

## MIDNIGHT FIRE AT GAS PLANT

### Sensational Blaze Was Expected But Fire Company Averted Calamity to Whole Town by Prompt Service

The watchman at the Gas Plant called the fire company at ten minutes to midnight Tuesday night, and soon a big crowd had gathered expecting to see a really sensational fire.

However, in thirty minutes the fire company had extinguished the fire with chemicals and nothing more serious had happened than the burning of most of the wood work in the generator room and damaging oil pump, oil pipe lines and washer box. There was no danger at any time to the big gas tank, but there was fear that the oil tank nearby would explode.

Just how the woodwork of the generating room caught is not known, save that the room, of course, is always extremely hot. The watchman, however, was right on his job, and so was the fire company, averting a possible calamity that would have affected the whole town, should the gas plant have been crippled.

Work on repairing all damaged machinery and pipe lines was begun as soon as the fire was extinguished and the plant was operating by eight o'clock.

Manager J. T. Stallings of the Gas Company wishes to publicly express his appreciation of the very efficient and prompt aid rendered by the fire company.

## Lieutenant Staples Dies In Philippines

### Native of Camden County — Body Will Be Brought Here For Interment

Lieutenant Commander Herman B. Staples, U. S. N. R. F., commanding officer of the U. S. S. Ajax, died at the hospital at Olongapo, Philippine Islands on November 8th. He was thirty-five years old and the son of Mrs. Archambault Staples and the late Robert Bray Staples. He was a native of Camden County and spent his boyhood in Elizabeth City. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Archambault Staples, of this city, one sister, Miss Carrie Staples of this city, and a brother, Charles R. Staples of Norfolk.

The body will be brought to Elizabeth City for funeral and interment.

## SAID RELATIVES GOT THE SHIPS

### J. F. Richardson Testifies Today Before Congressional Committee About Allocation of Vessels

New York, Nov. 10.—Individuals and corporations of no financial standing and maritime experience have been allocated vessels by the shipping board, J. F. Richardson testified before the congressional committee today. He said that the ships were allocated to companies in which relatives of men connected with the shipping board were financially interested.

## Mexico Takes Over Operation of Piers

Mexico City, Nov. 10.—The government has intervened in the dockworkers and stevedores strike at Vera Cruz by taking over operation of all piers in the effort to avert the general national strike which threatened.

## THROWN OUT OF WORK

New York, Nov. 10.—Early 150,000 members of the United Hebrew trades in New York have been thrown out of work in the last three weeks because of the "steady business recession," the secretary announced today.

## ARRIVE FOR DEPORTATION

New York, Nov. 10.—Sixty-one undesirable aliens arrived at Ellis Island from the West today for deportation.

## JUNIORS TO ATTEND

The Junior Order at Tuesday night's meeting passed resolutions to attend tonight's reception at the court house in a body.

## J. F. MORRISSETTE DEAD

J. F. Morrisette died at the home of his son, M. G. Morrisette, on North Road street Tuesday night at 9:30.

Mr. Morrisette was sixty three years old and has been seriously ill for three weeks. He was born in Camden county but had lived in Elizabeth City for about thirty years. Mr. Morrisette was a man of quiet manner and staunch character, loved and respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by his son, M. G. Morrisette of this city; by three grand children; by one sister, Mrs. Hattie Banford of Norfolk; and by one nephew, William H. Bright of Washington, D. C.

The funeral will be conducted from the home at half past two o'clock Thursday afternoon by Dr. G. W. Clarke. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

## BIG GAME ON ARMISTICE DAY

### State College Plays Virginia Tech at Norfolk and Expects to Put up the Best Game of the Season

West Raleigh, Nov. 10.—Just one more workout Tuesday afternoon and the State College football squad will leave Tuesday night for Norfolk where they play Va. Polytech Armistice Day. As usual the Fairfax Hotel will be headquarters for the North Carolinians. The team will have a light practice somewhere in the vicinity of Norfolk Wednesday afternoon, and will be prepared to put up the best game of the season the following day.

The squad as a whole is in excellent condition and prepared to battle the full sixty minutes at top speed. Since the North Carolina game in mid October, Fetzer has pointed his squad with the V. P. I. fray in mind. It is not expected that the Tech coach will make any radical changes in the general style of play, but he has held a number of formations in reserve and Faucette will be given instructions "to shoot the whole works," Thursday as the remainder of the schedule calls for games with Wofford and Wake Forest and both should prove easy, with little need for preparation.

At least 100 students will journey down to the Tidewater city for the game. Strenuous efforts have been made to secure a rate, and it was planned to bring the entire student body of nearly 1000, but the railroads have refused to grant any rate other than straight fare and the cost of the trip, under the circumstances, is prohibitive. While the representation from the College will necessarily be small, State has a great many friends and admirers in Tidewater Virginia, and the Red and White support from the sidelines should compare very favorably in numbers with the supporters of the Virginia Tech.

## OLD CLOTHES DEALERS SAY THEY'RE HARD HIT

New York, Nov. 10.—Dealers on the old clothes curb of the Bowery declare that the passing of extravagant buying hit them hard and the slash in prices fails to enliven business.

## WILL ORGANIZE TO SELL FARM PRODUCTS

Boston, Nov. 10.—The establishment of nation-wide selling organizations which shall fix the price for farm products, if the farmer does not receive the same pay for the same hours work that others receive, was predicted by Sherman J. Lowell, master of the National Grange of Husbandry at the convention here today.

## GRECO-ROMAN BATHS FOR AMERICAN SENATORS

Washington, Nov. 10.—The Greco-Roman baths in the United States Senate, installed eight years ago and abandoned, will be put in service again for the benefit of those who pay for their upkeep.

## ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 10.—Fokker, inventor of Germany's fastest war airplane, arrived here today.

## BEAUTIFUL COATS

We have repriced our entire stock of beautiful Coats. Now is the time to buy at prices you would expect to see in January. Come in—look them over. M. Leigh Sheep Co.

## MEN SHOULD GET MEDALS

### J. B. Flora Has Them Ready to Distribute to Former Service Men of This Section, According to Regulations

J. B. Flora has been designated by the Elizabeth City Chapter of the American Red Cross to distribute the issue of world war medals to soldiers and sailors in this section in accordance with the act of the legislature, session of 1919.

Mr. Flora hopes that ex-service men will read the following regulations governing the issues of the medals and make their applications at once:

### To Whom Issued

"Each person who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918, is entitled to a medal; provided, such person had resided in the state for not less than three months prior to entry into the service or is a native born North Carolinian. Members of the regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or those who served therein are entitled to a medal; provided further, they gave this state as their residence upon entering the service or entered through the Military or Naval Academy. Cadets at the U. S. Military or Naval Academy between the above mentioned dates are eligible to receive a medal.

### How Obtained

"Red Cross Chapters in practically all counties of the State will distribute medals. In counties where there are no chapters allotment of these Counties will be made to the nearest Red Cross Chapter engaged in the work. Applicants should apply to the nearest Chapter in person if practicable, and fill out in duplicate a blank form which will be furnished by the Chapter. Applicant must furnish positive evidence of service by submitting discharge certificate, or certified copy of same, prior to receiving medal. In the event it is not possible to appear in person for the medal application blanks will be furnished by mail upon request to the nearest Red Cross Chapter. No application blanks submitted by mail will be considered unless accompanied by discharge certificate or a true copy of same, or other positive evidence of eligibility. The Adjutant General's office, Raleigh, N. C., will distribute medals to applicants residing outside of the State. Necessary blanks will be furnished upon request and the medals sent out to those outside of the state as soon as practicable after the receipt of blanks in duplicate accompanied by evidence of service. In the case of those persons killed in action, or died of wounds or disease, the nearest kin will be entitled to receive medals upon presentation of proper evidence.

## COMPLETE CRIMINAL DOCKET AT CAMDEN COURT TUESDAY

The criminal docket of Camden Superior Court was completed on Tuesday of this week and civil issues are now being taken up. No civil issue had gone to the jury up to noon Wednesday.

On the criminal docket the following cases were disposed of:

Nick Jordan and Maggie White, charged with statutory offense, failed to appear and forfeited bond.

The case against N. B. Williams, charged with trespass, was not prosed.

Winifred Taylor, charged with participating in an affray, was fined \$1.00 and taxed with the costs.

Thomas Sawyer and Della Staples, charged with statutory offense, were taxed with the costs.

Mack Warren and Angie Albritton, charged with statutory offense had left the State.

## MEETS TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Elizabeth City Shrine Club tonight at seven-thirty. This will be a business meeting of much importance and the president desires a full attendance of all members.

## WILL MEET FRIDAY

The Mission Study Class of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet in the annex Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The book that is being studied is very interesting and instructive and the ladies are very cordially invited to attend the meeting.

## SPECIAL SUITS AT \$39.75

We are offering some splendid Suits at \$39.75—regular values up to \$60.00. All good materials and styles. Come in and look them over. M. Leigh Sheep Co.

## WOMEN MEET ON THURSDAY

### Every Woman Interested in School Asked to Attend Meeting at Moose Hall

Every woman interested in schools is asked to attend the meeting of the Housewives League at the Moose rooms Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

This organization will concentrate its efforts for the present on working for better schools and the co-operation of all the women of the city is asked.

There will be interesting talks Thursday afternoon by educational specialists from Washington, D. C., and Commissioner Claxton's report on Elizabeth City schools will be read.

## CAR SHORTAGE SOON REMEDIED

### But Public Never Knew, Says Member Interstate Commerce Commission How Bad Things Were

Washington, Nov. 10.—The back of the car shortage has been broken, Clyde B. Atchison, of the interstate commerce commission, declared today before the convention of national associated railway and utilities commissioners.

He said the public never knew how close rail and water transportation systems came to complete cessation in industrial centers as the result of strikes in April and continuing through the summer.

James A. Perry, of Georgia, was today elected president of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners.

## Board Directors Adds Six Members

In order that more of the mercantile interests of the city should be represented on the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association, the membership of the Board was increased at Tuesday night's meeting from nine to fifteen members. The six additional members elected were H. C. Bright, R. S. Shesley, Frank Selig, Buxton White, Camden Blades and T. S. Hughes.

A committee composed of H. C. Bright, C. W. Melick and Frank Selig was appointed to offer any assistance the merchants are able to render in helping entertain the Medical Association which convenes in Elizabeth City next month.

It was decided to close this year's business and close the books December 31, 1920, and begin the new fiscal year January 1, 1921.

The banquet served in the Moose rooms immediately after the business session was voted a success by all participating.

## Congressman Had A Drink Too Many

Washington, Nov. 10.—After spending the night in the precinct police station, Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, was in police court today to answer to charges of colliding and operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The police charged that the congressman declined to furnish bail. The case was continued until November 24 and the congressman was released on \$500 bail.

## Secretary Colby To South America

Washington, Nov. 10.—Secretary Colby will leave today for a two weeks' visit to South American countries.

## HARDING GOES FISHING

Point Isabel, Tex., Nov. 10.—Harding today deserted golf for tarpon fishing, remaining on the water all day.

He speaks tomorrow at the Brownsville Armistice Day celebration.

## 48 PERISH IN TYPHOON

Manila, Philippines, Nov. 10.—Forty-eight persons are believed to have perished today when a coast wise steamer was struck by a typhoon.

# Bestcity Has Big Opportunity

## Educators of Nationwide Reputation to Speak at Meeting at Court House Tonight

The opportunity tonight's meeting at the county court home offers the citizens of Elizabeth City to hear educators of national reputation, who have been brought here at a big expense to survey the local schools, is one that should not be missed by any of the people. It will be at 8:15 sharp.

## Methodists Will Invite Conference

### First Church Appoints L. D. Case Special Delegate to Extend Invitation

Tuesday night's quarterly conference of the First Methodist church was most successful from every point of view. A large number of the members of the church attended the meeting, and the reports showed that every department of the work is in splendid condition.

The meeting voted to extend an invitation to the Annual Conference to hold its next session at Elizabeth City. It is expected that the new church, now in process of construction, will be ready for dedication. The meeting appointed L. D. Case a special delegate to the conference, which convenes next week at Rocky Mount, to urge the claims of the local church and community.

Much enthusiasm was created by the announcement that the canvass for \$75,000 to complete the new church had resulted to date in \$64,000 in subscriptions, and the opinion was freely expressed that the balance will be raised within the next few days.

The following officers were elected:

Trustees—J. G. Fearing, L. C. Blades, Miles Jennings, P. DeLan, B. F. Spence, George Beveridge, R. H. Commander, A. S. Neal, W. E. Dunstan.

Stewards—W. J. Woodley, L. E. Old, J. W. Munden, R. S. Fearing, J. P. Kramer, C. C. Pappendick, T. J. Markham, S. W. Twiford, B. C. Bright, J. L. Wells, W. A. Brock, W. P. Wood, W. B. Goodwin, A. S. Mann, C. W. Hollowell, G. G. Markham, J. N. Whitehurst, Dr. H. D. Walker, W. B. Zimmerman, H. S. Overman, H. W. Sanders, C. G. Fearing, Gideon Pendleton, L. R. Foreman, L. D. Case, J. B. Leigh, W. E. Wood, C. E. Kramer, J. W. Foreman, M. L. Sheep.

Recording Steward—C. E. Kramer.

Distric Steward—L. E. Old.

Sunday School Superintendent—W. C. Sawyer.

Assistants—J. K. Wilson, L. R. Foreman.

Lay Leader—L. D. Case.

Rev. R. H. Willis, presiding elder, conducted the meeting, and L. E. Old acted as secretary.

## ITALY STATES CLAIMS TO JUGO-SLAVIA TODAY

Rapallo, Italy, Nov. 10.—Italy today submitted her ultimatum to Jugo-Slavia over the pending negotiations on the Adriatic question, stating Italy's minimum claims.

## "UNCLE JOHN" DEAD

"Uncle John," one of the last of the old fashioned colored uncles, died Sunday morning shortly before noon. His name in full was John Harrington and he lived at his own home on Tatam's Lane.

He was a Civil War veteran and for about thirty years taught in the colored schools of this section and was known as one of the very best teachers and leaders of his race. When he stopped teaching he was for a number of years janitor at the Elizabeth City High School. A few years ago he gave up his work there and has lived in his little home and grown unusually fine pears and other fruit and vegetables for sale. He had seemed to be in good health for his age until seized about ten days ago with the illness that resulted in his death.

The funeral was conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## TROOP 3 MEETS THURSDAY

Troop Three, Boy Scouts, will meet Thursday night to organize an athletic association. A football team will be organized and the troop expects to challenge Washington and other towns for games.

## PROMINENT DEMOCRAT DIES

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 10.—Thomas Edgar Graham, prominent in state Democratic affairs, died here today suddenly from heart trouble.

## IMPROVING FOOD SITUATION

Berlin, Nov. 10.—Food Minister Hermes said today he is striving to better Germany's food situation by increased production and improved methods of handling importations.

## CLOSE LUMBER PLANT

New Bern, Nov. 10.—The John L. Roper Company announced today that it will close the plant Friday because of the lack of demand for lumber.