today the Gastonia Gazette had a long communication from Mrs. Sparrow, who was one of the papers correspondents, telling of the great time they were having in this Presbytery resort.

Mr. Sparrow was a native of Washington, N. C., and was practicing attorney in that town before entering the ministry. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Brown, of Washington, a sister of Judge Brown. He is survived by the following children: S. B. Sparrow and G. A. Sparrow of Charlotte, Tom Sparrow, of Gastonia and Evans Sparrow, of Statesville, and Mesdames R. B. Riddle, Jr., of Gastonia; C. W. Keyes, of New York, and Chesley Watkins, of Statesville. His second wife was Miss Jennie Ewing, of Washington. There were no children by the second marriage. A sister Mrs. R. F. Dalton, of Greensboro, survives.

The body will arrive in Gastonia Wednesday afternoon at 4:40, from Montreat and will be taken to the former home at Union, seven miles out in the country from here. Funeral and interment will take place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

George Atwood Sparrow was born in Beaufort July 14, 1845, and was thus 77 years and eleven days old. In early years he attended the old Bingham school at Hillsboro until the outbreak of the war. Although only 16 years of age, he ran away from school and joined the Confederate army under the command of his father, Thomas Sparrow, a captain of artillery in the Confederate army. He served throughout the entire four-year period of the war, most of his services being in North Carolina. At the close of the war Mr. Sparrow took up the study of law and for eight years was solicitor of the First judicial district. During reconstruction days he was solicitor and he has told many interesting tales of his experiences with negro magistrates and others during those troublous days. He practiced law for 16 years when he decided to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian church. His first charge was at Franklin, Macon county. He did home mission work here. From there he went to Rutherford. From Rutherford he came to the joint pastorate of Olney and Union in November, 1893. He served both these large country churches until 1921, when the pastoral relations between Mr. Sparrow and Olney church were dissolved.

Mr. Sparrow, together with Dr. J. C. Galloway, of Gastonia, are the two oldest ministers in point of service in Gastonia in December, 1893, just a month after Mr. Sparrow came to Union and Olney. They were warm personal friends. Mr. Sparrow was one of the most consecrated and one of the hardest working men in Gastonia county. Years ago his pastorate included much more territory than it now does, and he faithfully covered the whole charge. He was a type of the country minister that is fast disappearing.

Mr. Sparrow was prominently identified with the civic and social side of his community. Recently he was elected commander of William Gamble Camp, United Confederate Veterans. He was chaplain for a long time.

In addition to those relatives mentioned above Mr. Sparrow has one brother, Mr. John B. Sparrow, of Washington, living and one sister, Mrs. H. A. McCall, of Chicago. Two sisters, Mrs. Dr. B. H. Lewis, of Washington, died some years ago. Going up to Hickory Wednesday morning to meet the remains were Messrs. J. R. and L. L. Henderson, W. C. Wilson, J. B. Bigger, Carl Kendrick and Tom Sparrow and Mrs. W. C. Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Huffstetter. The body will arrive in Gastonia on the southbound C. & N.-W. at 4:40. It will be taken immediately to the late residence in the Union section. Funeral services will be in charge of Dr. J. H. Henderlite, of Gastonia. It is probable that a number of other ministers, both of the city and of Kings Mountain Presbytery, will take part in the services.

Dr. J. C. Galloway, a very dear friend of Mr. Sparrow, said this morning: "Will you permit an old-time friend and co-pastor in Gastonia county a brief line in which to utter a heartfelt appreciation of our beloved Brother Sparrow. He and I came to Gastonia county in the fall of 1893, and for seven years our territory joined and we saw much of each other and not infrequently as (Continued on page 2.)

CAUSE OF THE ROMA DISASTER IS STILL A MATTER OF DISPUTE

WASHINGTON, July 26.—American and Italian technical experts are in disagreement as to the probable cause of the wreck of the semi-rigid Italian built army dirigible Roma, February 21, last, near Norfolk, Va., with the loss of 34 lives. The final report of the investigating board, embodying the Italian as well as the American conclusions, was made public today with an accompanying statement from Secretary Weeks declaring there was no controversy between Italians and American authorities involved.

The report stresses the statement that all the facts of the disaster can never be known. Those who might have known what sent the ship plunging to earth in a swift nose dive to be destroyed by fire on the ground, perished in the wreckage. Physical evidence that might have told the story was consumed in the flames.

"At the very best," says the report of the board headed by Major Davenport Johnson, air service, which gathered and sifted the evidence, "we can do no more than determine which of the possible causes were the most probable."

Briefly stated, the American experts reached the conclusion that flattening of the upper surface of the metal nose cap on the bow of the great gas bag caused a downward pressure as the ship drove along at sixty miles an hour; the down thrust was resisted by the stern stabilizers and stresses developed with the evidence of one witness indicates a buckling of the rudder frames, putting the rudder controls out of commission and leaving the huge craft to plunge downward with her crew helpless to check the dive.

The Italian experts disagree with this view. They believe that "receding rudders" counterpoising the movement of the "up-down" rudder control, "probably over-stressed" and broke and this was followed by the rupture of the rubber control cables. This, they contend, left the "up-down" rudders free to assume the natural position giving "a positive angle of attack" of not less than 8 degrees to the elevators, as has recently been proven by tests in Italy.

BARON ROTHSCHILD IS SUED FOR \$500,000 BY FRENCH GIRL

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—James Henri de Rothschild, son of Baron James A. De Rothschild, head of the famous Rothschild family of France was sued for \$500,000 damages in state supreme court today by Marie Porquet, a French girl, who alleged that she came here last spring upon his promise to marry her and that she has since refused to fix a date for the marriage.

A statement issued by the baron's counsel, Edgar T. Brackett, declared the French nobleman "denies most strenuously the statements of the plaintiff and says that the claim that he ever proposed or contemplated marrying her is absurd and without the slightest foundation." The baron is now in Paris. The complaint was served on him here in June. In her complaint, Mlle. Porquet alleged the baron promised her in France last April 22 that he would wed her within a reasonable time if she would come to the United States. She agreed to become his wife and arrived here about May 15, the papers said. She declared the baron has refused to agree to any date for the marriage, though more than a reasonable time has elapsed since her arrival.

KIWANIS CLUB HELD ENJOYABLE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club held at the Country Club Tuesday evening proved a most enjoyable event to the members and their guests. Among the guests present for the evening were Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, President P. Woods Garland, of the Gastonia Rotary Club, Mr. A. G. Myers, past president of Rotary, Z. C. Wagoner, S. A. Robinson and several other Rotarians.

R. Grady Rankin was in charge of the program and several entertaining stunts were pulled off. George Gray and Dameron Williams gave several amusing impersonations of officers and prominent members of the club. Congressman Bulwinkle and Wods Garland made interesting talks. A committee consisting of Wade Buice, Gene Brittain and Tom Wilkins was appointed to confer with officers of the Civitan and Rotary clubs with reference to having a big joint picnic for all the members of the three clubs. There was informal discussion of the matter of debating some particular activity for the remainder of the year and it was decided to allow all members who wished to do so to present their suggestions in writing to be taken up for discussion and action at the next meeting.

40 WOMEN ATTACK PARTY NON-UNION ROAD SHOPMEN

(By The Associated Press.) TOLEDO, July 26.—Forty women, wives and relatives of striking railway employes attacked a party of non-union railroad shopmen on their way to work in the shops of the New York Central Railroad here early today. Police responding to a call for help were met with a shower of bricks and stones which resulted in a call for police reserves.

they contend, left the "up-down" rudders free to assume the natural position giving "a positive angle of attack" of not less than 8 degrees to the elevators, as has recently been proven by tests in Italy.

"This caused an immediate upward motion of the rear part of the Roma," the Italian conclusion continues, "and her consequent dive to the ground." The air service report draws from the disaster certain definite lessons. It holds that in the future such air ships as the Roma should be inflated only with non-explosive helium gas, that provision should be made so that the ship's commander could drop all or any part of the ship's ballast instantly; so that he could cut off all motors instantly with a central master switch. The board found also that no ballast had been dropped before the Roma struck earth; that the engines movement of her six liberty motors were still running, pulling her engines earthward, and that the gasoline fuel as well as the hydrogen in the great bag was responsible for the terrific fire that followed the crash.

"Undoubtedly," the report says, "the loss of life in this accident would not have been so great if the supporting medium in this envelope had been a non-inflammable, non-explosive gas such as helium."

The investigation disclosed that on the flight that ended in the disaster, there had been trouble with the scoops which were used to fill the balloons in the forward gas compartment to take up any contraction of the hydrogen and resulting flattening of the surface of the envelope. Low pressure in the compartment had been noted and when the scoops were tried, they failed to operate or to operate properly, the report says. Survivors testified that this trouble was believed to have been remedied. The point is important as the bag itself, properly inflated, supported the umbrella-like nose cap of metal.

Descent



Descending from the V peak of the Kreuzberge, a lofty mountain that towers above the upper Rhine in Switzerland, is so difficult that climbers fasten ropes to rocks to lower themselves.

OVERMAN DENIES THE REPUBLICAN CLAIMS OF ECONOMY IN EXPENSES

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Republican claims of economy in federal appropriations and expenditures were denied by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, ranking democrat of the senate appropriations committee, in a statement today comparing present and past appropriations.

"All the big headlines which have been appearing in the newspapers showing the great savings made by the budget system under the Harding administration were nothing but camouflage 'pipe-dreams,'" said Senator Overman, referring to recent statements by Chairman Warren and Madden of the Senate and House appropriation committees, respectively.

Appropriations under the republican administration for the present year were \$563,000,000 more than those under the Wilson administration in 1915 for actual running expenses of the government, according to comparisons presented by Senator Overman. He said it was more fair to compare the 1922-23 appropriations with the peace time comparison with appropriations of last year, as was done by the republican committee chairman.

"It is true as stated by Senator Warren," said Senator Overman, "that the appropriations for the fiscal year of 1923 are \$319,000,000 less than 1922, but by analyzing this statement it is found that a greater part of it was on account of a saving by congress in decreasing the army and the navy and by charging the good roads item to the postal appropriations, all of which are necessary reforms brought about by peace."

Excluding from the present appropriations all war aftermath major expense, Senator Overman said that "for the legitimate expenses" of the government this year's appropriations were \$1,329,000,000 as against \$793,000,000 for 1915.

CHICAGO PLANTS MAY BURN OIL

CHICAGO, July 26.—Several Chicago industrial plants are preparing against a probable shortage of fuel by hurriedly equipping furnaces and boilers with facilities for burning oil as fuel, it is learned here today.

Thirty per cent of the city's pumping stations and incinerators have been equipped with oil burners, according to Deputy Commissioner Burkhardt. The cement industry is beginning to feel the pinch of restricted coal supplies, William M. Kinney, general manager of the Portland Cement Association said in a statement. Some plants, he added, have been forced to close and it is probable others may have to do so or operate on part time unless relief is had soon.

NO FURTHER SPREAD IN STRIKE IS REPORTED; PEACE AT LAST SEEMS A REMOTE POSSIBILITY

Say The Strike Situation Is Not Affected by I. C. C. Declaration

NEW YORK, July 26.—Both leaders of the striking shop craftsmen and representatives of the railroads insist that the strike situation is not affected by the emergency declaration of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

L. F. Loree, for the eastern roads, said he did not think the order could have any effect on the rail strike situation. With 500,000 idle cars in the country there should be no difficulty in supplying coal cars, he added.

Speaking for the general strike committee, David J. Williams declared that the strikers were not concerned with the order which would have bearing only on the coal strike.

Discussing the statements of the rail officials that the roads had 60.6 per cent of a normal shop force at work, Williams insisted that in reality fewer than 20 per cent of the usual number were working on rolling stock repairs and that fewer than two per cent represented returned strikers.

Rail officials said that many workers who left western shops when the strike was called are working on eastern roads under assumed names and that this section are doing the same in the west. Both sides continue to predict a finish fight, each side claiming ultimate victory.

MANY GASTON PEOPLE ARE NOW AT MONTREAT

Assembly Grounds a Very Popular Place This Summer—Correspondent Finds Many Things Of Interest.

—Mrs. G. A. Sparrow.— MONTREAT, July 24.—Montreat is certainly a lovely resort for those who like the mountains. A valley between the mountains with terraces, and on these terraces 250 cottages, in the valley two large hotels, a new auditorium which seats something like 5,000 people, a few stores, a postoffice and a lake; and everywhere roads circling around and all about the mountains and in the valley. And among these cottages many boarding houses and all seem full; every cottage is occupied and everywhere people, people, people, from babies to many whose heads bear the crown of many years.

Gastonia county has a number here, among them Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stowe and Mr. Charles Stowe and S. P., Jr., and little Ann, of Belmont; Mr. and Mrs. George Nolan, of Washington, but whom we are loathe to give up as Gaston people; Mrs. Geo. Patterson, of Spencer Mountain; Mrs. Thomas Love, of Gastonia, who has a cottage here; Mrs. Mary and Elizabeth Ragan and Miss Mildred Armstrong; Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow and Mrs. Parks Hoffstetter.

Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Arthur Jones have the Tait Cottage, and are having a house party of all Mrs. Latimer's children, married and unmarried, the two sons from New York being among the number.

I hear that there are others from Gastonia, but the population is so scattered that it is hard to find just who is here. I stopped in front of the postoffice and saw a car marked Gastonia, that seemed familiar, but could not quite locate it.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Watkins, of Statesville, have a little new cottage perched on the side of the mountain, with a view of Black Mountain and Lee Hall in the distance. This cottage was built by Mr. Watkins this summer and hangs like a swallow's nest to the mountain. It has a flat roof, with outside steps to it, and is a very popular place as the public is allowed to walk up there and see the wonderful view from it.

We ourselves are at about the last house in the other direction, Chapman House, which was left to the Montreat Association by Dr. Chapman, that wonderful evangelist who delighted Charlotte and many Gastonia people just a few years ago. The house is at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and is a rambling beautiful place, furnished with a luxury that is seldom found in a place of this kind. The great porches have a large number of old hickory sofas, swings, and chairs. The dining room has hickory furniture and on the table blue willow ware, and blue willow pattern mats, which must have come from Japan. This was Dr. Chapman's summer home. He was a world traveler and there are many beautiful pieces of China, Persian embroideries, and other treasures that he and his wife brought here, as well as a library of books, and all given to Montreat.

Gipsy Smith, Jr. is here now and is preaching in the auditorium daily. Last week was woman's week, but this is the dedication week of this new auditorium. Dr. R. C. Anderson is a wonder. He has done for Montreat what no other man in North Carolina could have done, but perhaps the crowning glory of it all is this new auditorium. It is built of cobblestones up to some height and they show inside, and out. The circular roof rises to a great height and is braced by steel girders and rods and there are many doors and windows. There are also charming rustic seats, and the

To Use Machine Guns On Booze Smugglers On Canadian Border

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., July 26.—The war against smugglers along the Canadian border in northern New York is in earnest.

Two light Army trucks with machine guns mounted on their platforms, part of a fleet of 24 have arrived here for use in patrolling the border. There will be about thirty federal agents working with customs agents. Each truck will be manned by two federal agents, expert in the use of machine guns.

MIXED NEW YORK FAMILY QUARREL ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING MISS KATZ

Mrs. Reiser, Sister Of Wounded Woman, and Two Sons Held For Murder.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Miss Bertha Katz, named as co-respondent in a separation suit filed last November by her sister, Mrs. John J. Reiser, against "John the Barber," was shot three times and fatally wounded today in her Brooklyn bedroom. Police arrested Mrs. Reiser, her two sons, Morris and George, and the slain woman's brother, Max Katz, charging each of them with homicide. After rushing Miss Katz to a hospital, detectives who said they found her sister, brother and nephews in a room adjoining the bed chamber, took all of them to the death bed, where, the detectives declared, the dead woman identified Morris Reiser as the one who shot her. Her sister, Mrs. Reiser, the police alleged, declared that she and not her son had done the shooting.

"I hope she dies—if she don't I'll choke her—I have been waiting a long time to get her," they quoted Mrs. Reiser as saying, on the trip to the hospital. Screams of Mrs. Jennie Katz, mother of the two women, aroused neighbors when the shots were fired, and they called the police. The police said Mrs. Katz informed them that "Morris did it," and that Mrs. Reiser, upon hearing these words, turned to her mother and said, "You lie."

The police reported finding a revolver in Mrs. Reiser's possession, but expressed the opinion that she was trying to shield her son Morris.

The older Reiser—well known in sporting circles—visited the home of Miss Katz last night, the police said, and from there went to a police station and asked that she be protected against violence. A detective accompanied him back to her home, but returned to headquarters in the belief that his presence at the Katz apartment was unnecessary.

Miss Katz, it was said, has been cashier in Reiser's barber shop and police said they were told he had given her money so that she might attend a business school. The Reisers were married 27 years ago. The police said Mrs. Reiser accused her husband of having been intimate with her sister for the past 15 years.

The lock on the hall entrance into the Katz apartment had been forced and the door broken open. Police said George Reiser and Max Katz admitted having broken in the door.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT PISGAH TUESDAY

A largely attended and most successful meeting of the District Conference on woman's work for the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church was held at Pisgah A. R. P. church Tuesday. Mrs. J. R. Hunter, of Kings Mountain, presided and Mrs. A. F. Whitesides, of Gastonia, was secretary. There were both morning and afternoon sessions, attended by ladies from Gastonia, First and Second churches, Bessemer City, Kings Mountain and Pisgah. A full account of the meeting will be published in another issue.

great beauty of it all was that it was built by mountain workmen and not one accident occurred and not a man was hurt in the building. The whole auditorium is unmarred by any trouble, and now it is almost paid for. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson are as delightful as ever and as interested in their old home and friends in Gastonia, and always ask of them.

(The above letter was written by Mrs. Sparrow the day before Mr. Sparrow's death.—Ed.)

GOVERNMENT HAS TODAY ASSUMED CONTROL OF ALL FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Good Will Apparent in Meetings Held At Baltimore With Shopmen.

PENN TRAFFIC RESTORED

Eastern Railroads Continue Efforts To Form New Unions Of Shopmen.

CHICAGO, July 26.—(By The Associated Press)—With the government today assuming control of freight traffic, the eastern railroads continuing efforts to form new unions of shopmen and indications from Montreal that a walkout of 40,000 Canadian shopmen had been authorized, peace in the railway strike seemed a remote possibility. On the other hand good will was apparent in the meetings being held at Baltimore between officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and representatives of the shopmen, which have been regarded as a possible precursor of other individual settlements is successful.

No further spread of the strike was looked for, although fifty maintenance of way men at Shawnee, Okla., and a number at Moberly Mo., quit work yesterday because armed guards were patrolling railroad property. A resolution adopted by representatives of nearly 300 general chairmen of the office clerks and freight handlers' union after their meeting here yesterday, declared they would resort to their "economic power" if their grievances were not adjusted, but it was believed that they would take no further strike action pending negotiations.

The Pennsylvania Railroad issued a statement last night saying passenger and freight service had been restored to normal on that road.

Reports of violence increased and troops were called out in three new states, while in Montana the Great Northern Railway was promised troop protection at points where protection had been asked, and any other points where the need might arise.

Denison was placed under martial law this morning by Governor Neff, who ordered five companies of the Texas National guard to duty there.

Three companies of Alabama state troops were mobilized at Birmingham, ready for call to Albany, Ala., where disorders were reported.

Kentucky state troops were ordered to Fowle, near Jellico, Kentucky-Tennessee.

In Pennsylvania, additional state troops were called, several detachments being sent to strategic points.

Reports from Kingsville, Texas, said that two non-union workers had been attacked and beaten by a number of strikers.

An aged employe of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad was cut and beaten in the yards at Memphis, Tenn.

A special deputy sheriff guarding the shops of the Seaboard Air Line at Jacksonville, Fla., was shot through the leg by unidentified men.

In Richmond, Va., a temporary injunction was granted to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and a similar one to the Richmond, Yorktown and Potomac Railroad, restraining strikers from placing more than one picket at any one point and from interfering with employees or property of the company.

Plans have been perfected for delivering mail by motor truck at least once a day in upper Michigan, North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

MANY CO-OPERATE IN DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

Mr. George Junkin, the dramatic specialist of Community Service, Inc., who is directing the dramatic festival on Thursday evening at the playground, and the committee in charge of the performance wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have aided them in the making of this festival a possibility.

Their especial thanks go to Mr. D. R. Hayes for the loan of material for dramatics for the stage, Mr. Leroy Mann for the making of two masks, Mr. "Hans" Wagner for the designing and painting of the scenery for the vocal quartet, Miss Marjorie Norment for the arrangement of the stage draperies, Mr. Bob Craig for all lighting effects, Mr. A. S. Bass for the use of his car, the Standard Hardware Co., the Rankin-Armstrong Co. and the Matthews-Bell Co. for the loan of equipment, Mr. G. V. Birmingham for the loan of a Singer sewing machine, Mr. C. S. Craig and Mr. Perry Still for the use of a truck and all municipal officials for the co-operation given in the seating of the audience and loan of equipment, and the Civitans for their generous aid in bringing the children of the Orthopedic Hospital to the performance.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, unsettled weather with occasional showers tonight and Thursday; cooler on the south coast tonight.