

CHESSON PLANT IS DAMAGED BY NOONDAY BLAZE

Fire of Undetermined Origin Destroys Boiler Room and Shavings Vault at Planing Mill Here

LOSS NEAR \$2,000

Flames Quickly Brought Under Control by Hooking Powerful Pumps to Lines to Knobbs Creek

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the boiler room and destroyed an adjacent shavings vault at the planing mill of the Chesson Manufacturing Company, on the Newland Highway, just outside the city limits, at noon today. The loss was estimated unofficially as probably not to exceed \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

The flames originated in the boiler room, and were discovered by workmen at lunch close at hand when they burst through the roof. It is thought possible that they were caused by a random spark from one of the two boilers, since the fire, apparently originated inside the structure.

Firemen were summoned quickly, and brought the blaze under control within ten minutes after their arrival. Lacking hydrants, they connected three large pumps to lines of hose run from Knobbs Creek, on whose banks the mill stands, and had many streams playing on the blaze in a few minutes.

Officials of the Chesson company announced that they would be ready to continue business as usual by mid-afternoon. As a temporary measure, they contemplated bringing several electric motors from the city, and hooking them onto their planing and other machinery to use until the boilers would be put back into service.

The unofficial estimate of loss given did not take into account possible damage to the two boilers and their foundations. The boiler room was of frame construction, and the shavings vault was of metal. The flames were kept from spreading to a large brick kiln close at hand by a heavy brick fire wall, and workmen with buckets protected the sawmill, on the opposite of the burning buildings, from destruction also until the firemen arrived.

SAN FRANCISCO TO CELEBRATE

Western City to Have Sesqui-Centennial of Its Own in October

By BEN G. KLINE
San Francisco, Sept. 17.—When the Liberty Bell was announcing the unfurling of the flag of independence for the 13 states on the Atlantic Coast, a small group of Spanish soldiers and settlers, accompanied by two Franciscan fathers, were saying the cornerstones of development and civilization in the wilderness three thousand miles away, in the heart of what is now the city of San Francisco.

Five days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Fathers Francisco Palou and Pedro Cambon celebrated Holy Mass on an altar erected within the temporary shelter of a hastily constructed arbor, thereby founding the famous mission Dolores of San Francisco de Asis.

So this city, as well as the nation, is not the one which so closely commemorates this year and it is now planning a Sesqui-Centennial celebration. The date of the celebration is not the one which so closely corresponds to the signing of the declaration of independence, but is in October, when the Spanish adventurers who had come to claim northern California and San Francisco Bay for God and King formally opened the new mission building.

The four day celebration from October 9 to 13 will center around the old mission, the only very old building still standing in San Francisco. Its visitors on these days will see three ancient bells—"Bells of the past, whose long forgotten music."

Rabbit Catchers



Just for catching two rabbits during the closed game season, even though they released the rabbits later, Edward Brooks, above, and George Flores, 15-year-old boys of Trenton, N. J., were sentenced to jail for 44 days each. They actually spent three nights in jail before neighborhood indignation obtained their release. They were sentenced by Justice of the Peace Budd Jiffries.

ZIEGLER PLANS NEW BUILDING

Will Erect Funeral Home Here to Cost \$30,000 in Early Future

Plans for a modern funeral home and mortuary chapel of dignity and beauty in keeping with the purpose for which it is to be used, are announced by Ziegler & Son, local funeral directors. Construction is to begin at an early date.

The new building is to be situated on the site of the company's present establishment on South Road street, and is to cost \$30,000 or more. It will have a frontage of 5 feet, and will contain show rooms, rest rooms, work rooms and a chapel in which funerals may be conducted fittingly. A driveway through the center of the building, terminating at the mortuary chapel, will be an unusual feature of this new undertaking establishment. This will make it possible for a casket to be taken from the chapel to the hearse without being exposed to the public gaze.

F. H. Ziegler & Son long have been the leading funeral directors in Elizabeth City. Mr. Ziegler being a brother of Louis Ziegler, of Edenton, who is engaged in the same business.

FRENCH SCHOOL GIRLS

Paris, Sept. 17.—A high school girl in France dreams of how she can help her husband, says Mile Caron, the directress of the Feneclon School, where 100 girls are educated, mostly daughters of state officials and of families of a good social position.

"Formerly teaching was the first and only thing they thought of, now they and their parents are ready to consider other careers," Mile Caron said.

They are encouraged to become chemists, and lawyers. As law clerks, they earn 12,000 to 13,000 francs a year (under 400 dollars) for 5 or 6 hours a day work, with a month a year holidays and three months when a baby is born.

SWISS REGULATE CLOTHES

Geneva, Sept. 17.—The Parish Council of the Alpine village of Blatten, in the Loetschental Valley has issued an ukase regarding women's dress, which should satisfy the most rabid puritan.

SAYS AMERICANS COUNT TOO MUCH UPON RESOURCES

Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University Speaks to Elizabeth City Rotary Club at Weekly Luncheon

NEGLECT CHILDREN

Yet Man-Power Is the One Thing Without Which No Civilization Has Ever Been Developed

"We American people boast much of our natural resources," Dr. W. A. Smart of the faculty of Emory University told the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon at the Southern Hotel Friday, "forgetful of the fact that no civilization has ever been built on material civilization alone, forgetful too of the fact that the sort of civilization we are to have tomorrow rests with our boys and girls. Man-power is the one thing without which no civilization has ever been developed. Are we not neglecting the proper development of our children?"

"Look at Judea, a barren waste which not even a Florida real estate agent could ever sell. Look at Greece, with its craggy rocks and tiny valleys. Look at Italy which not in its palmiest days could produce enough wheat to make bread for the free citizens of Rome. And yet take out of the world the religion that it has got from Judea, the culture and art that it has got from Greece, and the genius for law and order that had its origin in Rome and you would have very little left."

"On the other hand, look at Africa, with unlimited material resources. Look at Russia with its vast and fertile plains and ore-filled mountains. Look at China with coal enough unmined to last the world for 500 years. Yet none of these is making any marked contribution to civilization, nor has any one of them had any great part in history. They have failed to develop man-power and their immense physical resources are a reproach rather than something to boast of."

"We are in the midst of an era when intensive effort is being made in the direction of extensive education. We seek to crowd as many of our children as possible through the grades, through the high school, through the college and in these institutions they are acquiring extensive and intensive physical and intellectual development without any balance."

"The task of my generation is to determine what type of civilization it would develop and then to bend its energies to seeing that the proper elements essential to that type of civilization are put into the lives of the children. If our children grow up educated but without the sound moral fiber that makes for character they will merely become clever crooks. Are we not allowing the most precious of our possessions to go to the rubbish heap?"

"Where is this character to be developed? It is not in your school with its busy and overworked teachers and its crowded curriculum. It is not in your church or your Sunday School. It is in your home and will be determined by the conversation at your table, by the atmosphere of your place of business, your office or your workshop, by how you spend your money."

Mellon Says Trip Merely Vacation

New York, Sept. 17.—Secretary Mellon today returned on the Benegaria from his trip abroad.

He told newspapermen that he discussed no international relations while abroad and the trip was merely a vacation.

VARIED PROGRAM FOR CHAUTAUQUA TONIGHT

The Kellam Duo, presenting music, readings, and impersonations, and Miss Charlotte Chamberlin, artist and whistler, are on the program for Chautauqua at the Grammar School auditorium this afternoon at four o'clock and tonight at 7:30.

Dr. J. William Terry lectures this afternoon on "Profound America" and tonight on "The Craftsman."

Lectures by Dr. Guy Morse Bingham and concerts by Geri's Swiss Alpine Yodlers were enjoyed by small but appreciative audiences Thursday.

ENGLISHMAN SWIMS ACROSS CHANNEL

Dover, England, Sept. 17.—Norman Leslie Dereham of South End, England, today finished the swim across the English channel from Cape Gris Nez. His time was 13 hours, 54 minutes.

A Rival for Indian Beauty Honors



Pendleton, Ore., "started something" when it chose Esther Lee Motanic, Indian beauty, as queen of its annual roundup and announced her as the loveliest Indian girl in America. Californians want to enter charming "Little Fawn," pictured above, in a contest with Miss Motanic and all other Indian comers. "Little Fawn" is a princess of the Klamath tribe. She took part in the recent opening of the Redwood highway between Orick and Trinidad, California.

Doughton Not Sure What Method Can Be Devised

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—"Certainly some means must be devised to prevent persons who are unfit to operate an automobile, either from temperament or lack of the proper responsibility, from constantly endangering the lives of others on the highways of the State," said Commissioner R. A. Doughton, of the Department of Revenue, in commenting on North Carolina's automobile accident deaths for the month of August, when 59 were killed, only nine of these being accidents at railway crossings.

Some definite method of registration or licensing of drivers will undoubtedly have to be devised, the Commissioner said, although he was unwilling to advocate a law requiring all operators of motor vehicles to be properly examined, both as to their ability to drive a car, and as to their character and reputation, and subsequent licensing, if the examination meets the requirements. The majority of other states have such laws and it is regarded as a certainty by many that a similar law for North Carolina will be proposed in the next legislature.

Such a law, if proposed, will stir up a fight that will be heard from one end of the State to the other, all agree. The principal opposition to it is expected to develop in the cities, from concerns employing large numbers of truck drivers, and from individuals as well. Especially will it meet with the disapproval of the speed fiends and reckless drivers, upon whom it will act as a curb.

There is being heard some talk of even a more drastic measure to stop excessive speeding and recklessness and it is hinted that consideration may be given to a proposal to require governors on all cars that will automatically shut off the power when a certain speed is reached. Some states have such laws, which are also included. In the larger cities, firms that use big fleets of trucks equip them with governors to prohibit speeding.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 17.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.28, Dec. 16.50, Jan. 16.60, March 16.81, May 17.02.

New York, Sept. 17.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 17.05, a decline of 20 points. Futures, closing bids: Oct. 16.22, Dec. 16.46, Jan. 16.51, Mar. 16.81, May 16.92.

ONE MAN KNOWS WHY JESS SMITH DID AS HE DID

But Former Attorney General's Face Is a Masque and He Keeps This With Other Secrets

HE NEVER WINCES

Harry Daugherty's Long Training Across the Poker Table of Politics Aids Him in the Trial

By ROBERT T. SMALL

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New York, Sept. 17.—Now that the skirmishing is over and he is being made a direct object of attack, Harry M. Daugherty's face has become a masque. The former Attorney General of the United States on trial in Federal Court, charged with defrauding the government of his "best services" in the return of seized German property, is a past master at concealing his thoughts and emotions.

Long training across the poker table of politics has done this for him. Harry Daugherty never winces. Occasionally there is the flicker of a smile about his firm, hard mouth, but no more.

His one great solace seems to be a quid of tobacco. In his days as Attorney General, it is recalled that he rode in the only official limousine equipped with a big brass cuspidor.

Behind the Daugherty masque lies the solution of one of the greatest if not the greatest mysteries Washington has ever known.—The spectacular suicide of Jess Smith. He died at the threshold of the Attorney General's apartment in an ultra-fashionable Washington hotel. Jess Smith left a note for his long time friend and it contained the reason for his act, no hint ever has come from the recipient. Jess Smith also left \$25,000 in his will for the Attorney General.

Naturally the usual explanations were made of the suicide. It was said Jess Smith had been a sufferer from chronic nerve or kidney disease and that fear of a future of invalidism caused him to blow out his brains. The explanation was entered in the records, but it was never believed. If Jess Smith had committed suicide for any such reason, he undoubtedly would have gone back to his old home in Washington Courthouse Ohio and shot himself in seclusion where he would not have been a worry or an embarrassment to any one.

There was every reason to believe the suicide came as a sudden impulse. It came in a manner which was sure to embarrass the Attorney General—the man who had made a National figure of the small town merchant. It fell upon Washington like a bombshell. Smith was remembered by his acquaintances as having been in gala mood a few days before he was found with his life's blood pouring at the doorway to the Daugherty apartment.

Jess Smith interested Washington intensely, but was never exactly placed. Friends of the Attorney General said he was just a simple soul, enjoying an unexpected hour in a glorious sun, and that he was being indulged by Mr. Daugherty. Enemies of the Attorney General insisted that Jess Smith was an outside "fixer."

It is in this latter role that the prosecution in the present trial is endeavoring to picture him.

Jess Smith was what might be called one of the "well-to-do dressers" ever in the capital city. His rainbow raiment made the memory of J. Ham Lewis and Ray Baker, in their best sartorial effects, fade like mist before a noonday sun.

In the first summer of the Harding administration at Washington, Jess appeared at the White House one day in a Shantung silk suit with purple socks, purple necktie, purple handkerchief, and purple band about his chest. He was a riot. The newspaper correspondents gathered about him and offered their warmest congratulations. The White House photographers and moving picture men shot the gentleman from Ohio in many poses. As their work could not appear in color, however, much of the effect was lost.

Jess Smith first came into National notice after the nomination of Mr. Harding. He had long been a close but younger friend of Harry Daugherty. He was the proprietor of a department store in Washington Courthouse. Occasionally he made trips to New York as a buyer. His field of operations was not large, however. When the Harding campaign began, Smith started to mingle with the best minds and the newspaper men at Marion. Occasionally he would run down to Columbus to see what was going on in the Cox camp.

Caught in the roar of the political swirl, Jess Smith soon lost all interest in the department store back at the Courthouse. He knew his friend Mr. Harding was going to be elected President of the United States. He knew his closeness to the President would be a help, her old home, for burial.

AI's Running Mate



Judge Robert F. Wagner, of New York City is regarded as the probable choice of Tammany as a candidate for the United States Senate against Senator James W. Washworth. Judge Wagner in such a case would share the leading place on the ticket with Governor Smith.

HOLDS CLINICS TESTING BREAKS

Carolina Motor Club Plans Campaign to Cover the Entire State

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 17.—"Watch your brakes!" is the slogan which the Carolina Motor Club hopes to impress upon all automobile drivers in the State by the time its present brake-testing campaign has been carried into every city and town in North Carolina. And as a result it expects to see the number of automobile accidents diminish.

The club has been carrying on its brake testing campaign in Raleigh for several days and hundreds of motorists have taken advantage of this free service. The results have shown so far that 52 per cent of the brakes on all the cars tested so far have been faulty—and most of these cars have been of the heavier type.

Records in this and other states show that the majority of automobile accidents are due mainly to either faulty brakes or glaring headlights. As there is no standard headlight law in this State at present, there is little that can be done toward regulating that danger source, said Edward Thornhill, district manager of the Carolina Motor Club, who is assisting the Raleigh Police Department in conducting the free tests.

"But we are trying to do what we can to educate the people to see the value of always keeping their brakes properly adjusted, because if a motorist's brakes are in good shape, he may be able to avoid an accident that otherwise might prove serious. The ability to stop quickly has saved many a broken neck."

The club has already conducted these brakes testing "clinics" in a number of other cities, although all of these have been experimental in nature. Now, however, the club has decided to hold them over the entire State, owing to the success which the few tests so far conducted have met with.

These tests are but the beginning of a State-wide safety campaign which the club is going to launch, and in which more stringent brake and headlight laws will be advocated, as well as a law requiring licenses for all drivers.

Trying Mend Levee and Save the Crops

Burlington, Ia., Sept. 17.—Only the recession of the flood waters of Skunk River can prevent the destruction of crops in Green Bay Bottoms north of here valued at more than one and a half million dollars.

Six thousand acres of crops in a 16,000 acre area apparently were doimed today as the water continued to pour through three breaks in the levee, and the inundation of more of the lowlands seemed certain if rains send the river higher.

A large force of men including convicts from the state penitentiary were trying today to save part of the levee by strengthening it with timbers and piles of sand filled bags. The damage since the water first broke through is estimated at \$100,000.

REPORT ON COTTON SEED CRUSHED DURING AUGUST

Washington, Sept. 17.—Cotton seed crushed during August totaled 70,657 tons compared with 112,936 in August last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

FRIENDS SAY DAUGHERTY TO BE ACQUITTED

Admit That the Now Departed John T. King and Jess W. Smith Were Regular Politicians

WAS TOO CREDULOUS

Such Is the Plea of Those Who Still Have Faith in the Former Attorney General of United States

By DAVID LAWRENCE

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Washington, Sept. 17.—No criminal trial in recent years involving a government official has been watched with more anxious interest than that of Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general in the cabinet of the late President Harding. And not until United States Attorney Buckner shifted his tactics did scores of people here who have believed in the innocence of the former Attorney General feel that they could express that conviction.

Now at the clubs and in administration circles, there are many who openly predict that Harry Daugherty will be convicted. This is due to the fact that those who were acquainted with Harry Daugherty and saw the opportunities which he had to be tempted by outside interests feel he did not yield at any time.

It is conceded here that both the late John T. King and the late Jess W. Smith, played the part of lobbyists. Their receipt of fees for the use of influence is not an uncommon practice in politics nowadays. The thing on which the whole case rests is whether Harry Daugherty believed the claim of the German Metals Company was fraudulent. The preponderance of opinion here among the friends of Daugherty is that he accepted the claim as valid. Whether he was too credulous of the statements of his close friends or whether he was careless in administrative matters, preferring to take the word of others is being discussed here as the basic reason for the ease with which the claim was put through official channels.

As for the question of actual receipt of money by Harry Daugherty for approving a claim he knew invalid, the bets are about even among those who are discussing the case that no such proof will ever be adduced. The disappearance of the records from the files of John T. King and the part played by Mr. King to prevent reopening of the case and an investigation of his conduct than as a cloaking of any part the former Attorney General had in the case.

Harry Daugherty, like the late President Harding, was easy-going and trustful. He did not believe his friends would abuse his confidence. He knows now that in many instances they did. And yet in governmental practice the making of contracts on claims is not unusual. Larger fees than that collected by the late Mr. King have been accumulated by lobbyists, and skilful lawyers and price list influential private citizens. And no one was more used to the ways of these lobbyists than the former Attorney General himself, who at one time played the part of a lobbyist in getting the pardon of Charles W. Morse. Lobbyists are not government officials. They are private citizens who get various sums for their skill in presenting a case and for their persuasive powers among their friends. If their friends knowingly permit a fraud to be perpetrated, then the government's prosecuting machinery can be effected. The difficulty of proving that Government officials were aware of the motives of those with whom they dealt was conclusively proved in the famous war contract fraud case. Most of these were quashed because fraudulent knowledge could not be proved. Stupidity and carelessness and even gullibility hurt the Government, but they are not punishable by the statutes so long as honesty of intent is not disproved.

POPULAR MINISTER WILL TAKE THE AIR

Radio fans here are keenly interested in an announcement that the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Jacksonville, Florida, will broadcast a program Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Local interest in the program comes from the fact that the Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of the church, formerly was rector of Christ Episcopal Church here, and was one of the most popular ministers ever to serve in this community.

Word of the program was conveyed in a letter from Mr. Ashby to F. G. Jaeckes, proprietor of the Albemarle Pharmacy. "You will probably be in your own church," the rector commented, "but Bill Gaither and some of the fellows who have a gang of kids to sing to sleep may be at home on the job."

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