

WEATHER

Generally fair Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy, local thundershowers in the interior.

THE GOLDSBORO NEWS

READ IN THE MORNING WHILE MINDS ARE FRESH—READ BY BUYERS BEFORE THEY BUY.

Member of The Associated Press

VOLUME SIX; NUMBER 115

GOLDSBORO, N. C. WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 13, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Geneva Parley Takes More Optimistic Turn; As Britons May Shave Cruiser Tonnage

Japanese Issued Warning That They Would Not Agree to Treaty Which Necessitated Beginning New Building Program; Japanese Openly Join With Americans in Pressure on British.

GENEVA, July 12.—(AP)—There were indications late tonight that the Japanese warning that they would not sign a naval limitation treaty which would necessitate the expansion of the Japanese navy was having its effect on the British delegates who showed a disposition to still further reduce their estimate as to total tonnage of cruisers. Friendly conversations are continuing with the belief expressed that the British may allow down the cruiser tonnage so that it will fall under the 400,000 limit to which the Japanese object and which the Americans will accept only as a last resort.

The Japanese have openly joined the Americans in bringing pressure to bear on the British in the hope of preventing the collapse of the conference.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The more optimistic tone of press advices from Geneva since the British delegation put forward a tentative new suggestion on the cruiser problem failed to find reflection in official circles in Washington today for two reasons. In the first place, while this tentative intimation that the British were willing to talk on the basis of a 400,000-ton total for cruisers, provided there was included sharp restriction of the number of 10,000-ton ships to be built has been mentioned in official advices, it has not been transmitted by Ambassador Gibson in any definite form.

Secondly Japanese insistence at Geneva upon a far lower figure than the tonnage proposal was construed to indicate that the real problem ahead is to reconcile the British and Japanese positions, not the British and American viewpoints. There appeared to be little doubt among officials here the Japan's insistence that she must not be asked to enter upon any increased building program in view of her economic situation would prove an important factor before the conference ends.

FRANK MOYE IS AGAIN ON TRIAL

Charged With Breaking and Entering Stores at Faison and Calypso

Frank Moye, Goldsboro man, yesterday went on trial in Duplin county Superior court at Kenasville charged with breaking and entering the stores of J. E. Nickers, Calypso; L. Taylor and Sons of Faison; G. W. Albritton, Calypso, and of attempting to enter the store of H. W. Dickenson, Calypso. A jury was secured late yesterday afternoon and the hearing of evidence will begin today.

Co-defendants with Moye are Amos Sullivan of Saulton township and John Lancaster, said to have resided in Duplin, Margaret Sullivan, in charged with aiding and abetting in the cases.

Moye was convicted of receiving at Green County Court not a month ago, given a fifteen months sentence in this instance, but gave notice of appeal.

The cases are the outgrowth of a series of robberies at Faison, Calypso and at Hookerton, John Lancaster turned state evidence in the Green county case and is expected to provide the state with its chief witness in the cases now on trial.

A jury was secured for the Moye case yesterday afternoon and the taking of evidence will begin today.

The father of Amos Sullivan was one of the regular jurors of the court who was excused when the case involving his son was called.

Judge Crammer is holding the court.

WILLIAM JONES DIES SUDDENLY

Blood Vessel Bursts and Fine Old Darkey Passes to His Reward

William A. Jones, about 55, known to thousands over Wayne county as "William" the negro janitor at the courthouse, died suddenly at 5: yesterday afternoon. He was sweeping out the office of Dr. L. W. Corbett of the Health Department when he suddenly toppled into a mass of bottles and testubes on a table in the room. He died within a few minutes. Cerebral hemorrhage is supposed to have caused death. He had suffered from high blood pressure.

Three years ago William gave up a job at the Goldsboro Hospital, a job he had held twelve years. He took the place as janitor at the court house. "I liked de folks at de hospitol," he said in explanation of his leaving the old job, "but I had ter work Sundays dere and I wanted er git a place whers I could tend my church on Sunday."

And he did attend his church, regularly and faithfully. He was a hard working, inoffensive reliable darkey. His sudden death caused a distinct shock about the courthouse yesterday afternoon.

FIRE DESTROYS A MINING TOWN

Business Section of 35 Houses Burned to Ground Within Two Hours

WEST BLOCTON, Ala., July 12.—(AP)—A disastrous fire, unchecked by feeble streams of water from broken mains, today swept through West Blocton, Central Alabama mining town and finally burned itself out after destroying all but a few remote dwellings.

The entire business section of some 35 houses, was destroyed within two hours after a gasoline tank in a pressing shop, exploded, scattering blazing sparks to neighboring store buildings, the Masonic Temple the largest building in time, which also houses the postoffice and a grocery store, was destroyed as was the local savings bank and all local telephone and telegraph offices.

EARLY EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE KILLS MAN

STATESVILLE, July 12.—(AP)—The body of Sam Kestler, found dead late yesterday at the old Kestler homestead on the Catawba river 10 miles from here, will be taken to Fort Worth, Texas tonight according to present plans. Burial will be in the family plot at San Antonio beside the body of his wife and children.

Unable Ray Alimony, Seven Springs Farmer Suicides

Worried over the fact that he had not been able to pay \$700 alimony ordered by the court six months ago, James J. Jones, prominent Duplin county farmer of near Seven Springs, 18 miles southeast of here, yesterday ended his life with a shotgun. Mr. Jones lay down across a bed in his home, fixed the barrel of his shot gun just below the heart and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous. The coroner of Duplin county viewed the body and gave a verdict of homicide.

Mr. Jones had been separated from his wife, the report is, and at the January term of Duplin county Superior court was ordered to pay her \$700 in alimony. He had been instructed to report back to the court which convened Monday, and not having had the money to pay, the court orders preyed upon his mind, those who investigated the case said. The deceased left three notes. One was addressed to his wife and was

JEROME MAKES ROTARY TALK

Equalization Fund First Fixed For Wayne Was \$27,715, Club Is Told

Four days before the State Board of Equalization announced sums apportioned to the various counties under the new \$3,238,000 fund, Wayne county was tentatively slated to receive \$27,715. County Superintendent J. T. Jerome told the Goldsboro Rotary Club at its regular meeting last evening. When the figures were issued, Wayne received only \$19,715.

Mr. Jerome compared the amount received by counties adjoining Wayne to make his point that Wayne valuation had been excessively increased as compared with other valuations. "You understand that the higher the county valuations the less you share in the fund," he explained. Wayne's \$11,715 was apportioned on the assumption that Wayne schools would within the county receive funds from wealth totaling \$55,000,000 at least \$5,000,000 more than the last tax books showed.

TO BRING BODY TO CITY TODAY

R. S. Lassiter, Former Goldsboro Man, Died in Asheville Yesterday

R. S. Lassiter, 60, former resident of the city died at Asheville at 2 o'clock yesterday and remains will be brought to the city for burial service today. Arriving on the morning train from the west, the body will be taken to a local undertaking establishment where it will lie until this afternoon, at 4 o'clock Rev. W. P. Watkins of St. John Methodist church, will conduct service from Salem Church.

Mr. Lassiter had been making his home in Asheville for several years. Surviving are his widow and eight children: R. S. Lassiter of Goldsboro; Mrs. A. H. Daniels of Goldsboro; L. L. R. A. and C. W. Lassiter of Charlotte; and Mrs. P. M. Lassiter of New Bern, and C. C. Lassiter of Florida.

Criminal Assault (Hearing Continued)

WILMINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Judge Harris, recorder for New Hanover county, today granted a continuance of the preliminary hearing of George Parker, 20 charged with criminal assault against a 17-year-old girl. Lawyers appearing for the youth said that he had not confessed to the crime as at first announced by officers who made the arrest. The defendant made the statement he would plead not guilty. The hearing is set for Thursday.

Ruth Clouts 30th And Ties Gehrig

CLEVELAND, July 12.—(AP)—Babe Ruth produced his 30th home run of the season today while Urban Shocker pitched the Yankees to a 7 to 0 victory over the Indians. Ruth's drive which put him ahead of Gehrig again, came in the ninth with a runner on base. While Gehrig failed to clout a homer he made a double and a single.

THREE DIE, 9 ARE HURT IN WRECK

Watchman Not on Line of Duty and Freight Ploughs Into Interurban

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 12.—(AP)—Failure of a watchman to be on duty at a grade crossing was held by the coroner to be partly responsible for a wreck in which a freight train crashed an Indian interurban car, killed three passenger and injured 9 here this afternoon. The coroner ordered both the watchman and the motorist conductor arrested until he could make further investigation.

In his preliminary investigation the coroner found that a derail at the crossing on the west edge of the city had been spiked for three years. A watchman had been guarding several 1000 cars since the system installed one-man cars. The coroner learned that the watchman instead of being at the crossing was several hundred feet down the tracks. With a terrific crash a string of box cars pushed by a locomotive backed around a sharp curve and ploughed into a steel car of the interurban line. The car was reduced to a mass of splintered wood and tangled metal. When first rescuers arrived the air was noisy with the spluttering live electric wires. Danger from these hampered rescue work.

THOUSANDS ARE SAVED YEARLY

Local Merchants Association Serving It's Members Well, Report Says

Goldsboro merchants are saved thousands of dollars annually through the operation of the credit bureau and through the services of the advertising committee of the Goldsboro Merchants Association, according to Mrs. Grace Warwick Poindexter, secretary of the organization in a review of the activities of the association yesterday.

"We have at least ten calls a day from members who are desirous of ratings on prospective customers who have applied for credit," said Mrs. Poindexter. "In each instance we make a careful investigation and inform the merchant whether or not the prospective customer is a good risk, if so, how much credit can safely be extended to him. This is a service which is growing more popular with our members, and it has been the means of protecting many merchants from unreliable people."

"A still greater service, however, is performed in eliminating the scode or more, advertising schemes which seek to right of operate in the city. Here is a file showing schemes which have made application for the purpose of soliciting local merchants in the past few months," and she displayed a great sheaf of letters.

"We prefer that our members expend their advertising budgets in legitimate newspaper advertising at the local papers. And a secret committee of the association passes upon all applications for permission to sell space in programs, feature notices, blotters and the like. Most of the schemes which seek the right to solicit the merchants are discouraged or the attempt and in this means we are saving our members literally thousands of dollars each year."

"We want our members to recognize the possibilities of newspaper advertising, advertising which will bring a result. And that is what our committee works for."

KILLED LEADER TO REACH STATE

President Irish Free State Discusses Murder of Kevin O'Higgins

DUBLIN, July 12.—(AP)—President Cosgrave today declared that the assassination of the vice president of that Free State council on Saturday was the "fruit of a steady persistent attack against the state."

This crime had not been committed by private individuals against O'Higgins. It was the fruit of a steady persistent attack against the state and its fundamental institutions. On the heads of those who have devoted themselves to that attack lies the blood guilt.

DEATH COMES BELFAST MAN

E. S. Strickland Dies Following Major Operation; Funeral Services Today

E. M. Strickland, 47, prominent farmer of near Belfast, died at a local hospital at 11:30 yesterday morning. Mr. Strickland underwent a major operation several days ago and did not rally from the shock. Funeral services will be conducted from the home at 1:30 today. Rev. J. M. Howell will be in charge of the service. Interment will be in the Pate burying ground in Stoney Creek township.

He is survived by his widow and six daughters, Mrs. J. P. Strickland, Mrs. Leslie Combs, Mrs. E. G. Ginn, Misses Thelma and Tiny Strickland and Miss Josephine West, the latter a stepdaughter. All of them live near Patetown.

W. A. J. E. T. R., and C. R. Strickland of Stoney Creek township are brothers of the deceased. Mrs. C. L. Jennette is a sister.

He was a reliable citizen, honest, industrious, and a man of many friends.

SECTION HAND STARTS A SUIT

Seeks \$25,000 From Coast Line Railway as Result of Fractured Limb

David Pollock, section hand, yesterday started suit for \$25,000 against the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. Complaint filed yesterday with Clerk of Court J. H. Hooks alleges that negligence of agents of the defendant corporation resulted in injuries to the plaintiff which warrant the sum asked. On one occasion the complaint holds, a jack was barred out of balance by a passing locomotive and striking the plaintiff on one leg and fracturing it causing injuries which kept the plaintiff in bed for weeks.

At another time it is stated, a hand car, was shoved by agents of the defendant company against the other leg of the plaintiff, fracturing it. The sum of \$10,000 is asked in one instance and the sum of \$15,000 in the other. The Plaintiff was unable to follow his regular occupation since the alleged injuries, it is held.

Make Big Raid in Stoney Creek Tues.

Deputy Sheriff E. R. Hales and Ashley Whitley captured a 50 gallon still and poured out 400 barrels of beer in a raid against Thompson's Chapel in Stoney Creek township yesterday afternoon. The moonshiners had evidently just completed a run when the deputies arrived, for the still was still warm from recent operation. "It was as nice an outfit as I have seen lately," said deputy Hales.

Spanish War Veterans To Seek More Members

RALEIGH, July 12.—(AP)—Durham was selected as the 1927 convention city and captain J. C. Benjamin, of Raleigh was elected commander at the annual convention of North Carolina United Spanish War Veterans which closed here tonight. More than 125 veterans attended the convention, the largest since the organization of the veterans three years ago.

District Odd Fellows Will Meet In City Of Wilson Next

The next convention of the Sixth District of Odd Fellows in North Carolina will be held in Wilson the second Friday in October it was decided at the convention here yesterday. More than 125 Odd Fellows and their wives and families from a dozen nearby towns were in attendance at the convention featured by an address by Silas R. Lucas of Wilson, and the election of officers.

"The lodge of Odd Fellows," Mr. Lucas said in a short but pointed address "has ever stood for veneration for religion and for good citizenship in all that the term connotes." He declared that every good Odd Fellow obeyed and respected the laws of his country.

The ex-mayor of Wilson praised the work the Orphan home is doing here and declared that no greater service to humanity could be imagined than a home caring for the fatherless and motherless. He praised especially in mentioning the activities carried on

Charge Man In Hospital Here With Being One Of Those In Prohi Agent-Shiner Battle

OCEAN FLIERS SAIL FOR HOME

Hegenberger and Maitland Given Rousing Welcome on Pacific Coast

CHERBOURGH, France, July 12.—(AP)—Commander Richard Byrd and his three companions who flew the Atlantic less than two weeks ago, sailed for home at Sundown this evening, aboard the Leviathan. They were weary from many days and nights of being idolized but very happy to be on the way back to the land to whose glory they had added much.

Also aboard the Leviathan was Clarence Chamberlin who made the trans-Atlantic flight to Germany ahead of them in the Columbia. Having gathered his European laurels long before the flight Chamberlin went aboard as any ordinary passenger might and gracefully retired into the background, while Byrd and his men were alone to receive the official farewells of France.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—Two California cities were stirred to enthusiasm today when Lieutenants Lester Maitland and Albert Hegenberger, army aviators, returning from their historic flight to Hawaii. Officials at San Francisco and Oakland were unanimous in the declaration that never at least as far back as they could recall, had their cities shown such enthusiasm or more made more noise than in the welcome to the aviators.

TANGLED LOVES CAUSED MURDER

Three Under Indictment For Murder of James Labouef, Wife Held

FRANKLIN, La., July 12.—(AP)—The tangled romance of a wealthy and aging physician and the wife of a neighbor tonight had led to the indictment of three persons on charges of murdering the husband. The trial is set for July 29. A grand jury returned true bills against Dr. T. E. Dreher, the physician, Mrs. Ada Labouef, widow of the slain man, and James Beadle, trapper, the latter of whom they alleged fired the shot which killed James Labouef, the husband. The murder is alleged to have taken place on July 1.

At the coroner's jury investigation the physician said that he and Beadle had disposed of the body after Beadle had shot the boat twice.

PLAY A GOLF MARATHON

ATLANTON, Kas., July 12.—(AP)—Two Atchison golfers lay claim to the marathon golf record of the central states by virtue of 130 holes played consecutively in one day recently over the Bellevue Country Club course here. They did it in 13 hours and 55 minutes.

The officers were playing the part of bootleggers in order to get incriminating evidence against the men. Lewis was in the act of paying for the whiskey when the trouble occurred, Sheriff Lane was advised. Luther Sermon had received \$40 from Lewis and when the later reached for his wallet he produced a revolver instead. He covered Luther and ordered him hands up. Meanwhile, Virgil, the sheriff was told reached for his gun and was covered by Lineberg. Virgil made repeated efforts to get his gun and was shot in the leg the sheriff was told in the efforts. He later succeeded in drawing his revolver but was shot through the arm by Lineberg in the act. His gun dropped to the ground, but Virgil caught Lineberg off guard and disarmed him. During this commotion Lewis turned his head to see what was going on and when he did Luther Sermon caught his gun and disarmed him. Lewis then ran, the sheriff was told, and Luther recovered the officers' gun and opened fire. Two bullets took effect in the officers' back. When he lost his gun Lineberg is also said to have hastily left the scene and was not located until early this morning when Sheriff Lane said he found him after coming out on a road near Dover. Lewis made his way to a farm house and was taken to Kinston and placed in a hospital.

Luther Sermon had not been located this morning, the sheriff said, but added that he would be able to effect his arrest without any trouble.

Craven County Officers Say Name is Virgil Sermon and Not Ira Swirton; Missing Agent Makes Appearance; Visits Sermon Here and Identifies Him; Lewis Condition Unchanged.

Virgil Sermon, Fort Barnwell man under guard in the Goldsboro hospital is charged with being one of the moonshiners who late Monday afternoon participated in a battle between moonshiners and Federal Agent, in a raid in Fort Barnwell section of Craven county. Sermon—such Craven county officers say is the name and not Ira Swirton as given by the man upon his entering the hospital here—was yesterday turned over to Federal authorities by Wayne deputies who had stood guard at the hospital.

United States Commissioner W. G. Britt visited the hospital and ordered that Sermon be held under a charge of intent to murder and of violating the prohibition act. It was indicated that bond in the sum of \$50,000 might be required in the event Sermon recovers sufficiently to ask for a hearing before the next term of Federal court.

Luther Sermon, believed to have been the man who brought Virgil to the hospital here, was still sought late yesterday as the moonshiner who fired the two shots into Federal Agent W. F. Lewis. The latter lay in a critical condition in a hospital last night and his condition was reported as unchanged.

Federal officer Lineberg, reported as missing Monday night, made his appearance yesterday.

Federal prohibition officer Wilson in company with Lineberg came to Goldsboro yesterday and Lineberg is said to have identified Sermon as one of the men who gave battle.

The New Bern Sun Journal yesterday had the following story of the fight between the shiners and officers.

Luther Sermon is accused of shooting Lewis, while Virgil Sermon is alleged to have been shot by Federal Agent Lineberg. Lewis' sole companion on the raid, inflicting wounds in the leg and arm.

The two dry agents, according to information obtained from Sheriff Lane this morning following his return from an all night investigation of the affair telephoned the Sermon brothers from New Bern and arranged for the purchase of whiskey. According to arrangements the officers met the Sermons on a county highway in the Winter Green section early last night. They loaded 200 gallons of whiskey on the two car occupied by the officers.

The officers were playing the part of bootleggers in order to get incriminating evidence against the men. Lewis was in the act of paying for the whiskey when the trouble occurred, Sheriff Lane was advised. Luther Sermon had received \$40 from Lewis and when the later reached for his wallet he produced a revolver instead. He covered Luther and ordered him hands up. Meanwhile, Virgil, the sheriff was told reached for his gun and was covered by Lineberg. Virgil made repeated efforts to get his gun and was shot in the leg the sheriff was told in the efforts. He later succeeded in drawing his revolver but was shot through the arm by Lineberg in the act. His gun dropped to the ground, but Virgil caught Lineberg off guard and disarmed him. During this commotion Lewis turned his head to see what was going on and when he did Luther Sermon caught his gun and disarmed him. Lewis then ran, the sheriff was told, and Luther recovered the officers' gun and opened fire. Two bullets took effect in the officers' back. When he lost his gun Lineberg is also said to have hastily left the scene and was not located until early this morning when Sheriff Lane said he found him after coming out on a road near Dover. Lewis made his way to a farm house and was taken to Kinston and placed in a hospital.

Luther Sermon had not been located this morning, the sheriff said, but added that he would be able to effect his arrest without any trouble.