

## LAKEHURST IS DEPRESSING TO BOARD INQUIRY

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### UNDENIABLY BLUE

Air Station Is Dispirited, Fliers Still Are Shocked With the Loss of Fourteen of Their Fellows

(Robert T. Small is taking a two weeks' vacation. He will return in time to attend the world series and write his usual colorful stories about personalities and graphic incidents of the game. During Mr. Small's absence, his place on the wire will be taken by Rowland Wood, of the Consolidated Press staff in New York, who will write daily a dispatch on some outstanding feature in the news.)

### By ROWLAND WOOD

Lakehurst, N. J., Sept. 22.—No more depressing scene could have been selected to determine the future of lighter than air craft, at least so far as the United States Navy is concerned. That this was a high court of inquiry is deduced from the causes of the Shenandoah tragedy. It is in the Shenandoah offices, high up on a mezzanine balcony of the mammoth hangar at the naval air station, whence the "daughter of the stars" sailed forth to meet her doom. Looking down from their lofty perch, the court members could see all of value that was left of the Shenandoah—the trucks on which she was trundled forth for her last flight, a set of painted markings on the floor where the big ship had rested. And a mass of tangled wreckage.

Letting their eyes stray on a little farther, the investigating officers would see the great bulk of the Shenandoah's sister ship, the Los Angeles, almost entirely dismantled. Her gas bags have been taken out for patching. Her engines have been removed and sent away for overhauling. She will not be back in commission for several months.

A couple of half-inflated blimps, which also have not flown for months, complete the picture—save for a couple of big black boards which still bear the Shenandoah's last sailing orders—on their last since being pinned to a half dozen Shenandoah widows for testimonials shown them by the post.

Lakehurst is undeniably a dispirited air station. The fliers have lost none of their daring. They would sail today in the flimsiest aircraft imaginable, were they ordered to do so. But the shock of losing 14 of their fellows, and with them the Shenandoah, has left the post a little apathetic; more than a little discouraged.

If the Shenandoah, with its gallant crew, could not master the elements, they wonder what airship could. Moreover, some of them are recalling the scant measure of success as a military weapon, which the dirigible was able to score in the World War. The dirigible, these critics say, cannot do anything in warfare that an airplane cannot do. They are no match for airplanes in combat, and they are far more costly and more dangerous.

Defenders of the dirigible concede that big airships have yet to prove themselves as effective war weapons. The Germans spread a certain amount of terror with their night raids over London and Paris, but the British quickly developed an airplane defense that put the Zeppelin fleet out of commission.

The dirigible advocates concede also that past experience with lighter than air ships, particularly America's experience, has been most painful. But they contend, the airship is yet in its infancy. If it can be rendered safe it promises to revolutionize long distance travel, and America cannot afford to fall any further behind in the development of aeronautics.

The court of inquiry will sit two weeks, maybe three or four. It will amass reams and reams of testimony, much of it technical. And in the end it will report back to Secretary of the Navy Wilbur why it thinks the Shenandoah was wrecked and what, if anything, can be done to make dirigibles safer.

One other thing it will do if apparently well substantiated reports are substantiated. It will seek to show up Colonel "Billy" Mitchell as lacking in knowledge of gas-flying sufficient to have warranted his charge of "almost criminal negligence" on the part of the Navy Department in sending the Shenandoah on her fatal trip. And thus, it will lay the ground for the public spanking Colonel Billy seems to be in for when his court-martial begins.

But the really big job is to settle the future of the airship.

## Chicago's Finest



Here is Harry A. Fulmer, recently promoted to the finest policeman of a legion of cops in Chicago. He has been in the service 12 years.

## WOMAN CHARGED INCITING TO RIOT

Other Indictments in Asheville Mob Case Are Presented Today

Asheville, Sept. 22.—Bills of indictment were presented today to the Buncombe County grand jury investigating the attack on the jail Saturday night by a mob in the effort to secure Alvin Karpis, the subject of the trial.

Thirty bills of indictment naming those believed to be instrumental in gathering the mob were prepared by the solicitor.

Mrs. G. T. Rollins, clerk in a shoe shining parlor, arrested yesterday, was to be given a preliminary hearing today on the charge of inciting to riot.

She is charged with circulating a petition to force Sheriff Mitchell to disperse the whereabouts of the negro.

## GIRL SUSTAINS HURTS IN AUTO-TRUCK CRASH

Miss Olive Bunch Cut About Face and on Knee; Miss Ida Mae Thornton Escapes Injury

Miss Olive Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunch, living on Ehringhaus street, was recovering Tuesday from injuries sustained the day before in an automobile collision on West Main street.

She was riding in a Ford coupe driven by Miss Ida Mae Thornton, daughter of Mrs. Ida L. Thornton, of the Corinth community, and the two were on their way into the city.

A Ford truck driven by Fred W. Brothers, merchant of Newland township, was proceeding in the opposite direction down West Main street.

According to Miss Thornton, Mr. Brothers failed to observe the approaching coupe, and a collision resulted. Miss Thornton was uninjured, but Miss Bunch sustained several cuts and bruises on the face, and a gash on the knee. Both cars were damaged badly.

## MAIL IS STOLEN AT UNION STATION

Toledo, Sept. 22.—United States registered and first class mail of undetermined value was stolen between 6:15 and 6:20 o'clock this morning from the registered mail room at the union station.

## OPPOSED TO CHANGES IN PERMANENT COURT

Geneva, Sept. 22.—Delegates to the League of Nations went on record again today as opposed to any changes at present in the statutes of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

## SECRETARY WILBUR TALKS ON AIRCRAFT

Washington, Sept. 22.—Maintenance of the Navy Air Service organization in substantially its present form was advocated today by Secretary Wilbur before the President's air board.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The President's special air board, having brought to light in the opening testimony a sharp difference of opinion in the War Department on the matter of the air service organization, today turned its attention to the naval side of the question.

## ALBEMARLE FAIR TO BRING LARGE CROWDS TO CITY

Thousands of Additional Visitors Expected Thru Completion of Important New Highways

### GATES WILL EXHIBIT

Made Readily Accessible Through Building of Acorn Hill Road, County Taking Keen Interest

The importance of the Great Albemarle District Fair, to be held here October 6 to 10, inclusive, as a means of telling the world of the Albemarle district's products, resources and opportunities is stressed by this year's fair management. It is for this reason that County Agent G. W. Falls, secretary of the fair, and those associated with him are urging every farmer in the district to exhibit his best products.

Representative displays in all lines are the more important this year, it is pointed out, because there is every indication that the throng of visitors at the fair will be greater than ever before, through the fact that important progress has been made since last year in the development of the network of improved highways interconnecting all parts of the district, and furnishing reader access from nearby states.

Gates County people are expected to turn out in large numbers for the first time this year, despite the fact that the Four County Fair at Suffolk will be held simultaneously with the one here. Assurance has been given already that Gates will have a creditable county exhibit at the fair, along with a number of attractive individual displays.

Hardsurfacing of Virginia's part of the George Washington highway, between Portsmouth and Elizabeth City, leaving only ten miles of dirt road between the two cities, is expected to bring a large number of residents of the Old Dominion to the big ten county exposition here.

This concrete highway from Edenton to Elizabeth City has been completed in the last few weeks, and this, it is anticipated, will bring additional thousands from Perquimans, Currituck and Albemarle counties.

The management of the fair already has received definite assurance that there will be more county exhibits this year than ever before. Along with Currituck, Camden and Pasquotank counties, regular exhibitors at the fair, Dare, Gates and Hyde are preparing county displays, and there is a possibility that Washington County will be represented also.

Flat awards of \$50 each will be made to the exhibitor in each county, and ribbons will be awarded the prize winners.

This arrangement is a departure from that followed heretofore, under which the prize winning counties were the only ones which were recompensed for the trouble and expense incident to putting on their exhibits.

It is believed that one of the most interesting exhibits shown at the Albemarle District Fair two years ago. This county, with its unrivaled expanse of fishing grounds, put on a display of its wealth and resources that literally astonished thousands of visitors at the fair that year, and is expected to put on a similar exhibit, probably on a larger scale, this time.

Aids in Diversification. Aside from its other valuable results, the Albemarle District Fair has proven its value in past years as a means of promoting crop diversification, according to those in charge.

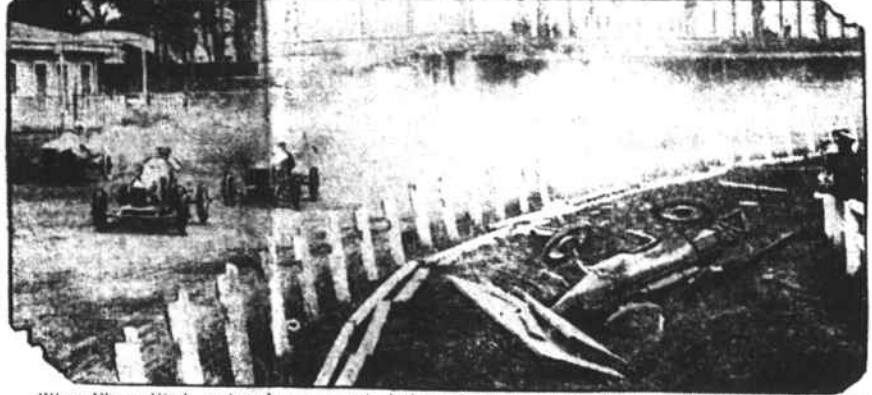
Bill Smith, of Pasquotank, for instance, puts on a display of a new money crop that he has discovered he can produce profitably. His friend, Bill Jones, of Perquimans, comes to the fair and observes Smith's exhibit. He has about the same kind of soil as Smith has, and learns that he, too, can grow the crop at a profit. Next year he tries it, and as a result one more crop has been added to the list of Perquimans County's products, reducing the farmers' dependence upon cotton.

A large special exhibit of soy beans and harvesting machinery designed for this crop is assured at the fair this year. This is expected to attract more than usual attention through the fact that the Albemarle district rapidly is becoming recognized throughout the world as a peculiarly favored region for producing soy beans for seed purposes. Seed grown here has been shipped as far as Australia—which, by the way, is about as far as they can go, since Australia is on the opposite side of the world from us. The development of the soy bean seed market to its maximum will bring millions of dollars in additional wealth to this section, if it is carried forward systematically, soy bean enthusiasts declare.

## NEW TEXTILE MILL

Sinking Springs, Pa., Sept. 22.—The H. W. Anthony Knitting Company will establish a mill here at a cost of \$150,000.

## Miraculous Escape for Auto Racer



When Elmer Eitel, racing driver, crashed through the fence of the Tabor race track, San Francisco, his car turned over three times, but he escaped serious injury. Note the stretch of fence Eitel took with him.

## Weather Man Is Winner In Race With Calendar

Autumn, Riding Stiff Northeastly Breeze, Visits Elizabeth City a Day Ahead of Heralded Change in Seasons

Riding a stiff northeasterly breeze, Autumn paid a hasty call on Elizabeth City and the Albemarle before daybreak Tuesday morning, after one of the hottest days of summer, and set dozens of fitful slumbers to reaching about for more cover where often there was no more to be had by such emergency methods.

As a result, more than one Elizabeth City resident was sniffling Tuesday, in the first stages of a cold. And Autumn still held sway over a city that had been sweltering the day before. The onslaught of cooler weather was welcome enough, however, despite the suddenness of it.

The drop in temperature heralding the advent of fall set a brand new train of thought a-goin' in nearly everybody's mind. The fallow youth began giving consideration to his needs in the matter of an autumn wardrobe. The debutante was thinking along similar lines in fact, she had been already for a good many weeks, for weather means little one way or the other when feminine styles are about to change.

Dad was concerned with decidedly more important matters. For one thing, his first shiver prompted a thought of the winter coal supply. With the anthracite mines enjoying a self imposed holiday of indefinite length, would coal soar entirely beyond the reach of his already depleted pocketbook? That was a real problem.

To the schoolboy, the chill in the air meant football, that line of Autumn sports. The high school eleven soon would be in condition to function as a unit instead of as a heterogeneous assemblage, and the fall schedule would soon be in process of arrangement. All this presaged good times for the months just ahead; and his pulse quickened at the thought.

And this it went along the line, Elizabeth City folk were reminded that Summer, with its fading joys, was on the eve of departure and a new, glad season was just ahead. Wednesday marks the field turning point; but the weather man beat the calendar to it by a day.

## ARE USING RADIO FOR INSTRUCTION

Farmers Install Sets to Get Market Reports Rather Than Concert

Washington, Sept. 22.—Farmers are turning to radio more for instruction than for entertainment according to a report of the Department of Agriculture. It is estimated that 555,000 radio sets are in use today on farms, this number being approximately one-eighth of the number of sets estimated in use in the entire United States.

A significant fact about the farmer's sets is that almost all of the 555,000 receivers are of the more expensive, multiple design. Crystal sets of their limited range are of little value in the country, and the farmer looks for a set that will pick up the stations he wants to hear, chiefly those stations which specialize in broadcasting market reports and livestock and produce news.

The Department of Agriculture recently sent questionnaires to 1,086 of its county agents, asking for specific information of the use of radio by the farmers and estimates of the number of sets with the percentage of increase over last year. All but 39 of these agents were able to make the reports and the estimates. The increase in the number of farmers' sets this year was approximately 188,000, and this despite an apparent lack of any determined effort on the part of the radio dealers to sell in the country.

According to agents in 475 of the counties canvassed, no conspicuous effort was made by the radio trade to place receivers in the homes of nearby farmers. Especially was this true in Utah and Delaware, and comparatively little selling activity in the rural districts was reported from Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Virginia. The states in which the most activity was reported were California, Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska, Oregon and Maryland.

The reporting county agents say the buying of a radio set by the farmer is something of a step in the dark, because there is no one source of information to which the farmers or any one else can turn to keep pace with the development of the art of broadcasting and reception.

At present more than 100 stations receive and broadcast the market reports daily from the Department of Agriculture. The Washington stations, WRC and WCAP, are two class B plants which have added the daily market summary as a daily feature in the past month.

## BORDER TOWN FIRE DOES HEAVY DAMAGE

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 22.—Flames starting in the Vernon Club in Tia Juana early today swept through the entire block, that included some of the best known resorts in the border city, causing an estimated loss of a million dollars.

## IRISH COMMANDANT KILLED WHEN FLYING

Dublin, Sept. 22.—Thomas Maloney, commandant of the Irish Free State air force, was killed in flying low during an aviation tournament here today.

## Automobile Dealers Meet at Charlotte

Charlotte, Sept. 22.—A sales congress of members of the National Automobile Dealers' Association of this district is announced for October 27, in Charlotte, with officials of the Association present.

## DAMAGE SUIT TRIED IN SUPERIOR COURT

The case of Herman Newbern and H. D. Newbern, in which the complainants are suing the North River Line for the sum of \$1,833.59 for alleged non-delivery of 193 barrels of seed potatoes valued at \$9.50 a barrel, was taken up in Superior Court Monday afternoon.

## TWO MEN KILLED AND TWO INJURED

Asheville, Sept. 22.—Two men were killed and two seriously injured near Sunburst, Haywood County, today when pinned beneath a log loader which was displaced from a railway flat car on which they were riding.

## BODY OF WOMAN IS FOUND IN FURNACE

New York, Sept. 22.—Police today discovered the body of Mrs. Sophie Poleski, young East Side woman, in the furnace of a lumber yard kiln on Lewis street.

George Symuk, fireman of the yard, was arrested. The police said the woman often visited him and that he admitted the crime.

## IT'S STYLISH TO BE INVESTIGATED

At Least It's Important Part of the Prohibition System

By BEN G. KLINE  
San Francisco, Sept. 22.—Word has been received from Washington that Al Offedal, head of the local special intelligence unit of the Internal Revenue Department, will no longer be responsible for investigating prohibition events here, and at the same time it has become known that not only do prohibition investigators have subject to investigation by other Federal investigators. How far the system goes has not yet become definitely known.

Offedal is said to have the confidence of Washington and the curtailment of his duties is merely to place the work of investigating investigators of the first degree directly under the national director of prohibition instead of the Internal Revenue Department.

A deputy to Offedal, however, is understood to be on an indefinite leave of absence on account of some investigating done by a special investigator sent here from Washington to probe the deputy's investigation of a case involving the conviction of a Federal agent here some three years ago. The deputy who has been investigated was an investigator of prohibition agents.

In a reorganization preceding the arrival of Colonel Ned M. Green to take over the post of prohibition administrator for the Northern California district, two members of the local Federal raiding squad have been removed from the service. They were appointed by Captain Charles Goff, the crusading raiding chief who failed of reappointment under General Andrews' new regime, and is again a captain in the San Francisco police force. These two agents claim they were investigated and found unacceptable by bootleggers before their removal.

Another "light" car is being developed by the Paige Detroit Company, indeed, it is said, to fit in about half way between the "bug" cars and the so-called \$1,000 line. According to H. M. Jewett, this model will be a high type car but priced below the expensive Paige and Jewett lines. The company has done a large amount of experimental work in developing the new types.

Manufacturers here are "shooting" at the cheaper lines. They believe that the owner of a high priced vehicle with incidental high running expenses, will be in the market for a second or auxiliary car able to cover at least 20 miles per gallon of gasoline. The designers of the light types also count on reaching a large field of owners who hitherto have bought only in the low price range.

## FEDERAL CENSUS OF DURHAM THIS WEEK

Durham, Sept. 22.—A Federal census of the enlarged city of Durham will be begun here on Thursday, September 24, it has been announced.

A representative of the census bureau is in Durham, and, after conferring with City Manager H. W. Rigby and School Superintendent F. M. Martin, is at work perfecting his census organization.

## STUDY CAUSES FOR UNREST IN CHURCH

Atlanta City, Sept. 22.—The special commission appointed at the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States to study the spiritual condition of the church and causes for unrest held its first session here today.

## LIVESTOCK FAIR BE HELD AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Sept. 22.—Plans are being forwarded rapidly for the Western North Carolina Livestock and Agricultural Exposition to be held here November 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The organization has in its personnel directors from 20 Western North Carolina counties—agricultural experts, business men, and professional leaders. And it is expected to be one of the best organized district fairs ever held in this section of the State.

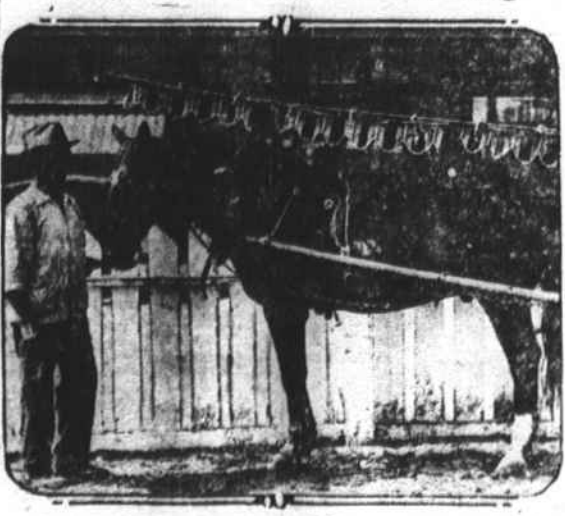
## PRESIDENT PASSES BUCK TO CONGRESS

Washington, Sept. 22.—American participation in the Disarmament Conference plans of the League of Nations should only be undertaken if Congress authorizes it, in the judgment of President Coolidge.

## COMMANDER RODGERS SUMMONED TO APPEAR

Washington, Sept. 22.—Commander John Rodgers, who captured the PN-9, No. 1, was asked today to appear before the President's air board September 30.

## Horse Trots Under Awning



No thoroughbred ever received better care than "Dan," the old horse that pulls the drive of Joe Webber, of Houston, Tex. "Dan" trots around the street under an awning devised by his owner.