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## MASKED MAN SET TORCH TO BIG BUILDING TODAY

Several Killed and Others Fatally Injured in Cleveland Incendiary Blaze.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR ALLEGED FIRE BUG

Second Blaze In Twenty-Four Hours In Apartment House Proved a Tragedy—Several Occupants Dead and Firemen Badly Injured.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—Two unidentified men and one woman were burned to death and nearly a score of people injured this morning at 2 o'clock when flames swept through the third floor of an apartment house here. The police are searching for a masked man, who, according to the story told by a waitress, entered her room on the third floor, bound and gagged her and set fire to the building.

Most of the injured were hurt by jumping from the third-floor windows. One woman and two men were fatally injured. Two firemen were also injured so badly, in attempting to rescue the occupants of the building, that they may die. Both fell from third-floor windows.

Fire started in the building on Monday morning in a closet in the waitress' room and she was rescued by firemen and taken to a hospital. The fire was easily extinguished, but the girl was nearly suffocated. She remained in the hospital last night and returned to her room.

According to the story she told the police, a masked man entered her room after 1:30 o'clock, gagged her and bound her hands and feet; after which he started the fire in the room with paper.

The fire was placed under control before the entire building was destroyed.

## TWO LUMBERTON TEAMS TO ENTER THE DEBATE

Coroner's Jury Finds Death of Negro Accidental—Minister Resigns Charge.

(By R. M. Norment.)  
Lumberton, March 28.—Two teams from the Lumberton High School will participate in a triangular debate Friday night, March 31, with teams from the Sanford and Laurinburg schools. The winners will go to Chapel Hill and take part in the State high school debating contest. The question to be debated is resolved "That the United States Should Adopt the Policy of Encouraging Its Navy."

John Blount McLeod and Robert Caldwell will debate representatives of the Sanford High School here Friday night and will take the affirmative side of the question. Robert Proctor and F. E. Caryl will meet representatives of the Laurinburg High School at Laurinburg and will speak on the negative side. A Lumberton team has been sent to Chapel Hill every year since these high school debates were established and The Laurinburg school has been defeated for the past three years.

The coroner's jury named to investigate the death of George McQueen, a young negro who was found in a dying condition by the S. A. L. railroad Saturday night, decided Monday that he was killed by the Seaboard passenger train which passed through Lumberton Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock.

Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, announced to his congregation Sunday morning his resignation to take effect April 1. Rev. Mr. Gough has been pastor of this church for several years and has made many friends here who will regret to see him leave.

## MANY DIE IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Bluefield, West Va., March 28.—An explosion occurred this morning in the east entry of the King coal mine at Kimball, near here. Four dead have already been taken out of the mine and it is feared that a number of others have been killed.

A hasty canvass of the town disclosed that one hundred men are missing.

## INDICTMENTS AGAINST STEEL CONCERNS OUSTED

Judge Anderson Granted Motion to Quash a Number of Them.

Youngstown, Ohio, March 28.—Judge W. S. Anderson today granted a motion to quash the indictments against five steel companies charging them with conspiracy in fixing the price of labor and steel products.

The indictment against the United Steel Corporation and E. H. Gary, the head of the corporation, still stand, as the motion to quash did not include these two defendants.

The steel companies' attorneys attacked the indictments as being too indefinite and uncertain, depriving them of their constitutional rights.

## MUST LEAVE COUNTY Convicted of Violating Law Regarding Laborers.

D. N. Cranshaw and R. Jacobs, white men, against whom a warrant was sworn out yesterday by Mr. Thos. R. Ames, of the DeGado Cotton Mills, alleging that they were conspiring to persuade employees under contract to quit their positions and accept jobs in the Albemarle Cotton Mills, near Salisbury, were ordered to leave the county before tomorrow at noon, by Recorder B. G. Empie this morning.

On charges of vagrancy no process were granted, but Cranshaw was fined \$10 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Chas. Immann, colored, who is charged with the larceny of tobacco from the Ahrens Brothers, wholesale drug company, failed to appear and a capias was issued for him. Buddy Howe, colored, was taxed with the costs for giving George Lowery, colored, a pipeful of gunpowder, which he lighted and was painfully burned.

## CHAMBER IS INVITED Wilmington Men May Attend Navy League Convention

The "immediate action" convention of the Navy League which is to be held April 10-13 at the New Willard Hotel in Washington, has extended the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce an invitation to send a delegation of three local men to take part in the deliberations. It is not unlikely that a delegation will attend from this city, though no definite arrangements have yet been made to this end. Three matters will be considered at the convention—that of a National Defense Commission, a Navy General Staff, and a means of awakening the nation to its defense needs. The visitors will take a trip to the Naval Academy at Annapolis upon the close of the convention.

## STEAMER SOLD?

Ship to Be Here Today Reported Sold to Allies.

Considerable interest is manifested by local marine men in the arrival of the steamer Constitution at the quarantine station this morning from the west coast of South America with a cargo of nitrate of soda, as the vessel is reported to have been sold by its owners in Mobile, Ala., to the European Allies for \$700,000. The steamer's cargo is for Grace & Co., and will be discharged at the Atlantic Coast Line terminals.

Mr. J. W. Schuch, who represents the Carribean & Southern Steamship Co., of Mobile, the owners, who is in the city, has stated that he could not confirm the report. He said that he would take charge of the Constitution as soon as the cargo was discharged and send the steamer to New York.

## WILSON URGES THAT KITCHIN SPEED THEM UP

Washington, March 28.—President Wilson wrote Democratic Leader Kitchin, of the House, today urging consideration of the shipping bill and the resolutions for investigation of conditions of railway transportation and legislation. The railway resolution was not included in the legislative program laid before the Democratic caucus last week.

## MEN WILL PRESENT DEMAND TO THE ROADS THIS WEEK

Thursday They Will Demand Basis of an Eight-Hour Day.

ROADS SAY CANNOT POSSIBLY MEET IT

Claim Lack of Revenue Will Bar Them, From It—Coast Line Included.

Washington, March 28.—Committees representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen's brotherhoods expect to present a demand for increased wages to railways throughout the United States next Thursday. The men will ask, it is said, that the eight-hour basis be adopted for computing the pay for a day's work and time and a half be paid for overtime. The demand will apply to all men in the roads' freight yard and hosting service. The pay of the passenger employes is already based on a day of less than eight hours.

Although the railways have thirty days in which to reply to the demands officials here state that they cannot possibly meet them with the present revenue. Presentation of the demands to the railways of the Southeastern territory will be made to the Southern at its headquarters here, to the Seaboard at Norfolk, to the Atlantic Coast Line at Wilmington, to the Louisville & Nashville at Louisville, to the Central of Georgia at Savannah, to the Florida East Coast at St. Augustine, and to the Mobile & Ohio at Mobile.

## CONSIDERED GRAVE BUT NO DECISION YET

Washington, March 28.—As President Wilson and cabinet met today members reflected the view that the submarine situation was grave, but indicated no decided action would be taken by the American government until it was shown conclusively that the steamers, Sussex and Englishman, were sunk by a submarine.

## MORE DETAILS OF FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA

British Converted Cruiser Was One Sounded Knell For German Raider.

London, March 28.—The British converted cruiser, Andes, gets credit for sinking the German raider, Greif, in the North Sea February 29, in additional details of the battle published today.

After the British armed merchantman, the Alcantara, had engaged the Greif and had been rendered helpless by a shell, which shattered her rudder, one of her consorts, the Andes, appeared and made it impossible for the German raider to escape. Shells swept the deck of the German raider, driving the men from some of the guns. The raider fired several torpedoes, which the Andes escaped through skilled handling.

While thus engaged a third British vessel, of the light cruiser type, attracted by the sound of the firing appeared on the scene. Although at great distance the cruiser had already joined in the action, her gunners finding the range and hitting the target with remarkable precision. But the Andes already had the German boat on fire and the raider blew up with a terrific explosion, the theory being that she carried a cargo of mines, which ignited when the fire reached them.

## DECLARE SHIP STRUCK WITHOUT WARNING

London, March 28.—Two American citizens who were on board the British steamer, Manchester Engineer, have made affidavit before the American consul that the steamer was torpedoed without notice, according to a Central News dispatch from Queens-town today.

## URGES EQUIPMENT OF NORFOLK NAVY YARD

Washington, March 28.—Secretary Daniels has written Chairman Padgett, of the House naval committee, strongly urging that the current naval bill make provision for equipping the Norfolk navy yard for building battleships.

## UNITED STATES MAKES INQUIRY OF GERMAN GOVT.

Wants to Know Whether Submarine Sunk Two English Steamers.

NO BREAK DEEMED IMMEDIATE PROSPECT

Inquiry Has Not Reached Stage of Protest or Demand—Situation Grave, However.

Washington, March 28.—The United States has inquired of Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, whether any of its submarines torpedoed the British steamer, Sussex.

Secretary Lansing announced after the cabinet meeting today that it had been decided to make such inquiry and it was later learned the inquiry had been made and probably already was in Berlin.

The precise status of the communication is that of an inquiry. It has not advanced to the stage of a protest or demand. While cabinet members describe the situation as grave, it is not thought a break with Germany is an immediate prospect. It is said, however, that if Germany admits torpedoing the Sussex the situation brought about would be most serious.

## FUNERAL HELD THIS MORNING IN RALEIGH

All Mortal of The Late Thomas J. Pence Laid Tenderly At Rest.

Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—The funeral of Thomas J. Pence, secretary of the Democratic National committee, who died yesterday in Washington, was conducted here today, the 43rd anniversary of his birth, from the First Baptist church, with interment in Oakwood cemetery.

## SEABOARD PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPS TRACK

Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 9, the Florida Limited, southbound, was derailed at Lemon Springs, N. C., early today.

Edgar Barbee, of Raleigh, the engineer, was slightly injured, but was able to continue the run after the engine had been placed back on the track. None of the passengers was injured.

## POSTPONES ACTION ON BOOZE AND SUFFRAGE

Washington, March 28.—The House judiciary committee today voted, ten to nine, to postpone indefinitely consideration of all suffrage and prohibition proposals now before it.

## BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., March 28.—Fire, which endangered a whole block of business houses, broke out on the third floor of Henry Keidel and Company's wholesale hardware establishment, 405 and 407 West German street, this afternoon. Half of the fire department was called out.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the fire seemed to have spread rapidly.

All the girl employes of Greif Bros. clothing factory, and Brigham-Hopkins Company's straw hat manufactory, adjoining the Keidel building, on opposite sides, marched quietly into the street.

At 2:45 o'clock the fire was thought to be under control and had been confined to the top floor of the Keidel building.

Mr. J. A. Gawthrop, of Richmond, Va., division superintendent of Brad Street Mercantile Agency, is making a visit to the local office in charge of Mr. Paul B. Bell.

## ITALIANS AND THE AUSTRIANS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Fighting Along Their Line Reported to Be of Fierce Type.

INFANTRY IS STILL INACTIVE IN WEST

German Big Guns Keep Busy. Vienna Reports Russians Slacken Their Onslaught.

The infantry continues inactive before Verdun and even the notable artillery fire to the Vaux-Douaumont region, east of the Meuse, has slackened. The Germans guns have resumed their heavy fire west of the river, however, shelling the French line south of Malancourt, in the sector where the recent German drive took the Crown Prince's troops south to the edge of Avocourt Woods.

Bitter fighting again is taking place along the Austro-Italian front. The Austrians launched an attack at Val Piccolo, taking a trench but a counter-attack of the Italian forces not only reconquered the position, but took additional Austrian trenches elsewhere on the front, according to the current Rome headquarters report.

Vienna declares that the Russian activity in Galicia has slackened, the Russians having attempted an attack against the main army of Gen. Pfleger during the past week.

British airmen have made a successful raid on the Turkish advance base at Bir-El-Hassanah, 100 miles east of the Suez Canal, according to reports from Suez. The aviators dropped forty bombs, doing extensive damage.

London's figures on the damage done shipping since the German submarine campaign was begun show that in less than a fortnight, beginning March 15, vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 70,000 have been sunk one-third of this tonnage belonging to neutrals.

Today sinking of the British steamer, Empress of Midland, of 2,224 tons, is reported. The crew was saved. Casualties from the explosion which damaged the steamer Sussex are now expected to succeed fifty, the steamer's agent has announced.

## WAR COSTING HOLLAND ENORMOUS AMOUNTS

So Far Has Cost \$140,000,000 and is Estimated at \$8,000,000 Monthly.

The Hague, Netherlands, March 28.—The war has so far cost Holland a clear \$140,000,000. Further, reckoning the demands of the intervening period at \$8,000,000 a month, the new Minister of Finance, Doctor Anton van Gyn, estimates that by August 1 next a sum of \$180,000,000 will have been spent on the mobilized land and sea forces and in meeting the various other extraordinary demands made on the Treasury by the war crisis.

Of the amount mentioned \$110,000,000 was raised by a five per cent loan issued after the first three or four months of war, and the problem now facing this country is how to provide the balance of \$70,000,000. Three bills have just been presented to the Dutch Parliament embodying a straightforward and fairly bold solution of the question. The new Minister of Finance therein proposes to raise as much as \$32,000,000 by a special levy, termed a "defense tax" in the financial year beginning May 1 next, to obtain another \$18,000,000 by a tax on war profits, and to have recourse to a loan for the balance of \$20,000,000. The actual loan, however, is to amount to \$50,000,000 out of which, assuring the war is over, the extra \$30,000,000 will be utilized to consolidate the floating debt accruing from the ordinary budgets of 1914, 1915, and 1916.

Seeing that the floating debt of the Netherlands East Indies will also have to be consolidated shortly, it is evident that heavy demands will be made on the money market here before long. As, however, it is largely a matter of replacing floating by a fixed debt, it is not expected that the market will be greatly influenced; and the powerful position of the Netherlands Bank—whose gold stocks now amount to 196,000,000—and the general plentifulness of money here, renders the prospects of the coming loans bright.

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## SUPPLY PROBLEM HAS GROWN TO SERIOUS SIZE

CLEAN-UP MOVEMENT GAINING MOMENTUM

Rotarian Move to Have Citizens Clean Up and Paint Up Develops Interest.

The Rotary Club has gone to work with a vim to make the approaching "Clean-up, Paint-up" campaign a success from every viewpoint. All that is necessary to accomplish the desired purpose is to gain the sympathy and co-operation of the general public. From the many assurances which have been received it now appears as if the entire community, when the time comes, will join hands and efforts in the endeavor to make the two weeks' period of much benefit to Wilmington from both a health and a beautifying viewpoint.

The fortnight from April 3 to 16 has been chosen as the period for the campaign. The first week will be devoted particularly to the "clean-up" feature. In this time property holders and tenants will be asked to use every effort to have their yards and lots placed in as clean condition as possible. A general effort toward this end will mean much toward the betterment of health conditions now that spring has opened, to be followed shortly with the heated summer period. Thoroughly clean and sanitary premises will aid the health department in keeping the health of the community on a satisfactory basis and will also serve to promote the city beautiful idea, which has occupied more or less public attention during the past few years. The removal of trash and debris also eliminates a fruitful and often destructive cause of fires. The conflagration in Augusta, Ga., several days ago, resulted from a small blaze started in a pile of rubbish and caused damage which amounted to millions of dollars, seriously crippling the business, economic and civic life of that flourishing city. Such a blow as Augusta received could come to Wilmington just as easily, from a similar cause, and the "clean-up" idea will serve as a proverbial stitch in time, which should be joined in heartily by all citizens both white and colored.

"Paint-up" week will follow the "clean-up" campaign, although it should be a natural accompaniment. A little touch of paint here and there about the house will serve to beautify and make the home more attractive, and if the proper attention is paid to the idea, it will mean that many a householder will turn painter for a short time to the mutual amusement and benefit of himself and family. Campaigns such as the one planned for Wilmington will be held this spring in many cities throughout the country and the Rotary Club is hopeful that the local movement will be among the most successful of all.

## OBSERVE MISSIONARY AND TEMPERANCE DAY

Special to The Dispatch.  
Wallace, N. C., March 28.—Sunday was missionary and temperance day in the Wallace Baptist church. A special prepared program was effectively carried out in the Sunday school. Rev. R. L. Gray, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, made an eloquent address on temperance and civic righteousness.

The audience was appreciative. The offerings amounted to something more than a hundred dollars.

Mrs. C. V. Brooks represented the local W. M. S. in the annual W. M. U. in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. John W. Camp is visiting her mother, Mrs. Webb, in Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. J. I. Jones and family have moved to Disputanta, Va.

Several Wallace citizens are interested in Chapman-Alexander meetings and expect to attend.

## HER BROTHER DIES.

Tom Williams, Brother of Mrs. Lucy Kelley, Died in Sumter.

Friends of Mrs. Lucy Kelly, mother of Mr. A. L. Kelly, deputy sheriff, will learn with sympathy for her of the death of her brother, Mr. Tom Williams, of Sumter, S. C., a former Wilmingtonian, who died suddenly at his home at 5 a. m. today.

## Officers Hail With Disappointment News That Railroads Can't Be Used.

## HAVE TO SEND MOTOR TRUCKS FAR DISTANCE

Funston Has Hard Time Sending Supplies to Pershing's Forces—Over Hundred Such Vehicles Already In Operation.

San Antonio, Texas, March 28.—The supply problem continues to overshadow all other matters having to do with the punitive expedition in Mexico. Information from Washington that the railroads will not be made available in the immediate future came as an unwelcome news to departmental headquarters today.

Because of the imperative need of rail lines it had been hoped by the officers that the officials in Washington would find a way of securing a favorable answer from General Carranza. With the railways closed to him General Funston faces a problem of supplying General Pershing's force for a considerable period by means of motor transport and wagon trains. This means he must send great quantities of supplies a distance of 250 miles south of the border in trucks and wagons through a country that is a barren waste of sand.

In order to meet the situation he had asked for additional motor trucks. Four companies, a total of 107 trucks, are already in operation and two additional companies will be added as quickly as cars can be purchased and sent to the border.

Pessimism About Capturing Villa. El Paso, Texas, March 28.—The pursuit of Francisco Villa may be delayed, if not actually halted, unless the Mexican railways are made available for the main line of communication for the American army in Mexico.

Military men expressed that view today, after studying the dispatches from the front that Villa was still in full flight southward and meeting with little, if any, opposition.

The American forces are more than two hundred miles below the border. Every mile the Mexican bandit advances into the interior increases the difficulties of maintaining the line of American communication.

Motor trucks are being rushed to the army base at Columbus, N. M., to help keep up the necessary movement of supplies to the field headquarters at a point near Casas Grandes.

Every effort is being made to continue the line of transports in full operation over the rocky and sandy trail from Columbus until the de facto government gives permission to use the railways.

There is much pessimism in army circles over prospect of capturing Villa and it is felt that unless he is cornered within a week the bandit will have outrun his pursuers and many months will pass before he and his band are driven out of their hiding places.

Asks Carranza to Hurry Up. Washington, March 28.—A message to General Carranza pressing for an immediate reply to the request for use of Mexican railways in supplying American troops in pursuit of Villa has gone forward.

## GRAND JURY DELAYS ACTION IN THE CASE

New Evidence Keeps Piling Up Against Dentist Arthur Waite.

New York, March 28.—Findings by the grand jury investigating the case of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite have been delayed by continuous discovery of new evidence. It may be the end of the week or even later, the District Attorney said today, before the grand jury reaches a decision.

The prosecutor has declared that he is satisfied with the evidence connecting Waite with the alleged murder of his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids. Efforts are being made now to prove that the young dentist planned and, perhaps, executed a more extensive criminal campaign.

## Tonight's Boxing Bout.

Jeff Smith vs. Zulu Kid, 10 rounds, at Albany, N. Y.

Soldier Bartfield vs. Art Magirl, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee.

Pal Moore vs. Jabez White, 10 rounds, at Syracuse, N. Y.