

FRED DAVIS DIED SUDDENLY TO-DAY

PROMINENT CITIZEN AND MAN
OF STERLING WORTH QUIETLY
PASSED AWAY AT 2:25 THIS
AFTERNOON

Fred Davis, for forty years in the coal or coal and ice business in Elizabeth City died Saturday afternoon at twenty five minutes past two o'clock.

This news, which flashed over the city in the early afternoon, came with the shock of surprise to the people of the town at large, who hardly knew that Mr. Davis was seriously sick. Even his intimate friends, some of whom had seen him sitting up yesterday, were totally unprepared for the news that the end had come.

Fred Davis was sixty-one years old and until the first of July 1917, active in business. For about three years, however, his health had been failing and for the past month and a half he had kept to the house. It was not until Saturday morning that he took to his bed, and death came a few hours later.

Mr. Davis is survived by a wife and two children, Weymouth and Margaret, aged 13 and 9 years, respectively. There are also two sisters, Miss Lou Davis and Mrs. I. Fearing; and one brother, William Davis. A nephew is Fred Bell of the United States Navy.

Mr. Davis was a member of the City Road Methodist Church and of the Royal Arcanum.

The funeral will be conducted Monday morning by Rev. C. B. Culbreth.

WAR DEPARTMENT NAMES COMMANDERS

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 18.—The War Department has named new department commanders as follows: Eastern Brigadier General, E. D. Hoyle; Western Major General, Arthur Murray; Southeastern Major General, W. P. Duval; Southern Major General, J. H. Ruchman; Northeastern Brigadier General, John A. Johnston; Central Major General, Wm. H. Carter; Brigadier General J. P. Wisser was given command in Hawaii; Major General P. P. Townley in Panama.

MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

CANADIAN MUNITION WORKS
WRECKED WITH SEVERAL HUN-
DRED MEN IN PLANT AT TIME
OF EXPLOSION

(By United Press)
Montreal, Aug. 18.—A series of terrific explosions today wrecked the Curtis and Harvey Muniton Works at Dragon, Quebec.

Reports reaching here state that many were killed. Several hundred men were in the plant at the time of the explosion but communications from the town have been so interrupted that only fragmentary reports could be had up to eleven o'clock this morning. More than forty houses in the town were destroyed. A section of the Canadian Pacific Railroad was destroyed and all trains over that division were cancelled. A heavy pall of smoke is hanging over the town.

INSTITUTE IS WELL ATTENDED

NINETY PER CENT OF TEACHERS
ENROLLED ARE ATTENDING
EVERY SESSION OF TRI-COUNTY
TRAINING COURSE

The first week of the tri-county teachers' institute now being conducted here closed today. The total enrollment is eighty four.

"The institute this year," said Superintendent Giles of the Wake County schools, who is in charge of the work, is different from any heretofore conducted by reason of the fact of the 1917 legislature which made it obligatory on all teachers, both of city and rural schools, to attend.

"The conductors now are not permitted to issue certificates except to those who attend for the entire ten days of the session.

"The attendance on the institute here during the past week has been above the average that obtains for the state as a whole. This high rate of attendance is being carried over into the second week's work and I think I may safely say that ninety per cent of the teachers enrolled in this institute will receive certificates.

"The work being done in the institute is a study of a combination of the best methods of teaching and a review of the subject matter of the more important subjects in the course of study.

Mrs. T. Edgar Johnson of Salisbury is teaching all primary subjects from the standpoint of both subject matter and method.

Mr. Giles has charge of the grammar grades and of the high school.

Those attending from Elizabeth City are:

- Misses Callie Perry, Hattie E. Trueblood, Gertrude Perry, Marie LeRoy, Nettie M. White, Hattie M. Harney, Elbora Strupe, Mary A. Forbes, Pauline Taylor, Martha F. Elliott, Mary P. Bell, Ethel Mann, Minnie Harrell, Marion Barcliff, Helen Bell, Eva D. Berry, Florence Bell, Dora Blanchard, Irene Brite, Lillian Brite, Alice Brockwell, Lue Lee Burnham, Lizzie Burnham, Emma Cobb, Agnes Etheridge, Mattie S. Hewitt, Katherine Hinton, Mattie S. Griffin, Carrie Pappendick, Inez Reid, Bessie Richardson, Maude Stanton, Ella W. Thornton, Annabell Trueblood, Pattie Walker, Anna M. Brite, Mrs. Irene Burgess, Mrs. T. A. Commander, Mrs. Clara Bell, Mrs. Maggie Blount, Mr. R. T. Bell, Mrs. C. Pool, Mrs. M. G. Brooks, Mrs. T. D. Cooke, Ms. E. E. Etheridge, Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Mr. E. W. Mann, Mrs. Lavinia Skinner.

- From Pasquotank County, R. P. 5: Misses Ruby Wood, Minnie W. Helen Wood, Caroline White, From E. D. 6: Mrs. G. T. Williams, From Weeksville, Miss Lillian Pittered, Miss Alice Palmer.

- From South Mills: Miss Irene Fouchard, Margaret Williams, Mrs. C. Dozier, Rev. S. N. Hurst, Miss Wilma Bartlett, Miss Nora L. Burton, Miss Susie Dizes, Miss Paul Duntan, Miss Mary Forehand, Miss Lydia Spence, Miss Mary Bell Williams.

- From Shiloh: Mr. W. J. Burgess, Miss Geneva B. Pugh.
- From Old Trap: Miss Betty Mitchell.
- From Poplar Branch: Mrs. Cora V. Westcott, Miss Elsie Dorey.
- From Aydtott: Miss Ruth Bell.
- From Snowden: Miss Elizabeth Ferrell.
- From Shawboro: Miss Jennie Ferebee, Miss Adelaide Flora.
- From Coinjock: Miss Pauline Tate.
- From Kitty Hawk: Miss Nora L. Baum.
- From Belcross: Miss Arc. M. Tillet.
- From Durants Neck: Miss Mozelle White, Miss Jennie P. Newby.
- From Washington: Miss Edith Hardison.
- From Belhaven: Miss Maude Hooten.
- From Corolla: Miss Lilly Sanderlin.
- From Marion: Miss Margaret Sheep.
- From Portsmouth: Miss Rebe G. Pruden.

ROBBERS DRAFTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

J. F. Adams returned from Norfolk Friday, where he went to appear in court against Dean H. Cramer and J. T. Guinn, who were charged with robbery, having knocked him down and robbed him when in Norfolk several weeks ago.

The robbers were found guilty of the charge and were placed in the hands of government authorities and sent to Washington, D. C., where they will be drafted into military service.

GERMAN BOATS ARE DESTROYED

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 18.—An engagement between the British and German scouting ships in which one German destroyer and several mine sweepers were damaged is reported by the admiralty.

German submarines also engaged in the fight which occurred Thursday morning.

NORFOLK CHECKER CHAMPION HERE

Mr. S. A. Meads, of Norfolk, Va., champion checker player of that city will be at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday morning August 20, at 10 o'clock to play any and all aspirants for honors at this intensely interesting game. Mr. Meads will play single contestants or three at one time. All players and persons interested in the game will be cordially welcome to the building. Mr. Meads will likely be here all the morning and part of the evening. Drop in today and arrange with the General Secretary for the game.

SENTENCED TO TERM IN FEDERAL PRISON

(By United Press)
Big Stone Gap, Va., Aug. 18.—"Old Man" William V. McCoy and John Walter Phipps, convicted of conspiring to seize by force property of the United States," were sentenced yesterday to terms of five years each in the Federal Prison at Atlanta. The Presiding Judge directed a verdict of "not guilty," as to the charge of "levying war against the United States," on the ground that the incipient revolution which McCoy and Phipps organized could hardly be dignified by the term "levying war."

MANY PLANES DOWN

With The British Armies Afield, Aug. 18.—A total of 114 German airplanes have been downed in the past week in the fierce sky fighting in connection with the Allied offensive. Sixty-two machines were destroyed outright and fifty-two driven out of control.

Paris, Aug. 18.—An air raid in which 114 French airplanes participated, dropping 1,300 kilograms (\$5,000 pounds) of projectiles on German military establishments, is reported.

Seven German machines were downed, eight others and a balloon were badly damaged.

Two French machines failed to return.

IN POLICE COURT

In Police Court, Saturday morning, the case against A. B. Houtz, for erecting a garage nearer the street than the line of the main body of his dwelling, was continued and will be tried in Police Court, Monday morning.

William Drew, a colored boy, was tried for stealing about \$65 worth of brass from The Elizabeth City Iron Works and being under age and his

Wilson May Offer Working Basis

Belief Grows That President's Answer May Suggest Constructive Policy For Hastening End Of War.

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 18.—America will probably speak for herself when she answers the Pope's peace proposals.

It was stated officially this afternoon that the Pontiff's communication is such as to require an individual reply. This will be sent, however, only after this government has exhaustively exchanged views with the other Allied governments. The matter is now under careful consideration, is the statement of the State Department this afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson's reply to the Pope's peace offer may afford an actual working basis for hastening the end of the war.

Germany and Austria have already moved in this direction, dispatches from Rome say.

The belief grows that the President will not merely decline the Holy See's suggestion but will offer a constructive policy in which the

be expressed.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AGREE

(By United Press)
Rome, Aug. 18.—Germany has assured Pope Benedict of her moral adhesion to the peace proposals advanced by the Pontiff, according to dispatches received here.

Austria has gone further and declared her readiness to initiate negotiations. The dispatches are from Berne, published by the Idea Nazionale.

CONTINUE FOR THIRD DAY

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 18.—For the third day the Germans have continued hurling masses of men against newly won British positions near Lens. All counters have been completely repulsed after sharp fighting reports Haig.

REVIVAL COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

The Joint Committee of the Union Revival met in the Y. M. C. A. building at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night, August 16th, and elected the following officers: Rev. J. L. Cunningham, President, Rev. C. J. Culbreth, Secretary, and Mr. J. T. McCabe, Treasurer.

Following the election of officers the chairmen for the different committees on the Revival were elected. They are as follows:

- Committee on Arrangements: Mr. J. P. Kramer, Chairman.
- Committee on Entertainment: Mr. A. W. Gregory, Chairman.
- Committee on Devotional: Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Chairman.
- Committee on Fishers: Mr. Geo. Speace, Chairman.
- Committee on Mustel: Mr. J. W. Foreman, Chairman.
- Committee on Personal Work: Mr. L. E. Skinner, Director.
- Committee on Extra Service: Dr. B. C. Henning, Chairman.
- Committee on Finance: Dr. L. S. Blades, Chairman.
- J. L. Cunningham, Chairman.
- C. B. Culbreth, Secretary.

BIG STRIKE ON ENGLISH R'WAYS

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 18.—The strike of 40,000 railway engineers and firemen on English railroads is declared to be certain this afternoon following a meeting of union leaders with the President of the Board of Trade and the Minister of Labor this morning.

"LEAVE IT TO WILSON"
SAY THE ALLIES

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 18.—The Allies will not reply to the Pope's peace proposal until after consultation in which

STRIKE FAR FROM A SETTLEMENT

TWENTY THOUSAND MINERS IN
TWO HUNDRED MINES STILL
AT VARIANCE WITH COAL OPER-
ATORS ASSOCIATION

(By United Press)
Knoxville Aug. 18.—After a week's duration, the strike of 20,000 miners in nearly 200 mines in southeastern Kentucky and eastern Tennessee early today appeared far from settlement. Federal mediators are working indefatigably.

The Southern Appalachian coal operators association as yet has refused stolidly to recognize the Miners Union.

The miners, subjected to various points of petty cruelties and to ejection from their homes, are believed to be growing belligerent. Only 12 or 15 small independent mines in the entire section are in operation.

DOGS FOLLOW TRAIL OF NEGRO

CITIZENS OF NASH COUNTY
AROUSSED BY THURSDAY NIGHT
MURDERS AND LYNCHING IS
FEARED

(By United Press)
Rocky Mount, Aug. 18.—Blood-hounds followed by a farmer's posse are today in full cry on the trail of the negro, Cicero Sessions, who killed officer Cary Weeks and seriously wounded Bruce Taylor, Ben Sharp and other white men who on Thursday night surrounded his small house near here to effect his arrest on a minor charge.

The negro is said to be heavily armed and determined to resist capture. Nash County citizens are greatly aroused and lynching is feared.

WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Light northwest winds.

W. G. Cox of Weeksville was in city Saturday.

URGED TO SAVE SWEET POTATOES

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 18.—An emergency campaign for the preservation of perishable fruits and vegetables was launched today by the Department of Agriculture with the slogan "Save your Sweet Potatoes."

This is the first message addressed to the South from the Department.

GO TO CUBA FOR TRAINING

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 18.—Some American boys will proceed to Eastern Cuba for training at an early date, it was officially announced today.

BODY IS SENT TO HOLLINS

(By United Press)
Asheville, Aug. 18.—The body of Senator Kern who died in a Sanatorium here last night left here for the Kern summer home at Hollins, Va., for interment accompanied by Mrs. Kern and her daughter, Mrs. George R. Lawson of Roanoke, Va.

TRADE COMMISSION CHARGES CONSPIRACY

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 18.—Charging a conspiracy to suppress competition the Federal Trade Commission today filed complaint against the whole sale saddlery association and National Harness Makers Association. The two associations have a membership of 122 firms.

FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

French troops advance in Flanders

G. D. Sherlock or Nixon was in the city Saturday.