

TWO DIE AS FONCK BEGINS FLIGHT

Terrific Storm Centering Fury on New Orleans

Plane Crashes to Earth in Flames As Crowds Gaze

Captain Fonck and Lieutenant Curtin Leap to Safety; Women Faint and Cry As Radio Operator and Mechanic of the Plane Meet Terrible Death

Westbury, New York, Sept. 21.—The mechanic and radio operator of Captain Rene Fonck's airplane apparently perished when the plane started a non-stop flight to Paris this morning.

The plane crashed in flames. Captain Fonck and his American alternate pilot, Lieutenant Lawrence W. Curtin, leaped clear of the flames.

Charles W. Calvier, French radio operator, and Jacob Islamoff, Russian mechanic, were trapped in the fuselage when the plane crashed over an embankment at the end of the three-fourths of a mile runway. Smoke rose in black clouds over the plane.

Women fainted and cried. The plane weighed more than 28,000 pounds loaded when it attempted to take off. When it reached the end of the runway it leaped into the air and plunged nose down, then burst into flames. It was later ascertained that the two men were dead.

FEARING ESTATE GOES AT AUCTION

Home Tract on Riverside Ave. Brings \$80,661.50; More Sold Today

A total of \$80,661.50 was realized Monday from the sale of the large J. B. Fearing tract on Riverside avenue, sold for division among the heirs. Sale figures on individual lots ranged from \$2,950 on the waterfront to \$130 farther back.

The sale was conducted by the Walter & Gurley Auction Company, of Kinston, under the direction of J. H. LeRoy, Jr., and M. B. Simpson, trustees. It is to remain open for 20 days, with the usual proviso that if any bids are raised sufficiently to justify it, in the opinion of the clerk of the court, the lots so raised will be resold.

The Fearing property sold Monday comprised 55 acres, and was the largest undeveloped tract within the limits of Elizabeth City. A tract of eight acres owned by W. R. Lambert, and situated on the waterfront near the Elizabeth City Hospital, last week brought nearly \$20,000 when sold similarly at auction.

Additional holdings of the J. B. Fearing estate in the downtown section, comprising properties on Poindexter, Church, Water and Martin streets and Colonial avenue, were sold Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock.

Purchasers in the sale Monday were: C. O. Robinson, 7 lots; Mrs. William McQueen, 2 lots; Mrs. J. R. Outlaw, 2 lots individually and 2 lots jointly with Mrs. Lucian Morriette; C. W. Stevens, 1 lot; J. B. Fearing, Jr., 4 lots; M. W. Saunders, 1 lot; heirs of the estate, 144 lots for \$13,392 and two others at \$1,850 each; Mrs. T. D. Cowell, A. D. Crossley, J. S. Seelye, Sr., and H. F. Walters, 1 lot each; Mrs. Mae Commander, 2 lots; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lambert, 20 lots; Mrs. Mittle Fearing Baum, 1 lot; E. O. Baum and C. E. Bailey, 3 lots jointly; Mrs. Margaret T. King, 1 lot; X. F. Yaocobi, 1 lot; C. L. Hopkins, of Creswell, 3 lots; Mrs. Allie Clark, 1 lot; J. T. West, 4 lots; W. L. Pipkin, 2 lots; George W. Bowerside, 7 lots; B. F. Pritchard, 4 lots; J. E. Tar- kenton, 1 lot; R. L. Evans, 1 lot; and David Fearing, 12 lots.

The property facing Water, Front and Church streets sold Tuesday morning brought \$17,700 as a whole, excluding a lot 70 feet wide next to Twiddy's Grocery, which was retained as a part of the power of Mrs. Fearing. The power was W. T. Love, Sr. First sold separately, the lots in this tract brought a total of \$13,850.

ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF LANDLORD

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—John Williams, negro, of Halifax county, was electrocuted at State's prison here this morning for the murder of Alex Bradley, on whose farm Williams was a tenant. Last minute efforts to halt the execution and to secure a reprieve while further investigation was made, were unavailing, and Williams went to his death without any appeal having been made to the Supreme Court, which is most unusual in cases of first degree murder.

At the trial, the State claimed that Williams shot Bradley because Bradley had ordered him to stop making liquor on his farm. Williams, in his defense, claimed that he and Bradley and Bradley's son all made liquor, and that Bradley supplied the materials. He said that he was returning a gun to Bradley after having completed a run of liquor, and that he stumbled when Bradley opened the door, the gun accidentally discharging, killing Bradley. This version was disproved by the fact that Bradley was shot twice, once over the hip and again over one eye.

"I investigated the case thoroughly even before any requests were received," said H. Hoyle Sink, Commissioner of Pardons and Paroles, "and I found no ground whatever upon which clemency could be extended. These cases are always carefully investigated, and where ever any grounds for doubt of guilt exist, a reprieve is recommended."

RICHMOND COUNTY COMPLAINS OF TAXES

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 21.—If his own attitude reflects the general attitude of the county at large, there is little sympathy in Richmond county for the eight months school term, according to Herbert Parsons of Rockingham, who was in Raleigh Monday. "Personally, I think we are already spending too much on the schools and that the need is for retrenchment rather than expansion. Taxes are already too high, and we need something to lower them instead of make them higher," said Mr. Parsons.

He said that there would be a good cotton crop in Richmond county, but that prices were very low. Some farmers were beginning to diversify to some extent, he said, but not enough to free them of their dependence on cotton. There is much land on which tobacco could and should be grown, but is not, as most of the farmers are cotton farmers and do not seem able to raise tobacco profitably, he said.

MANY EXPECTED AT ROAD SESSION HERE TOMORROW

Dance to Follow Business Meeting of Atlantic Coastal Highway Enthusiasts at Country Club

TO ADVERTISE ROUTE

Nearly 100 Invitations Mailed to Prospective Visitors in Virginia and Eastern Carolina

Officials of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, members of the association, and unofficial guests from many towns and cities along the route of the great North-to-South motor road through Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, will assemble at the Elizabeth City Country Club Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock for a conference on plans properly to advertise the advantage of the section through which it passes.

For the entertainment of the visitors who remain over, a dance will be given at the club Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock, to which all members and their ladies have been invited. This will constitute the monthly membership entertainment at the club, and a large attendance is anticipated. Refreshments will be served.

Officials of the club point out that in affording a pleasant meeting place for the large highway delegation expected here, the country club again is proving its worth to Elizabeth City, aside from the usual recreational opportunities it offers its membership. Privileges of the nine-hole golf course will be accorded the visitors. It is now in excellent condition, and many of the city's guests are expected to make use of it during the afternoon.

Officials who have advised that they will be here for the highway meeting include Frank O. Miller, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Fred Ward, of Brunswick, Georgia, respectively president and vice president of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association. A large Tidewater Virginia delegation is expected, headed by State Senator John A. Lesner, of Norfolk, president of the Tidewater Automobile Association, and Frank C. Miller, Norfolk attorney, who will deliver an address.

Nearly 400 invitations have been mailed to road enthusiasts in Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, and in addition to the delegation from the former State, many visitors from cities along the North Carolina stretch of the highway are looked for.

Unofficial information from State Highway Department sources, in effect that the \$500,000 Chowan Bridge at Edenton will be completed by next May, is received with much interest here, as offsetting rumors current for weeks that the four-mile-long structure would not be finished before 1927. Through elimination of delay occasioned by the wait imposed by the present ferry services between Edenton and points on the opposite shores of Albemarle Sound, the bridge is expected to prove a tremendous factor in popularizing the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association with motor tourists headed to or from various coastal points in the South.

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Auto Stolen From Road Man At Sligo

Sligo, Sept. 21.—A Ford roadster was stolen last night from the yard of Willis Banks at this place, the property of Robert Temple of Brunswick County, Virginia, who is engaged just now in building shoulders on the Sligo road by the Roberts Paving Company. The car bore a Virginia license number 35-400 and was equipped with diamond tires on left front and right rear wheels. The roadster was a 1924 model. Fifty dollars reward has been offered for the return of the car to the owner.

CHARLES CLAVIER



This is the French radio operator who with Jacob Islamoff, Russian mechanic, met death today when the giant Sikorsky S-35 crashed over an embankment in flames as Captain Rene Fonck and Lieutenant Lawrence Curtin were attempting to set out on a non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

DO YOU WANT EXTRA ON NIGHT OF FIGHT?

The Advance has made arrangements for special service on the Dempsey-Tunney fight, with a view to issuing an extra on that night. This would be in line with this newspaper's policy in the past.

The suggestion now comes to The Advance, however, that with the radio in such general use, interest in the printed story would not reach the point to make an extra edition attract any volume of sales.

Is this true? The Advance has never issued an extra the sales on which would begin to pay for the expense of getting out the paper, but these editions have been issued from time to time as a matter of service to Advance readers, and if four or five hundred copies were sold, netting the paper say \$12.50 and hardly paying telegraph tolls, to say nothing of labor, we have counted ourselves well repaid in the satisfaction of getting to our readers first with news in which there was at the moment paramount interest. Will the spoken word over the radio destroy interest in the printed news in the Advance?

If you want a fight extra, The Advance would appreciate it if you would say so.

French Cabinet Is Discussing Plan Briand-Stresemann

By PAUL SCOTT MOWBRER

Paris, Sept. 21.—Something like an intimate Franco-German entente seems a possibility as a result of the recent conversations of Foreign Ministers Briand and Stresemann.

While officially nothing definite is known regarding the conclusions reached by these statesmen there is reason to believe that the bases for a future understanding are somewhat as follows: France would make the Rhineland occupation "invisible" immediately, would replace military by civil commissioners and would end the entire occupation next year or even sooner instead of in 1935.

France would return the Saar territory to Germany in the near future without a plebiscite and would disinterest itself from the questions of the districts of Eupen and Malmédy, which Germany desires to purchase from Belgium.

Germany in return, would repurchase the Saar coal mines from France and issue immediately to the public throughout the world, railway and industrial bonds provided for under the Dawes plan.

Thus France presumably would be enabled to restore her finances without American aid and could reject the Washington debt agreement as it desires to do.

There are many obstacles in the way of this program. The French cabinet will discuss it Tuesday. It is not known how far Premier Poincare agrees with M. Briand. There are, moreover, serious practical difficulties in the way of issuing the Dawes plan bonds at the present time. Finally, German financial opinion is said to fear arousing the hostility of American banks if it enables France to save the financial situation without the help of American credits.

FLORIDA PEOPLE WERE WARNED BY WEATHER MAN

Otherwise Loss of Life Would Have Been Greater; Storm Was Traced as Early as Tuesday

CAUTION ADVISED

Special Warnings Broadcast to Every City and Town on Florida Coast and Signals Displayed

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Sept. 21.—The people of Southern Florida were warned in an alarming language as the weather bureau could use that a terrific hurricane was approaching. Officials of the bureau feel confident that their warnings were at least carried to the residents of Miami Beach and that this accounted for the relatively small list of casualties at the beach itself.

The statement was made at the weather bureau that had not the warning been heeded the loss of life would have been much greater than has been reported. Just how widely the news of the approaching hurricane was broadcast in advance is not yet known, but the arrangements usually are to telephone and telegraph all newspapers, city officials, chambers of commerce and all who could possibly be interested. It is felt here that ships received the warning in ample time to seek sheltering.

The records of the weather bureau show that the path of the storm was traced beginning as early as last Tuesday from a point west of Porto Rico and northeast of St. Kitts Island. Every day twice a day since then the warnings were issued describing the location of the center of the storm and stating that it was moving westward. On the morning of last Wednesday the weather bureau in its warning described the storm as having "already attained considerable intensity." Caution was advised for all vessels east of eight degrees. That same night, namely Wednesday the fifteenth, the position of the storm center was given as twenty degrees north and sixty degrees west. On the evening Thursday the sixteenth, the weather bureau said the tropical storm has "passed Turks Island moving West and Northwest attended by dangerous shifting reefs."

Caution was advised again on all vessels "bound for Florida Straits, the Bahamas and adjacent islands."

But the most spectacular warning came last Friday about 10:20 a. m., when the hurricane center was described as being about 23 degrees north, latitude, and 74 degrees West longitude "moving West and Northwest attended by winds of hurricane force near center."

The weather bureau said: "This is a very severe storm. Its center will likely pass near Nassau early tonight. Every precaution should be taken for destructive winds Saturday morning."

This was broadcast to every city and town from Jupiter Inlet on the Florida coast to Miami and storm warnings were hoisted. On the evening of Friday the seventeenth this was changed to hurricane warnings with the following observation from the weather bureau to all land and sea stations: "In view of reports East of Miami and possibility of close approach of hurricane center to entire Southeast Florida coast tomorrow forenoon, it is thought inadvisable to wait till morning to issue these warnings. Every precaution should be taken for North-east winds that may increase to hurricane force."

To those who understand the nature of weather bureau warnings in every city, these advices meant that people should take shelter in low buildings to avoid destructive winds and that ships should get into safe harbors. It is believed here that so many ships took shelter that this deprived land stations of much information that would have come by radio as to the velocity of the wind.

The barometer at Miami registered 27.62 on Saturday morning which is the lowest mercurial rating ever reported from a land station. The storm was last reported moving toward Mobile and Pensacola with a velocity of 100 miles an hour and with a barometric pressure of 29.10. Officials said that as soon as the storm hit the coast line in the vicinity of Mobile it probably would spend its force.

PECAN GROWERS VISIT ORCHARDS NEAR THIS CITY

Delegation Headed by Secretary W. N. Roper of Petersburg Studies Methods Being Used

THREE UNITS FORMED

North and South Carolina and Virginia Societies to Meet Various Problems Co-operatively

By W. N. ROPER

Headed by W. N. Roper, of Petersburg, Virginia, secretary jointly of the Virginia, North Carolina and recently organized South Carolina Pecan Growers' Societies, a motor delegation of pecan growers visited this city Tuesday in the course of an inspection tour of the choicest groves in the State. After a trip to the pecan groves of C. O. Robinson and F. V. Scott, near this city, the visitors left early in the afternoon with Farmville as their next destination.

The pecan growers were met at the Southern Hotel upon their arrival at 10:30 o'clock this morning by several growers living in this city and county. They expressed keen interest in topsoil work and other improved methods in use at the Robinson and Scott farms.

Mr. Scott addressed the societies in joint session at the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk Monday, and Mr. Robinson explained in detail the results he had obtained by various methods under varying conditions, in the course of the visit to his groves today.

Explaining that the visitors were interested mainly in cultural methods from the standpoint of practical experience, Secretary Roper stated that they were paying close attention to the experience of John T. Thorne, president of the North Carolina society, who has large groves in Farmville, next stopping point of the party. Mr. Thorne, he said, has a grove of about 800 trees in which he regularly grows cotton and tobacco as a means of making the land meet the overhead cost incurred during the growing period of ten to fifteen years before the trees reach a state of profitable productivity.

By careful cultivation, Secretary Roper continued, it had been found entirely feasible to grow cotton, tobacco and other so-called money crops in pecan groves, thereby offsetting the large tie-up of land over a long period which otherwise tended to render unprofitable the growing of the nuts.

Accompanying Mr. Roper were his wife and Roy Fairhead and Miss Grace Keeler, the latter being pecan grower of Lynchaven, Virginia. Miss Keeler is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Pecan Growers' Society.

In announcing the formation of the North Carolina Pecan Growers' Society last Thursday, Mr. Roper declared that it and the North Carolina and Virginia societies would work as co-ordinating units, passing along from one to another the benefits of experiments in improved pecan production, and meeting as one large organization the various problems encountered in growing and marketing the nuts.

HEARS FROM SISTERS IN STRICKEN MIAMI

Mrs. C. P. Brown, who has two sisters in Miami and who has been in suspense about them since the news of the great Florida storm disaster, was relieved today to receive the first definite news from them since the storm. Both families were safe, was the word brought, and unhurt despite some harrowing experiences.

The scenes in wrecked Miami are frightful, the message to Mrs. Brown stated, with dead strewn everywhere; and one of the ships from the harbor was left high and dry on Flauser street, one of the principal thoroughfares of the city.

Mrs. Brown's sisters are Mrs. A. W. Wood and Mrs. M. L. Beard, both of whom, with their husbands, have visited Mrs. Brown and have many friends here.

COTTON MARKET  
New York, September 21.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 15.85, Dec. 14.06, Jan. 16.12, March 16.39, May 16.60.  
New York, Sept. 21.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 14.60, a decline of 5 points. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 15.79, Dec. 15.98, Jan. 16.08, March 16.30, May 16.52.

Interest Centers In Carrying Relief to The Stricken Areas

Back Country of Everglades Expected to Yield Large Toll of Death as Whole Settlements Are Reported to Have Been Utterly Wiped Out

Having left a trail of death and destruction in Southern Florida, the tropical hurricane which swept in from the Bahamas last Friday night had passed over Pensacola and Mobile today, and was converging on New Orleans after striking a number of Southern Alabama towns.

As relief workers penetrated into the debris on the East Coast of Florida, the death list continued to mount steadily. Conservative estimates placed the dead at 100 and the injured at 5,000.

The last word from Pensacola, a fragmentary radio message, said the property damage was heavy but there was no loss of life. Word came from Mobile also that none were killed, but other nearby Alabama towns were not so fortunate. Loss of life was reported at both Jackson and Bayminette.

With the known death toll in the hurricane that swept over the lower Florida coast standing at 375 today and with the injured still estimated at 4,000 or more and property damage at \$50,000,000 or more, interest centered in what has happened to Pensacola on the west coast, Mobile, 30 miles farther west, and in relief measures to bring the stricken territory back to normal.

That the "back country" in the Everglades will yield a still larger toll of death seemed certain today when an airplane pilot told the story of settlements along the streams in the Everglades being levelled.

What may have happened in Pensacola is still unknown. No inkling of the damage has been obtained.

Mobile escaped with comparatively small damage, according to a message received from the Mobile Register.

New Orleans, Sept. 21.—No lives were lost at Mobile in the storm which lashed the coast city yesterday, it was reported today at the office of the chief dispatcher of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad here.

Birmingham, Sept. 21.—Feverish efforts to reach Pensacola by all means brought no results today. Staff men of the Associated Press and newspaper reporters were bucking the storm in automobiles but no word had come out of the silent area.

FINAL HEARING IS AWAITING AN EXPERT

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 21.—No additional data was submitted to the State Corporation Commission yesterday either by counsel for the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies, or by attorneys representing parties and organizations opposed to the granting of the increase, although several attorneys on both sides were present and conferred briefly with regard to some of the details in question. None of those matters were presented to the commission, however.

The data for the final hearing is still being held in abeyance pending the employment of a rate expert, as authorized by Governor A. W. McLean, to make an analysis of the rate schedules submitted by the telegraph companies and to examine the other figures they have submitted. Letters have been dispatched by the State corporation commission to the Virginia, Indiana, New York and Florida corporation commissions, asking them to recommend an able accountant or firm of accountants experienced in this kind of work. As soon as replies have been received from these letters, the expert or experts will be selected, and a definite date set for the final hearing, it was announced by W. T. Lee, chairman of the commission.

TO ATTEND PRIZEFIGHT

En route to Ashbury Park, New Jersey, to take in the Dempsey-Tunney prizefight Thursday night as guests of A. R. Hueth, of that city, Captain John Allen Midgrett, Captain B. R. Ballance, T. S. Meekins, W. F. Baum, C. P. Midgrett and Sheriff L. D. Farrow, all of Dare County, passed through Elizabeth City Tuesday. They are expected to be away about a week.

FORMER SHERIFF OF CAMDEN DIES IN AUTO

Curritleck, Sept. 21.—Laughing and joking with friends with whom he was returning Sunday night by automobile from Norfolk, J. M. Cartwright, of Jarvisburg, native of Camden and at one time high sheriff of that county, suddenly uttered a sigh and slumped forward in his seat unconscious. Unable to rouse him, those with him hurried him to Dr. Cowell of Shawboro, who pronounced him dead. Death is believed to have been due to a heart attack.

Mr. Cartwright left Jarvisburg for Norfolk Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock. As the car approached New Bridge, about a quarter of a mile from Snowden station, about 9 o'clock at night, the sudden and swift attack to which he succumbed came on.

Following examination by Dr. Cowell, the body was taken to Mr. Cartwright's home at Jarvisburg to be prepared for burial. Burial services were held this afternoon and interment made in the old Cartwright burying ground near Shiloh.

Mr. Cartwright is survived by his widow, and by two small children, one seven years of age, and the younger only two months old. He was 60 years old. Surviving also by former marriage are three adult sons, Jesse, Nathan and Daniel Cartwright.

DELAY IS ENDED

A shipment of terra cotta to be used in construction of the new Sells building, in the Virginia Dare Hotel block on East Main street, has arrived, and construction will be resumed after having been delayed three weeks, according to members of the firm. The new building is to be completed by November 1.