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Weather: North Carolina: Partly cloudy with rising temperature Sunday, Monday increasing cloudiness followed by rain; moderate north winds.

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## CARDINAL MERCIER, "APOSTLE OF PEACE," IS DEAD

### Pennsylvania Hotel Fire Causes Heavy Loss Of Life

#### Heroic Figure Of World War Loser In Battle With Death

Beloved Belgian Prelate Passes Away at Advanced Age of Seventy-Four

#### ACTIVE UNTIL END

Cardinal, Despite Protests, Continued Conferences and Work Throughout Illness

BRUSSELS, Jan. 23. (AP)—Cardinal Mercier, one of the heroic figures of the World War, died today at the age of 74, losing his long battle against the decline that set in after an operation on December 23.

Death came at 3 o'clock this morning.

Cardinal Mercier was stricken with influenza December 19. The news of his illness became known when he was unable to attend the ceremony at which Queen Elizabeth received the golden rose sent her by Pope Pius in honor of her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Shortly afterward it was announced that the prelate would have to undergo an operation. In a pastoral letter he deprecated fear of danger. His ailment was explained officially as "persistent typhoid, making nutrition insufficient for the active life the Cardinal wishes to pursue." He was transferred to St. Jean Clinic from the archiepiscopal palace at Malines, December 26, and was operated on the following day. He was given a local anesthetic and was able to follow all the details of the operation. He stood the ordeal well.

During the days immediately following the operation the Cardinal seemed to improve, and his complete recovery was predicted by those in attendance upon him. Suddenly, on January 6, however, it became known that the condition of the venerable churchman had taken a turn for the worse. It was with difficulty that he was able to assimilate food. He began to weaken but his robust constitution and faith aided him to withstand the ravages of his element, much to the surprise of his physician.

During his illness prayers were said for his recovery in all the churches and the heads of almost all the nations of the civilized world anxiously inquired about his condition. Ambassador Phillips, of the United States, was a frequent caller at the hospital. Once he brought the Cardinal flowers, a gift from Secretary of State Kellogg.

When the sudden turn for the worse came the Cardinal fully realized that his end was relatively near at hand. "My stomach has failed me, there is nothing more the doctors can do," the prelate said to a priest at the bedside. The Holy Sacrament was administered. This prompted the Cardinal to say: "When my health was good I always wished to receive the last sacrament when I was compelled to receive it, but while I could still receive it, and I feel a little better now."

Artificial nourishment was resorted to during the final days of the prelate's illness, but this method served its purpose poorly.

During his illness on January 16, the Cardinal left his bed over the protests of his physicians and conferred with churchmen concerning the Belgian flood situation. Also he was deeply interested in the prospect of the union of the Roman and Anglican churches, a movement in which he was the prime mover, and held numerous conferences on the subject in the sick chamber. During the present week one of his visitors was Lord Halifax, president of the English Church union with whom he had a somewhat lengthy conference regarding the union of the two churches.

#### SEAPLANE FORCED DOWN SATURDAY

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Official confirmation of reports that the navy seaplane S-113 had been forced down and sunk twelve miles north of St. Augustine, Fla., about noon today, was made early tonight by navy officers following arrival of ten seaplanes in Biscayne Bay.

The plane carried three occupants, Lieutenant J. G. Johnson, A. E. Laporte, aviation pilot, and J. T. McLean, aviation mechanic's mate, first class, all of whom were believed to have been rescued by another seaplane which was ordered to stand by.

#### LOCALS WHIP WILMINGTON; SMALL SCORE

Goldsboro Takes Snappy Game, 15-13, Obtaining Revenge For Recent Defeat

Playing here before one of the largest crowds which has witnessed a game here this season, the Goldsboro High School basketball team last night obtained sweet revenge against the Wilmington Highs, by winning a hard-fought game from the New Hanover lads by the close score of 15 to 13, a margin of victory one point less than that by which Wilmington last Saturday night defeated the locals, the score in the first contest being 32 to 29, in favor of the boys from the Cape Fear region.

Very little scoring was done by either side in the first half, during which period Wilmington played mostly second string men, the half ending with Goldsboro on the long end of a 4-2 score. Both teams displayed more pep and action in the second half, however, each scoring 11 points, and the game ended with the Wayne county five hanging on to a mighty shaky two-point lead.

The guarding of both baskets last night was particularly good, and was directly responsible for the small score. Simmons and Spicer continued their good work for the locals, these two fast players accounting for 12 of the 15 points accumulated by Goldsboro. Haar, last year selected all-state center, was the outstanding star for the visitors, scoring six of his team's 11 points.

The Goldsboro five will journey to Mount Olive Tuesday night for a return game with the quint representing the high school of that city. The last meeting of the two teams resulted in an 18-11 win for Mount Olive, and the locals are determined to even the count. A game with New Bern will be played on the Memorial Building Court here Thursday night. This contest gives promise of being a scrappy affair, and another large crowd will doubtless view the game.

Last night's line-up:

Goldsboro	Wilmington
Miller	J. Moore
	RF
Gillikin, P.	P. Roane
	LF
Spicer	Paraley
	C
Boney	Burkheimer
	RG
Simmons	Dobson
	LG

Substitutions: Goldsboro—Waters for Gillikin; Wilmington—McGlaughon for J. Moore; Haar for P. Roane; Referee, Crum, N. C. State; Scorers, Mahler and Derousett; Time of game, 32 minutes.

#### Dr. Frederick A. Cook Called A Genius By Raold Amundssen

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook is a "genius" in the estimation of Captain Raold Amundssen, and no matter what he may or may not have done in business, he deserves the respect of the American people for his intrepid explorations. Dr. Cook may not have discovered the pole, but Commander R. E. Peary also may not have, and the former has as good a claim as the latter, Captain Amundssen said here today.

"I don't know whether he deserves to be in prison or not," Amundssen said. "To me he was always a genius. When we were young men together in a Belgian antarctic expedition, he said that if any man ever reached the North Pole, it would be Dr. Cook."

"In 1909, Dr. Cook came back from the North as the discoverer of the pole. It was among those who greeted him at Copenhagen. He began immediately to get the story

of his discovery and explorations in writing. Later, Commander Peary returned with his claim of discovery and an attack on Dr. Cook's claims. The ultimate result was disgrace for Dr. Cook.

Compares Stories  
"I have read Dr. Cook's story, and I have read Peary's. In Peary's story I have not found anything of consequence not covered already by Dr. Cook."

MacMillan got statements from the Eskimos as to the length of time that Dr. Cook spent in the heretofore unexplored regions in an effort to prove he had not had time to reach the pole, Amundssen explained.

"My experience has been that the native Eskimos will give you the kind of answer you are looking for," Amundssen said.

Stefansson Disagrees  
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted Arctic

explorer, tonight took issue with the statement made in Fort Worth, Texas, today by Raold Amundssen, who declared Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claim to discovery of the North Pole was as plausible as those of the late Commander Robert L. Peary. "If quoted correctly, Amundssen's statement is most extraordinary," Stefansson said. "I have disagreed with Amundssen even on important points—but never more violently than this."

Calls Cook Faker  
"Peary had a life-time of integrity behind him, while Cook's career has been one of consistent faking, ever since he faked the Mount McKinley climb, when he claimed to have ascended to the crest, and it was later proved that he never was more than half-way to the top."

"His career of faking continued from that time until it landed him in the federal penitentiary."

#### GOV. SLATON IS EXPECTED TO RUN AGAIN

Executive Who Commuted Sentence of Leo Frank May Throw Hat in Ring

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 23.—(AP)—John M. Slaton, twice governor of Georgia, and whose commutation of the death sentence of Leo M. Frank in 1915 caused nationwide comment, will enter the coming race for governor only in the event of a "conviction of duty for public service," he told the Associated Press today relative to insistent rumors that he will be a candidate.

During Governor Slaton's administration there occurred on April 26, 1913, the murder of Mary Phagan, a young employee of a pencil factory in Atlanta. For this crime, Leo M. Frank, of Brooklyn, N. Y., superintendent of the factory, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

The case aroused a general public clamor for swift justice and likewise created nation-wide comment. On the other hand strenuous efforts were exerted in Frank's behalf on the ground that the evidence adduced tended to throw the burden of suspicion on a negro who was convicted as an accessory.

Used State Troops  
When the case came before Governor Slaton he commuted the sentence to life imprisonment and a turbulent period ensued, during which there were open displays of threatened violence directed against the Governor, who called out the State troops to restore order. The Governor's term expired and he and his family spent a large part of the time immediately following out of the State.

Later Frank was formerly taken from the State prison farm at Milledgeville, to Marietta near Atlanta home of the family of the Phagan girl, where he was lynched.

Since that time, Mr. Slaton's name has never been officially mentioned in politics and today's statement is the first indication that he former governor might consider running again for office.

"So far as the Frank case is concerned," he said, "that is rarely mentioned. I acted in accordance with my obligation and conscience in that matter and time has only served to confirm the justice and correctness of that act. I have always said and thought the people of Georgia would approve my course when they knew the facts."

Name Suggested  
"Having been governor twice, once at the time when, as president of the senate, I became acting governor and subsequently through election by the people, I have no success from every viewpoint."

#### CAPTAIN O'BERRY "HOLDING HIS OWN"

Captain Nathan O'Berry, prominent and beloved citizen of Goldsboro, who was stricken in his office Friday morning, was late last night reported to be "holding his own" by Dr. W. H. Cobb, his physician. This will be cheering news to all Goldsboro, where Captain O'Berry is held in the highest esteem, and a host of well-wishers will hope that his improvement will be immediate and rapid.

#### ALGONQUIN CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Enthusiastic Meeting and Enjoyable Barbecue Held in Club Rooms Last Night

Enthusiasm and good fellowship marked the annual meeting and barbecue of the Algonquin Club, held in the clubrooms in the Borden Building here last night. A large crowd was in attendance, and the members heard with expressions of approval a number of reports and suggestions brought forward during the business session, which preceded the barbecue.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the reports of C. D. Groves, secretary-treasurer of the club. It was announced that during the past year a debt of \$1,000 had been completely discharged, allowing the club to start the new year with a clean balance sheet. A motion that the charter be changed from that of a social club to a civic organization was approved by the membership, and the Board of Governors was instructed to take the necessary action to accomplish the change. In the event such action is taken, the club will become a member of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

Following the submission of the various reports and motions, the election of officers for this year was held, with the following results: Edwin Borden, president, re-elected; John D. Gullette, vice-president and C. D. Groves unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected secretary-treasurer. Alvin Howell, Horace B. King, E. H. Graham, Hugh Dorch and Dr. R. B. Miller were named five new members of the Board of Directors for a period of two years.

Immediately after the business session, the assembled members and guests adjourned to the ball room of the club, where a delightful barbecue, accompanied, of course by the necessities without which a cue is not a cue, was enjoyed by everyone. The entire occasion was a distinct success from every viewpoint.

#### DOOMED MAN AGAIN SAVED FROM DEATH

Ambrose Ross' Sentence to Chair Reprieved at Eleventh Hour by Governor

OSHSING, N. Y., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Ambrose Ross, for two days a pawn in a game of life and death, today for the second time took off the black suit that marks those about to be executed in Sing Sing prison. Three hours before he was to be electrocuted, Governor Alfred E. Smith telephoned from New York and ordered him reprieved. Yesterday he was saved fourteen hours before time for execution by a temporary stay of execution from a justice of the Supreme Court.

That stay was vacated in Brooklyn, and even Ross' attorneys gave up hope.

Ordered Last Meal  
Ross again put on the black suit he had donned when court was received. He went to the isolated cell reserved for those who have only a few hours to live. Again he ordered his last meal.

Father McCaffrey, the prison chaplain, came in for the second time to pray for him. Ross told his sweetest, Miss Christina O'Brien, he had given up hope.

Shortly before 8 o'clock Friday night Ross was taken to the "visitors' cage" in the death house. There he crunched, while on the other side of the heavy wire partition, three brothers and his sister talked to him by whisperm.

Meanwhile in the prison offices, Warden Lawson Father McCaffrey, James L. Long the state superintendent of prisons, and the usual group of newspaper reporters and witnesses were watching the hours drag along.

Executioner Was Ready  
Somewhere back in the prison a new executioner was preparing for his first "job."

The office telephone rang, Superintendent Long took the message. There is a law which says prison authorities can not act on any information not confirmed by official documents, but Long knows the governor's voice.

He started at a run for the death house, with Father McCaffrey following him.

Saved by Phone Call  
As they entered Ross jumped up, frightened, as though he thought the hour already had come.

"The electrocution is put off. I'll tell you more tomorrow. The governor has given you a reprieve," Long said rapidly.

#### Eleven Bodies So Far Recovered And More Thought Dead

#### FELIX HARVEY HERE MONDAY

District Governor W. Felix Harvey, of Kingston, will be a guest of the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly meeting of that organization, which will be held in the banquet room of the Goldsboro Monday evening.

Mr. Harvey, an able and brilliant speaker, who has been prominently identified with Kiwanis activities for a number of years, will no doubt bring a message of cheer and inspiration to members of the local club, all of whom know and love him. It is believed that a full attendance will be seen at the Monday night meeting.

#### BURBANK'S VIEWS DERIDED BY SCIENTISTS

Prominent Clergymen and Others Scoff at Plant Man's Statements on Religion

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—(AP)—The published opinion of Luther Burbank that "all religions are on a tottering foundation," accompanying his reported avowal that he "is an infidel in the true sense of the word," were dismissed by prominent clergymen here today as unscientific.

The clergymen manifested the highest respect for the plant wizard's opinion on horticulture, but suggested that "the shoemaker stick to his last."

"The assortment of Mr. Burbank's beliefs printed in newspapers," said Bishop F. P. McConnell, of Pittsburg (Methodist), who once debated with Clarence Darrow, about agnosticism, "have no scientific basis."

Mr. Burbank is not talking of what he knows, but of what he believes, and his views as published, are decidedly mixed and jumbled."

"Mr. Burbank has confused religion with such current ecclesiasticalisms," said Dean Shailer Mathews, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. "The questions, if they are correct, would argue that he is not informed as to present tendencies in the world of thought."

#### Carroll's Views

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Dr. Alexis Carroll, famous surgeon, does not concur in Luther Burbank's viewpoint of religion in relation to science. The famous horticulturist is a statement, admitted he is an infidel, said: "As a scientist, I cannot help but feel that all religions are on a tottering foundation."

"Between true science and true religion there can be no conflict," said Dr. Carroll. "They operate in entirely distinct fields."

The surgeon said he did not believe that a "theory of personal resurrection or reincarnation of the individual is tenable; as stated by Mr. Burbank, but insisted in reference to his very brief comment that "religion is not a matter which is to be dismissed so quickly."

#### Twelve Persons, Unaccounted For, Believed in Ruins of Building

#### TWENTY INJURED

Score of Guests Injured, Some By Burns, Others by Falling to Streets

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 23. (AP)—Eleven bodies have been recovered tonight from the ruins of the Hotel Pennsylvania, the city's oldest hotel, which was destroyed by flames early today. Twenty or more persons were still unaccounted for, and were thought to be in the ruins. The bodies still standing, will be permitted tomorrow, to make the task of the searchers less dangerous.

The cause of the blaze was still undetermined tonight. Herbert W. Guth, director of public safety, said there would be a thorough investigation of a report that just before the first alarm of fire there was an explosion in a room on the upper floor. This report was somewhat discredited by Ralph Lehman, the night clerk, and Melachton Unaw, a newspaper worker, a lodger at the hotel.

Unaw had just reached the hotel at 10 o'clock when he stopped to talk with the night clerk. Their conversation was interrupted by a terrifying cry of "fire" from upstairs. Both ran to the second floor and aroused those rooming there, but the spread of the flames was so rapid they had to flee to save their lives. Neither heard any explosion preceding the first alarm, they said.

Guests on the fourth and fifth (top) floors, unable to escape through the hallways were hanging from the windows when the firemen arrived. News wires of little use because of an old-time narrow roofed porch that extended the whole width of the first floor.

One Falls to Death  
One man lost his life when he fell from a window on the top floor of the four-story brick building and landed on the sidewalk. The other four were found jammed together in a corner on the fourth floor.

No Time to Dress  
The fire broke out shortly after 8 o'clock and spread so rapidly that it cut off the escape of most of the guests who had to be carried down ladders by the firemen. There was no time to dress, and the guests were forced into the cold blasts of winter in their night clothes. The temperature hovered between 15 and 18 above zero.

Seriously Injured  
Twenty of the guests, all suffering from burns or injuries received when they jumped to the streets, were taken to hospitals. Six at one hospital, are unidentified. Three of them, doctors said, probably will die. One of the six had bitten off part of his tongue.

Cries For Help  
The cause of the fire had not been determined several hours after the fire.

The inside of the hotel was a mass of flames when firemen arrived. The hallways and stairways alike and unable to leave their rooms, frightened and bewildered guests stood at the windows, waiting for their rescuers. Spectators could see the occupants of the burning building, and hear their cries for help.

Covered With Ice  
Few of those rescued reached the sidewalk without a drenching of water over their flimsy garments, which turned into ice a few minutes later.

One of those unaccounted for was (Continued on Page Five)

#### WOODLOCK MAY LOSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A request that President Coolidge withdraw the nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock, of New York, as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission is under consideration by some administration leaders in the Senate.