

THE COMMONWEALTH

Business Section Of Georgia Town Destroyed By Fire

Waynesville, Ga., Feb. 24.—Fire that broke out last night was brought under control early after the destruction of the business section, resulting in a loss of about fifty thousand dollars. Weak water pressure hampered the firemen.

NO LIQUOR IN CAR, ALL EVIDENCE SAYS

Chapel Hill, Feb. 24.—Despite careful investigations by the university authorities and others, the facts as to the speed of the locomotive and the automobile in the fatal collision at an East Durham crossing last Friday, have not been established. One fact, however, has been definitely clinched: namely, that liquor did not figure in the accident.

A Durham afternoon newspaper, which published on the day of the tragedy a story saying it was reported that whiskey was found in the car, now publishes a statement that there was none, quoting not only a survivor but also the undertakers who prepared for burial the bodies of the students and the driver who were killed. This corroborates the inquiries made by students and members of the faculty following the first publication of the rumor.

Following a careful and exhaustive investigation, extending over the past few days, says the newspaper, it becomes apparent that there was in all probability no liquor in the car.

For the first time since the accident, J. C. Spach and P. Boney, the two of the party who survived, were interviewed at Watts hospital. They have no knowledge of any liquor in the car on the morning of the accident.

The method of determining the presence of alcohol in a body, generally accepted as infallible is by observation in the process of preparing the remains. In handling the remains of any person, the undertaker in charge can detect the presence of alcohol if taken within twenty-four hours before death.

J. M. White, Wynne and White, undertakers, who handled the remains of B. T. Peoples and C. J. Veeman, stated that he was prepared to declare, if necessary, that to the best of his knowledge, neither of the men had drunk alcohol within some hours previous to their death. He stated there was absolutely no trace of alcohol in either body, and that as an expert he was qualified to testify, and had testified in such cases.

Mr. T. Hughes and Thomas L. Walls of Hughes-Christian, undertakers who handled the remains of George M. Hadley and P. A. Bryan, stated substantially what Mr. White stated, with reference to the bodies in their charge.

"If there was any liquor in the car, I did not know it," Spach said this morning when asked as to that phase of the matter. "The towels had been used as a part of the costumes of two of the boys. We were not allowed to enter the hall without costumes. Some of us had to turn our coats wrong side out. Two of the boys tied towels around their legs as part of their costumes. That was the only way we could get in."

IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JUDGE LANDIS PENDING

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 24.—Benjamin F. Welby, former Democratic representative from Ohio has sent another letter to Harding urging the resignation of Judge Landis be not accepted, declaring that impeachment proceedings against Landis were pending in Congress should dispose of the matter.

STATE DEPT. TO SET FORTH ATTITUDE TO- WARD THE GENOA CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 24.—The attitude of the United States towards participation in the Genoa conference will be set forth in a note responding to the invitation of the Supreme Council in a few days, it was said at the State Department. Officials refused to indicate the nature of the reply.

COMMUNITY STORAGE HOUSE FOR KINSTON

Kinston, Feb. 22.—Charles Brickhouse local agricultural agent, today stated business interests here would be approached in a movement to erect a community sweet potato storage house. Brickhouse said a 15,000 bushel house at Rocky Mount had been in successful operation for some time, that a 10,000 bushel would be constructed at New Bern, and that Goldsboro would probably have such a house. Uniformity of construction will mark these "cooperative marketing plants," Brickhouse said. Eventually the farmers patronizing these houses will be members of a federation of local organizations which may have the entire region for its scope.

Farm Wage Rate Declines

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 24.—Farm wage rates in the United States dropped approximately 37 per cent during the calendar year 1921, reaching an average of \$32.22 per month without board, and \$39.14 per month with board, according to data recently compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture, which adds the further observation that the average value of crops is estimated to have dropped about 37 per cent in 1921 and livestock prices were also much lower.
Day labor in harvest time during 1921 received \$2.79 per day without board and \$2.24 per day with board. Outside of harvest time the sum of \$2.22 per day without board was paid and \$1.98 with board. These rates do not include various supplementary allowances such as milk, cow pasturage, firewood, and the like.

ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR FUNERAL

(By Associated Press.)
Newport News, Va., Feb. 24.—All business here and in surrounding communities has been ordered suspended during the public funeral today of the thirty-four victims of the Roma disaster. Airplanes will drop floral tributes.

AUTHORITIES IN CANADA AGAIN TAKE UP THE BULLOCK CASE

(By Associated Press.)
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 24.—The case of Matthew Bullock, charged with attempt to murder in connection with the Norlina, North Carolina race troubles, was up again today with Hamilton negroes waging a strong fight to prevent his extradition to North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—Governor Morrison telegraphed Acting Secretary of State Fletcher that he will not send witnesses to testify in the Bullock extradition trial, declaring that "he will not try North Carolina's honor and integrity before any judge in any foreign country."

Hamilton, Can., Feb. 24.—Unless North Carolina witnesses appear before next Friday Bullock will be unconditionally released. Judge Snider declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey White, of Tillery were here last night attending the show.

Shackleton's Body to Rest at Gateway of The Antarctic

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 23.—Grytviiken, chosen by Lady Shackleton as the last resting place for the body of her late husband, Sir Ernest Shackleton, British explorer who died aboard his tiny craft "Quest" last January 5, is an icebound, isolated habitation of 29 persons who cling to the frozen shores of South Georgia Island, carried to "Gateway to the Antarctic."
Sir Ernest's body was brought from the Antarctic to Montevideo following his death and will be accompanied by Captain Frank Hussey, a member of Shackleton's expedition, when it starts again on its journey into the Polar regions.

Lady Shackleton's decision to halt removal of the body to England is in accordance with a lifelong wish of the explorer that he be laid to rest amid the scenes where his life work had been carried on. Only at the outset of his last voyage, he told friends he wanted "to die with his boots on, like an old sea-dog."

South Georgia Island has figured several times in Shackleton's career. He served under Captain R. F. Scott in 1901 when that intrepid pioneer into the icehounds of the south made a dash from that island which resulted in discovery of the south magnetic pole.

One hundred miles long, with a rocky, forbidding coast line so indented that its width varies from 20 miles to only one-half-mile, most of its mountainous interior is covered with ice and snow throughout the year. Huge ice cliffs overhang its fjords and bays and great icebergs breaking off from massive glaciers make it a dangerous haven for the occasional wandering whaling ships which touch its shores.

ZERO WEATHER CAUSE MILLIONS IN DAMAGE

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—The death list from the blizzard in the Northwest remained at twelve today as the Northwest slowly recovered from the zero weather, snow and sleet. Millions of dollars in property damage reported. The heaviest loss of life was when a train crashed into a snow plow near Minneapolis, killing five.

Accident At The Oil Mill

While working at the Cotton Oil and Ginning Company today, Joe Hopkins caught his foot in the conveyor and injured it very severely. He was rushed to the office of Dr. O. F. Smith who found it necessary to take six stitches in the foot.

MATHILDA M'CORMICK'S FIANCE TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 24.—The wedding of Mathilda M'Cormick and Max Oser, the riding master, will take place in May in Chicago, according to present plans and Oser has agreed to become an American citizen.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder tonight and in East and South portions. Saturday fresh to strong northwest winds.

WEATHER REPORT

The island was discovered in 1675 by Anthony LaRoche. Captain Cook, in 1775, took possession in the name of the British Empire. Until more than 100 years later, when it was visited by a German expedition aboard the Moeltke, it remained unexplored, but the presence of herds of seals and sea lions made it the occasional rendezvous of whalers for the first few years of this century, until the animals there became nearly extinct. Ducks, pigeons and Arctic fowl still are numerous on the island.

It was while drifting with the ice past the settlement of Grytviiken, bound toward the midnight sun on a voyage of exploration which was to have covered 30,000 miles, that Shackleton suddenly died. His comrades removed his body from the "Quest" to a Norwegian whaler bound for Montevideo and continued the expedition under the leadership of sub-commander Frank Wild.

They headed in the direction of the "lost" Enderby land, a vague country just south of South Georgia Island which was reported discovered 90 years ago, but which no one has been able to locate since.

Shackleton's body has been placed in a plain wooden coffin, made by the whalers at Grytviiken, and hermetically sealed with zinc. It will be placed in a rock-piled cairn among the mounds marking the graves of other explorers, adventurers and whalers who lost their lives at the "Gateway to the Antarctic."

A simple burial ceremony will be held in the crude church at Grytviiken with only Captain Hussey, of Shackleton's world of admirers, to see that his wishes and the commands of Lady Shackleton are carried out.

Will Vote on Four Power Treaty and The Reservations

MABEL NORMAND MOVIE ACTRESS, CRITICALLY ILL

(By The Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—The condition of Mabel Normand, who is reported as being critically ill, remains unchanged. She is still secluded in her home where she went after the funeral of William Desmond Taylor, the slain film director.

EGYPTIANS BOYCOTT ENGLISH GOODS

(By Associated Press.)
Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 24.—In declaring a boycott against all goods of English manufacture, the Egyptians have adopted the tactics of the Nationalists of India. They have heard that the Indians have been successful in their attempt to boycott British goods and are endeavoring to use the same means to bring the British government to terms.

As yet the extent of the boycott is not clear. However, many Egyptian merchants are now refusing to buy English goods and salesmen calling on Egyptian customers are promptly told that he wishes no quotations on such merchandise.

But the great majority of importers and exporters are foreigners who desire to continue to buy and sell in the best markets.

If the Egyptians are able to hold together on the boycott program and force the importers to no longer deal in English cotton piece goods, iron and steel products, the result may be serious for English factories in Lancashire and Birmingham.

British banks are included in the boycott. It is stated that considerable sums of money have been withdrawn from English banks in Egypt and placed in other foreign banks.

School boys have boycotted the schools and the native bar association voted to suspend all work.

It has been proposed also to restrict the cultivation of Egyptian cotton, which would be of interest to the cotton growers of the United States. It has even been suggested that the Egyptians should refuse to export onions to England which now takes 80 per cent of the Egyptian onion crop.

Certain members of the Effendi class, Egyptians of leisure, have announced that they would cease to drink English whiskey and refuse to wear short-cropped mustaches as the English do. Various other boycotting plans have been proposed.

RUSSIANS USE SCYTHE IN HARVESTING GRAIN

Moscow, Feb. 24.—Soviet Russia manufactured 1,307,000 scythes and imported 4,300,000 last year. Grain raising is carried on in such a primitive way by the majority of peasants that the scythe is in general use for harvesting, especially since the shortage of labor-saving machinery began.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A modified blanket reservation to the Four Power Pacific Treaty, said to be satisfactory to both President Harding and majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was debated by the committee and agreement reached to vote on the treaty itself and proposed reservations tomorrow.

The text of the reservation reads: "The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble, or under the terms of this treaty, there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in any defense."

SOVIET RUSSIA SPENDING MILLIONS ON ARMY AND NAVY

(By Associated Press.)
Moscow, Feb. 24.—Soviet Russia's military operation for the first nine months of 1922 totals 556,028,069 gold rubles, or about \$228,000,000. Its naval appropriations aggregated \$36,000,000, bringing the total contemplated expenditures for army and navy to about \$264,000,000, according to the budget approved by the recent congress.

This expenditure is based on the present size of the army and navy. The army, according to latest reports, numbers somewhat over 1,500,000 men and the combined strength of the soldiers, the naval personnel and special troops is about 1,700,000.

Food and forage for the army is provided for in an appropriation aggregating about \$79,000,000 which is greater than the amount of money America has already given for the relief of famine in the Volga districts and more than the amounts given by all foreign countries to relieve distress in Soviet Russia.

Western soldiers, particularly American soldiers, will be amazed at the low rate of pay for military men. An ordinary soldier's pay is 20,000 rubles a month, which is only about ten cents, or less than the price of a Russian pound of white bread. Captains get the equivalent of about \$1.50. Division commanders receive about \$3 a month.

Budget figures for the Vecheka, or "Cheka," show that this all-powerful spy system which combines legislative, executive and judicial functions all in one, and has been the chief object of attack from abroad, as well as within Russia, is to cost \$10,200,000.

The Supreme Economic Council, which is endeavoring to reconstruct Russian industry gets \$77,000,000; agriculture gets \$26,000,000; education \$61,000,000, and the department of health \$58,000,000.

The chief sources from which it is estimated the state's income will be derived are nationalized industries which are expected to yield \$440,000,000 in income from grain and other products taken as taxes in kind. The income from transportation is placed at \$49,000,000.

COTTON MARKET TODAY'S MARKET

March	18.18
May	17.88
July	17.23
October	16.56
December	16.35
MARKET	
March	18.22
May	17.93
July	17.30
October	16.63
December	16.45