

WEATHER

Cloudy and colder preceded by rain Thursday. Friday rain in west.

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FITZGERALD JURY OUT 6 HOURS AND NO VERDICT

State Claims Illegal Operation By Dr. R. S. Fitzgerald Was Fatal

Hastings Jury Got Case Yesterday and Debated It For 6 1/2 Hours and No Result

RESUME BALLOTING AT 9:30 TODAY

Hung Jury Resulted in Previous Arrangement of Richmond Physician

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 29.—(P)—Unable to reach a decision after 6 1-2 hours of deliberation the Hastings court jury in the trial of Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, local physician, was locked up last night, and will resume balloting tomorrow morning at 9:30.

RICHMOND.—(P)—The case of Dr. Robert S. Fitzgerald, Richmond physician, charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of Melba Victoria Royal, 18, of Sampson county, North Carolina, went to a jury in Hastings court shortly before noon today.

The jury had made no report to-night. The state contended that the girl died as a result of an illegal operation performed by Dr. Fitzgerald. A former trial ended in a disagreement.

The first trial held in January resulted in a hung jury. The girl died here in a hospital the morning of October 11 last, from the effects of an abortion, which Dr. Fitzgerald was alleged to have performed on her the evening before in his office.

It was brought out through testimony today that when Royal arrived here with his daughter the evening of October 8 from Fayetteville, N. C., after she had been examined at a hospital there the two were first driven in a taxi to the office of Dr. James O. Fitzgerald in Ginter Park and that he insisted that he was not the doctor they were looking for.

Another taxi was ordered and Royal and the girl were driven to the office of Dr. Robert S. Fitzgerald. It was testified by R. H. Beck, driver of the taxi, that the two were driven to the Franklin Hotel, where it developed that this Dr. Fitzgerald was not in his office at that time Beck testified. He volunteered to give this testimony today when he recognized Royal as the man who had hidden in his taxi the evening of October 8.

This was practically the only new development in the trial today. Royal made no reference to the visit to Dr. James O. Fitzgerald's office in his testimony at either the first or the present trial. According to his testimony, he first visited Dr. Robert S. Fitzgerald's office the morning of October 10, making an engagement then for the operation which was alleged to have been performed that evening. He testified that this doctor had been recommended to him at Fayetteville.

EX-SUITOR IS UNDER ARREST

Claim He Attempted to Blow up House of Woman Who Refused His Hand

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 29.—(P)—Blame for a dynamite explosion, tearing a hole in the floor of a room where Mrs. Lena Snell, Johnson, a widow of Columbia, and Mrs. Mae Sawyer, a friend were sleeping, and huriling the two women from the bed today was charged to J. S. Pope, described as a rejected suitor of Mrs. Johnson.

Pope, said to be of Atkinson, Pender county, was suspected and a search begun immediately that resulted in his being arrested and placed in the Tyrrel county jail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The arrest was made here yesterday after Pope had been trailed from Washington to a Craven county road camp where he was employed and back to Columbia.

MEDAL WILL BE GIVEN VEAZEY

Memphis Conference to Recognize Him As South's Master Farm Teacher

A. H. Veazey, agricultural teacher at Rosewood high school and voted the master agriculture teacher of the South, will be on the program of the annual conference of supervisors and teacher training in agriculture and home economics to be held in Memphis, Tenn., March 5-9. Veazey, who was given a tour through Florida and Cuba, in recognition of the distinction conferred upon him in his selection from among more than 1000 teachers, will leave here Friday afternoon for Memphis.

Accompanying him will be J. S. Howard of Salemburg, supervisor of vocational agriculture for this district. Mr. Howard is down for the first address of the program in Memphis and will discuss "The Project Load of a Master Teacher." Mr. Veazey will tell the Southern teachers about work of the instructor in agriculture, which cannot be gauged in actual records.

A feature of the conference will be the presentation of a gold medal to Mr. Veazey in tribute of the fact that he won the award of master agriculture instructor in competition with all teachers of the South.

Cuban Parcel Post Facility Is Ended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(P)—Beginning at midnight tonight which marks the modus vivendi extending the parcel post convention between Cuba and the United States, all mail parcels sent from either country to the other will be returned to the point of origin.

By the refusal of Congress to enact legislation for permitting the importation from Cuba of cigars in lots of less than 3,000 and the insistence of the island republic upon the termination of the postal convention of 1902, unless this was done, not even a pocket handkerchief may now be transmitted except by express or freight.

TO CONSTRUCT A SKYSCRAPER

Reynolds Tobacco Company Lets Contract for 21-Story Building in Winston

WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 29.—(P)—Contract was awarded by R. J. Reynolds tobacco company today for the erection of a 21 story office building here.

The structure, costing nearly \$2,000,000, will be built by James Baird Company, Inc., of New York and Washington, D. C.

Wayne Farmers Intend To Get That Extra \$200,000

Wayne county farmers seem determined to get that extra \$200,000 in revenue which Dr. R. Y. Winters of State College says could be theirs if they grew a longer staple cotton.

Since this information was broadcast over the county, a solid car load of seed for cotton of the improved and long staple variety has been sold through county Agent A. K. Robertson. Mr. Robertson has distributed 15 tons of the seed and he said yesterday that this would be sufficient to plant about 1,125 acres. The seed saved from this year's yield on this number of acres would provide sufficient quantities to plant about 25,000 acres in improved cotton in the spring of 1929, or about one-half of

BEGIN WORK ON POSTOFFICE ADDITION

LITTLE CHANCE FOR PARK NOW

Act of Congress Would Conflict With Suggestion of Park At Bentonville

The bill introduced in the U. S. Senate by Senator F. M. Simmons and in the House of Representatives by Congressman Edward W. Poir providing for establishing a national military park on the site of the Battle of Bentonville, in Johnston County, is in conflict with an act passed by Congress on June 11, 1926, according to a letter written by Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis to David A. Reid, chairman of the committee on military affairs of the Senate, copy of which has been sent by Senator Simmons, to Governor McLean.

The act referred to provides that a report must be made by the Secretary of War, through the President, to Congress before real estate may be purchased for military park purposes thus requiring action by Congress before such a real estate can be purchased.

The saving clause in the act is that the Secretary of War is given authority and provided with funds for having studies, investigations and surveys made of proposed military park areas. Secretary Davis writes that these investigations are now being made.

REED DENIES HE CONFESSED

Youth Charged With Dynamiting School in Effort to Kill His Sweetheart

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 29.—(P)—The confession of a red faced country boy that he dynamited a school house to avoid marrying the teacher, who was severely injured in the explosion, will be read to the Hiram Reed trial jury Judge Frank Hays, ruled today.

The decision ended a three day fight on the part of the defense to keep the confession from the court records. The young man's attorneys held he was mistreated by county authorities and that the state attorney misrepresented the conditions to him.

"I cannot believe the defendant did not know what he was doing," or "that he was imposed upon," ruled Judge Hays after hearing lengthy arguments from both sides.

Reed coolly told his story this morning and studiously avoided the steady gaze of his former sweetheart, Iola Bradford, who nearly lost her life when the stove at the Pleasant Valley school exploded. He denied repeatedly that he was responsible for the tragedy and repudiated the confession he made to the state's attorney.

Commander of Armies Of Italy in War Dies

ROME, Feb. 29.—(P)—Marshal Armando Diaz, commander of the Italian armies in the world war, died today.

ABANDON HOPE



MELBOURNE, Fla., Feb. 29.—(P)—Hope of finding the body of Harry Brooks, Detroit aviator whose "silver" plane plunged into the ocean here Saturday, was virtually abandoned tonight by officials of the Ford Motor Company.

"There is nothing we can do now," Sam F. Baker said tonight before leaving for Ft. Lauderdale. "We have done all we can and will just have to wait and let things take their course."

A youth on a motorcycle and a man in an automobile will continue to patrol the beach in the hopes that the body may be washed up, but fishermen said tonight that if the wind that shifted from the northeast to the south during the day continued shifting and reached the west there would be little chance of the body being recovered.

CARPENTER IS DEAD OF HURTS

Asheville Realtor Was Shot By Cousin in Fashionable Section of City

ASHEVILLE, Feb. 29.—(P)—After lying in a local hospital, in a critical condition since last Saturday morning William Sumpter Carpenter, real estate man, died this afternoon shortly before five o'clock. Carpenter was taken to the hospital suffering from pistol shot wounds inflicted by his cousin Everett Corriher, at the home of the later in the fashionable Grove Park section about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. An operation was performed in an effort to save his life, but his condition was regarded as very grave from the very first.

AN UGLY CHARGE AGAINST ELDER

Statutory Charge Against Girl Flier and She Does Not Answer it in Person

CLAYTON, Ga., Feb. 29.—(P)—Ruth Elder, the aviatrix, charged with a statutory offense in an indictment returned here four years ago, failed to appear when the case was called in Rabun Superior court today and forfeited bond of \$500.

The indictment alleged that the offense was committed in 1924 while Miss Elder, who was then Mrs. C. E. Moody, lived here with her husband, a teacher in a small mountain school. She later was divorced from Moody. Shuford Jenkins, described as an itinerant evangelist, against whom a similar charge was returned, has not been apprehended.

FAIL TO SETTLE DATE CONFLICT

Wayne and Lenoir Fairs Will Both Run During Week of October 23

The Wayne county fair and the Lenoir county fair will run at the same time this season. Efforts made by members of the Short Ship Circuit to arrange a new schedule which would break the conflict in dates failed.

Goldsboro and Wayne county's fair will get under way October 23 and Lenoir and Kinston's fair will be going at the same time. The conflict in dates could not be corrected as Nat Reiss shows, who held a contract from Lenoir Fair officials to show in Kinston on this date, refused to change their dates or release the fair Association. The Short Ship Circuit is resolutions adopted at their Wilson meeting had asked that the shows release the fair.

Fair secretaries of Eastern North Carolina were not so much concerned over the Wayne and Lenoir fairs running at the same time as they were over the fact that on account of this mix up in dates there will be an idle week somewhere on the racing circuit during the fair season. It was feared that horsemen and racers, facing the possibility of a week of idleness somewhere during the season, might not sign up in as great numbers as usual.

OBSERVE DOUBLE EVENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—(P)—A mother and daughter each of whose birthdays come on February 25, staged a double celebration here today. Mrs. Florence Dow celebrated seventh birthday and her daughter, Flo, observed her second.

ADMIRAL LONG NAMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(P)—Rear Admiral Andrew T. Long of Statesville, was named today by the State Department as an American advisor at the fifth meeting of the preparatory commission for the disarmament conference at Geneva, March 15. He will replace Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones who will be unable to participate on account of illness.

A SMALL FIRE HERE WEDNES.

Top of Residence on Greenleaf Street Ignites From Defective Fire

A house on Greenleaf street, owned by the Borden Manufacturing Company was burned about the top about 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The flames are supposed to have originated from defective fire in the chimney. Prompt work on the part of the firemen prevented the structure from being a total ruin.

This was the second alarm of the week. On Monday the firemen were called to the home of Mrs. C. E. Stanley, where in some unexplained manner the roof of a barn had caught fire.

ARBOR DAY TO BE MARCH 16

Wayne County Schools Urged To Take Part in Observance Of Event

A number of Wayne county groups are expected to plan exercises commemorating Arbor Day, which this year—for the first time in the history of the state—falls on March 16. Legislative action of the 1927 General Assembly transferred the Arbor Day observance from November to March.

The day was first observed in this State in 1892, but it was not until 1916 that there was a law enacted which definitely fixed a date for its celebration. The new law fixes the date on the first Friday following March 15.

Last year Arbor Day came immediately after the passage of the bill by the General Assembly and there was not time enough for the preparation of suitable plans for its observance, especially in the schools, where the principal emphasis is placed on its significance.

This year, however, intensive preparations are being made to urge every school, civic organization, patriotic society, and other organization to prepare suitable programs. As part of these efforts, the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development has addressed the principals of all high schools in the State, urging that some suitable program be given.

"In accordance with the action of the last General Assembly," says the letter, "Arbor Day will fall this year on Friday, March 16. The change from Fall to Spring has been made advisable by the increased length of the school term which makes it possible for practically every school in the State to observe this day while the school is in session."

LINDY GIVEN WILSON AWARD

Flier to Receive \$25,000 in Cash and Gold Medal by Unanimous Vote of Board

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—(P)—Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson foundation voted unanimously today to give to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh the Woodrow Wilson award, which will consist of the Woodrow Wilson medal and \$25,000, in recognition of his transatlantic and Central American flights. The date for the presentation of the award is to be fixed later.

Flood Relief Bill Received in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(P)—The Senate received from its commerce committee today a flood control bill incorporating engineering features of the administration Jadwin plan providing \$25,000,000 for Federal payment of construction cost but leaving to a commission the determination of how much interested communities shall pay of that sum.

Expect Creation of Group To Study City-County Bldg.

The creation of a joint committee to study the suggestion of a city county municipal building to be erected on the courthouse square loomed as a possibility yesterday. The city aldermen, the county board of commissioners and civic groups of Goldsboro and the county would be represented on a mission to study the project and to report its findings to the Aldermen, to the county board of commissioners and to the citizens generally. It was considered very probable yesterday that the city governing board would be asked to name a member or members on such a commission at the regular first Monday meeting on next Monday night. The county commissioners will also meet in regular session next Monday and they too might be asked to name a member or members to study the matter, it was indicated. The Kiwanis club at its regular Monday evening session appointed a committee to represent the club in securing facts of the project, but stressed the statement that the action of appointing the committee in no way committed the club in any action as yet. The Rotary club at its regular Tuesday meeting decided that the public relations committee of the club would be asked to investigate the proposition and to report at a meeting in the near future. (Continued on Page Two)

To Be Hurried To Completion

Possible That Wilson Firm May Finish Job Within Four Months, It Is Thought

If you are one of the unfortunate who for all these many months have been trying to rent a lock box at the local postoffice you ought to feel better this morning. For within four months—six at the outside—you will be able to get the box.

For work was begun yesterday on the annex to the Goldsboro post office building. Jones, Brothers and Company, successful bidders over a field of 15, started their work. The digging of the foundation for the 40 by 38 addition to the building on the east side and the construction of a steel house occupied the workers yesterday. The tool boxes and office—a wooden structure 16 by 27 feet—was completed yesterday and the foundations for the addition should be finished by 11 o'clock today.

The government inspector who will supervise the kind, grade, and class of materials used in the structure had not arrived yesterday, but is expected here shortly. Meanwhile the Wilson company had secured samples of the brick of the present structure and samples of brick from local manufacturers and had forwarded them to Washington for a final check up according to Postmaster E. A. Simkins.

The firm has six months in which to complete the building under the contract but Major Simkins said last night that he thought the work might be completed inside of four months—about July 1—provided no unforeseen obstacles arose.

The annex will greatly relieve the present crowded condition in the building and will provide much needed facilities, principal of which is space for about 250 additional lock boxes.

"The work got started nicely yesterday," said Major Simkins, "and it looks like those folks are going straight through with it. They know exactly what they are about and may be depended upon to make things hustle."

AIRPORT BODY MEETS FRIDAY

Will Decide on Date for Formal Opening of Municipal Landing Field

Dates for the formal opening of the municipal airport on highway Lumber 16 and the mapping out of a program for the dedicatory ceremonies will be taken up by the airport commission meeting in the city court room of the city hall tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. It was announced yesterday.

The airport commission is made up of representatives of the board of Aldermen, with M. E. Robinson, formerly of the army air service, as chairman, and representatives of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce. The selection of a plan for securing a suitable name of the field may also come before the commission at its meeting Friday.

As outlined now, the dedication and opening of the field may also come before the commission at its meeting Friday.

As outlined now, the dedication and opening of the field will be an event which will attract thousands to the city. Army and navy fliers will be invited to take part and an effort made to bring a great crowd of commercial fliers here. The field has been in use this week for the first time, commercial pilots carrying passengers and using the field as a land port.

CHARLOTTED SELECTED WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(P)—Charlotte was selected today by the Commerce department as the location for its new branch office in the eastern territory.