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Fair and colder tonight
and Wednesday. Fresh
northwest and north
winds.

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Acres Of Charred Debris Mark Pathway of Flames

New Bern's Homeless Ones Ramble Aimlessly Amid The Ruins And Smile Their Piteous Childlike Appeal — Splendid Organization Of Relief And Patrol Work Has Prevented Lawlessness

Acre on acre of black and charred debris marks the pathway of the fire that visited New Bern on Friday last and buried beneath a thousand ruins the hopes and aspirations of more than 3,000 homeless victims of the flames.

Standing stark and ghostly amid the shambles of what once were homes are sentinel chimneys block on block keeping bivouac over the ruins.

Rambling aimlessly among the ruins are those who in a single day became shelterless, and they seem to seek that which they know they cannot find. True they return one's smile but there is a certain piteous appeal in their eyes that is seen in those of a child when the rod of chastisement is raised for punishment.

More than 90 per cent of the homeless are colored and this condition alone makes the situation more complex than it would be otherwise, for lacking the initiative of the white race, they are dazed and stunned with the magnitude of the catastrophe and helplessly await action by those to whom they must look for succor.

Already the work of the various relief committees may be spoken of as an established achievement. Before the fire had stopped its wild rampage of destruction a movement was on foot to care for the homeless. Perhaps the greatest step towards efficient work in this line was the organization of the relief work along military lines with a general staff as an advisory body to a commander-in-chief.

A remarkable thing about the situation has been the lack of anything even approaching lawlessness. Even the habitually lawless element, which is found in every town large and small, has been unusually quiet.

This may be due, however, to the stand of the city government in laying down conditions that every man in the city must live up to or suffer incarceration. No doubt the Mayor's instructions to the police have had a great bearing on the state of quiet that reigns in the city. Chief among these instructions was the order of immediate arrest of persons handling in any manner intoxicating drinks and attaching to a conviction a penalty heavy enough to engage the attention and fear of even the bold.

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IRISH FREE STATE BORN AT MIDNIGHT

London, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Without pomp or ceremony the Irish Free State will come into being at midnight. By special order in council full administration of the country has already been handed over to the provisional government and when the constitution comes into existence no ceremony will mark the fulfillment of the treaty between Britain and Ireland.

A FOX TALE

Three years ago E. P. Walston took his fox hound, old Rodha, and went for a chase. She jumped a fox and after running him from six in the morning until one in the afternoon she covered him. Walston took the fox home for a pet and the animal got so tame that anyone could handle him. But one morning Mr. Walston went to feed his fox and the fox was gone and his owner gave him up as lost.

Now comes the interesting part of this story. One morning that week Mr. Walston took old Rodha's two puppies, Nell and Traller, and went out for rabbits. Instead of rabbits they jumped a fox and after running only two hours caught it. The next evening they went out and jumped another fox. Mr. Walston was close by when the dogs caught it, and slapped them off. To his delight he recognized the fox that old Rodha had caught three years before and identified him by the strap and buckle, which had been put around his neck when he was caught the first time. Mr. Walston took the fox home and he is going by his same old name, Foxy Gray.

WOODLEY-LONG

Wedding Takes Place At Church Early Tuesday Morning

The marriage of Miss Nannie Mae Long and Mr. Whitford Wesley Woodley, Jr., was solemnized at nine o'clock Tuesday morning at Christ church.

The church was attractively decorated, ferns, roses and cathedral candles being used. The wedding music was exquisitely rendered by Miss Emerald Sykes and the ring ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. G. F. Hill.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. H. C. Bottoms of Margaretville, as matron of honor. Mrs. Bottoms was gowned in brown crepe meteor with appropriate accessories, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The groom had as his best man Mr. Roy Simmons.

The bride, becomingly gowned in brown duvyn, with accessories harmonizing, and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. H. C. Bottoms.

Besides the members of the two immediate families, many friends were present. Just after the ceremony the bride and groom left by automobile for Norfolk, and from there will go on a northern trip for ten days, returning to make their home in Elizabeth City.

The bride is the daughter of the late Samuel Edwards Long and Nannie Whitehurst Long. She has been the recipient of a number of social courtesies and many lovely gifts, expressive of the affection and interest of a large circle of friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodley, Sr., and holds an important position with the Savings Bank & Trust Company.

Post Office Is Largest Employer

Richmond, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Addressing the convention of postal employees in Virginia today, John H. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster general, declared, "Being the largest employer of labor in the world, the Postoffice Department is aiming to become the most model employer. This new labor program is a phase of the more business in government policy of President Harding."

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Cotton opened firm today with first prices 11 to 21 points higher on covering and probably fresh buying on reports that private returns indicated only 9,260,000 bales ginned to December 1 and that the total crop would be 9,640,000. Considerable realizing followed and market rather unsettled after call, when prices eased off several points from best.

New York, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Spot cotton quiet. Middling 24.55. Futures closed easy. Closing bids, December 24.35, January 24.35, March 24.47, May 24.40, July 24.11.

SEND CLOTHING TO FIRE SUFFERERS

Any persons who wish to send clothing to the New Bern fire sufferers are asked to take it to Mrs. Bessie Stewart, 305 East Church street, phone 381-W, Wednesday or Thursday. One box of clothing has already been forwarded by the Mattheus street neighborhood.

GOVERNOR TO NEW BERN

Latest Reports Are That Conditions Are More Acute—Help Is Needed

Charlotte, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Governor Morrison left today for New Bern to make personal investigation of conditions where three thousand persons are homeless from the fire. Prior to his departure the executive appealed for aid for the sufferers, requesting that funds be sent direct to Mayor Edward Clark of New Bern.

The executive was told over the telephone by Adjutant General Metts that conditions in the fire stricken city were more acute than was first thought and that relief for the sufferers is pitifully inadequate.

Negro Suspect Held

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Mayor Clark has appealed to the nation for financial aid.

A negro has been held for observation by the authorities and is believed to have fired the lumber mill.

Camp Glenn Helps

Washington, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The Navy Department has agreed to remove the Camp Glenn buildings to New Bern for the fire sufferers.

Sale Of Seals Is Very Encouraging

Reports Indicate That Previous Records In The State Will Be Surpassed

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Encouraging reports of the fifteenth annual sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals are being received from all sections of the State and the record in North Carolina for last year, \$42,000 from 4,200,000 seals sold, is expected to be surpassed, according to officials here.

The North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, of which Mrs. Gordon Finger, of Charlotte, is president, is conducting the campaign. Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, of Hendersonville, is vice president of the association, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Sanatorium, managing director. The directorate is composed of twenty-one men and women in various cities of the State.

"Of the total amount raised from the sale of seals in 1921," it was stated, "approximately \$30,000 has been used during the present year by local organizations for work in their own communities."

This work included the maintenance of local homes for the tuberculous, nursing service in homes for those affected, contributions toward the maintenance of patients in the State sanatorium, employment of school nurses, conduct of nutrition clinics, operation of local tuberculosis clinics, various lines of educational activity, and in two instances successful campaigns for the building of sanatoriums in counties.

"The three outstanding pieces of work conducted by the State association on a State-wide basis have been the holding of the tuberculosis clinics in all sections of the State by trained specialists, which have resulted in the examination of approximately 3,000 persons during the year, the promotion of health teaching in public schools through the establishment of the Modern Health Crusade, which during the year has enrolled more than 60,000 members; intensive educational work among the negroes of the State, approximately 100,000 being reached."

"That the efforts to combat tuberculosis are proving successful is evidenced by the declining death rate from the disease both in North Carolina and the United States as a whole. In this State, the total number of deaths has decreased from 3,710 in 1914 to 2,641 in 1921, or a difference of more than 1,000 per year.

"The mortality rate from tuberculosis in North Carolina in 1921 was 101 per 100,000 population, which is considerably under the death rate from this cause in the United States as a whole, it was stated."

OVERRULES DEMURRER OF GOVERNOR RUSSELL

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Judge E. R. Holmes today overruled the demurrer of Governor Lee Russell asking that the petition of Miss Frances Birkhead be dismissed on the basis of no grounds for action. The governor's former stenographer is asking \$100,000 damages on the charges of seduction and breach of promise.

DEFER HEARING TO JANUARY 15

City Attorney Leigh In- forms Council Mon- day Night Of Change Of Date

The hearing on the petition of the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company to discontinue its service after January 31, set for December 14, by the State Corporation Commission, has been deferred, and the hearing will not now take place before January 15. City Attorney J. B. Leigh informed the City Council at its regular session Monday night.

Otherwise Monday night's session was a rather uninteresting one. Councilman Foreman enlivened the routine somewhat by giving notice to the Council that he had no part in the recent petition of the Pennsylvania Avenue property owners for a privet hedge along the sidewalk of that thoroughfare shutting off the view of the Norfolk Southern property along the riverfront.

Mr. Foreman contended that such a hedge would be a nuisance, an eyesore and a menace rather than the thing of beauty pictured by O. F. Gilbert and Buxton White at the November meeting. He declared that he wanted his view of the Pasquotank and his breezes from the river unimpeded by any such adornment, which, in his view, was nothing better than a harbor for snakes and a shelter for the footpad or the ruffian ready to lam the passerby with a brick.

Councilman Williams and City Attorney Leigh were appointed a committee to represent the city at the meeting in Raleigh on Monday, December 12, of the North Carolina Municipal Association, which will frame legislation designed to correct what are claimed to be injustices to the cities under the State Highway Act, to amend the Municipal Finance Act and to draw up such additional new legislation for cities as may be proposed and passed on at the Raleigh meeting.

Gallatin Roberts, Mayor of Asheville, is president of the association, and the invitation to Elizabeth City to be represented at the Raleigh meeting came from him in a letter addressed to Mayor Goodwin.

City Attorney J. B. Leigh was directed to draw up a law to be passed at the next session of the Legislature empowering the Council to open Matthews street through to Cherry. This is a matter that has been impeded for some time by the old burying ground with its concrete vaults just back of the First Baptist church.

SHOULD APPLY NOW SAYS POSTMASTER HOOPER

"Owners of War Savings Certificates, Series of 1918, who desire prompt payment at maturity are urged to apply to present their certificates for that purpose as soon as possible, so that they may be served with the least possible delay," says Postmaster J. A. Hooper. "These certificates, to the amount of \$625,000,000.00, will mature January 1, 1923 and will be payable after that date at \$5.00 for each stamp affixed, but owners should not wait until that date to make application for payment. Registered certificates will be paid only through the post office of registration. Unregistered certificates are payable at maturity at any money order post office."

MRS. H. R. CALDWELL DEAD

News has been received by friends here of the death last Tuesday at Lake Charles, La., of Mrs. H. R. Caldwell, aunt and foster mother of Mrs. G. W. Clarke. Mrs. Caldwell made her home with Dr. and Mrs. Clarke on Burgess street when Dr. Clarke was pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, and though she was quite an invalid she made many friends, always welcoming visitors cordially when she was able to see them. She was 87 years old, and the funeral and burial took place in Louisville, her old home.

BANDITS FELLEED TWO AND GOT THE MONEY

West New York, N. J., Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Five bandits attacked the bank messenger of the Public Service Railway Company and the motorcycle policeman guarding him, felled both with pistol bullets and escaped with a bag of money.

CLEMENCEAU VISITS HARDING AND WILSON

Washington, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Clemenceau has arrived here to visit President Harding and former President Wilson.

Provo To New Bern For Road Workers

Progress On Mount Hermon Road Lagging For Lack Of Labor And County Road Superin- tendent Who Is Now In Charge Of Construc- tion Sees Opportunity To Get Full Force

With County Road Superintendent Provo in charge of construction under the supervision of an efficient engineer, work on the Mount Hermon road is now going ahead again, after being temporarily halted by the resignation of former Road Engineer T. L. Higgs last month.

Superintendent Provo has been short of help and he has been working green men; but some progress has been made notwithstanding. One and one-half miles of road has now been built, leaving two and a half still to build. The shortage of help, it is hoped, may be remedied in the near future. On the strength of a report from New Bern that that city is ready to pay the expenses from the town of all who have been offered jobs elsewhere Superintendent Provo was directed to leave for New Bern Tuesday night to see if he could pick up a gang of fifteen or twenty good men there. Mr. Provo was formerly a road man in Craven County, and felt that his acquaintance with negro labor in that section would stand him in good stead in picking his men.

Tuesday afternoon the Highway Commission, in company with a committee from the Merchants Association which during the morning appeared before the Commission with a petition for putting into passable condition the Pasquotank approach to the Shipyard Ferry, went down to investigate the question of what it would cost to make the road safe for automobile traffic. The merchants want to see the Shipyard Ferry kept open and approaches to it passable as a means of supplementing the State barge ferry now in operation. It was pointed out that the Camden road authorities had put the approach to the ferry on the Camden side of the river in fair condition and they urged that Pasquotank should do as much. Spokesmen for the merchants were M. P. Gallop, president of the association, O. F. Gilbert and W. H. Weatherly.

The morning session was stormy in spots but at the noon adjournment all seemed harmonious again. Highway Commissioner Bundy, whose hobby is economy, thought that the ditching being done on the Mt. Hermon road had been let to contract at too high a figure, or at least at a higher figure than it was necessary to pay and he did not hesitate to say so. However, he was satisfied with the promise of Chairman Morris and Superintendent Provo that they would investigate the terms that could be made for this work with E. C. Sample of this County.

Mr. Bundy also wanted to know if A. V. Avent was still on the Highway Commission's pay roll. Receiving an affirmative answer he made motion that Mr. Avent be taken off, on the ground that he was not worth his pay, but his motion failed for lack of a second. The Commission contented itself with a resolution putting all responsibility of hiring or firing on Superintendent Provo, but Mr. Provo seemed to want specific instructions as to Avent. He didn't get them, however. There seems to have been some lack of harmony between Avent and Provo.

F. F. Cohoon advised the Commission that as County Representative he would introduce an act at the next session of the Legislature providing for maintenance of the dirt roads of the County by letting contracts by the mile to the lowest bidder. He would also relieve the County of the expense of digging ditches and have it take over the item of building and maintaining bridges, instead of having bridges over farm drainage ditches crossing the road maintained by the farmer whose land the ditch drains as at present.

Chinese Bandits Have Seized Ports

Tientsin, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Reports received here say that Chinese bandits have taken control of Tsingtao, Shantung, the port whose stormy career in war and diplomacy was to culminate today in its return to China after twenty-four years of alien rule. The population is reported fleeing from the city.

HELP NEEDED AT NEW BERN

Every report from the situation at New Bern is worse than the last. Help is being asked from all over the country. The Advance has the names of two individuals in Elizabeth City who will contribute money to these sufferers. There must be others. If so, this newspaper would be glad to hear of them or to know of some organized effort being made to help. The Elks have received a message from the Exalted Ruler at Washington, asking them to contribute. Perhaps they will start the ball rolling.

Clara Phillips Escapes From Jail

Los Angeles, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Clara Phillips climbed out the window of her cell today after sawing the bars and escaped from the county jail, where she was held pending the formulation of an appeal from the sentence of ten years to life imprisonment after conviction of the hammer murder of Alberta Meadows. Authorities believe the other inmates aided her escape which occurred at two o'clock this morning. The woman climbed out the window, dropped to the roof of an adjoining building, climbed down the fire escape and disappeared.

Progressives Win Their First Victory

Washington, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Members of the new progressive bloc won their first legislative victory today by obtaining from the Senate Judiciary committee a favorable report on the resolution to amend the constitution to provide for direct election of the President and Vice President and change the inauguration from March fourth to the third Monday in January and to begin the House and Senate terms the first Monday in January after biennial elections.

Analyze Whiskey That Killed Boy

Nashville, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Analysis of the whiskey seized at the home of W. A. Smith will probably determine the substantiation or abandonment of the charge of murder against both Smith and his wife as the result of the death Sunday of Russell Hicks, nineteen-year-old high school football star.

According to one of the seven boys with Hicks, he purchased liquor at the home of Smith and all were made ill. It is charged that buckeyes, a species of chestnut, were found in the liquor. Buckeyes are often used to flavor whiskey but chemists say they are a powerful poison.

THOUSAND CHECKS MAILED

One thousand checks were in the mail Tuesday morning for Christmas savers of this community. These checks were decorated with Christmas scenes and in Christmas colors, with the signature of Cashier H. G. Kramer of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and they brought smiles of joy to the recipients. This is the original Christmas savings bank, and already it has opened its clubs for next year.

TO SUMMON WITNESSES

Washington, Dec. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The House has authorized the Judiciary committee to summons witnesses and papers for the hearing of Kellar's charges against Daugherty.

Rev. Harvey C. Porter has returned to Emory University after spending the week-end in the city.