

CLINIC GAS EXPLODES; 95 DIE

45 OTHERS OVERCOME NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Deadly Gas Filters Through Four Story Hospital, Leaving Dead in Wake

FACES ARE YELLOWISH BROWN WITHIN 2 MINUTES

Two Explosions, Second of Greater Intensity, Brought End to Nearly 100

CLEVELAND, O., May 15.—(AP)—Polson gas and two explosions which followed burning of x-ray films in the Cleveland clinic today claimed nearly 100 lives.

Tonight there were 95 known dead and hospital authorities worked desperately to administer artificial respiration to 43 more who were overcome. Victims of the disaster were dying at short intervals and physicians sent out appeals for additional oxygen in the fear that the supply in the city might prove insufficient. Oxygen is declared the only effective means of overcoming the gas burns.

Nearly all the deaths were attributed to the deadly gas which filtered through the four-story brick building slowly at first and then augmented by a second and greater explosion than the first rushed up from the basement and cut off escape down the stairways and elevators.

Survivors said when those asphyxiated were dead their faces turned a sickly yellowish brown color within two minutes.

The fumes were given off by fire of undetermined origin which destroyed x-ray films in the basement. Some pharmacists said it was bromide gas while Dr. William E. Lower, one of the founders of the clinic said it resembled the deadly phosgene gas employed in the world war.

It was ironic that the disaster occurred in the very place where the most advanced instruments and laboratories of science had been turned again pain and death. The clinic was owned principally by Dr. George W. Dille, nationally known physician who was too occupied with relief work to comment on the catastrophe.

Despite the heavy loss of life, firemen estimated the property damage at only \$50,000.

Frantic scenes were enacted at neighboring hospitals after streams of ambulances began taking victims away from the clinic.

It was impossible to find space in wards and rooms for cots at Mount Sinai hospital. Cots were hastily placed in the hallways and desperate efforts were made to cut down the growing death list.

Even janitors and scrub women were pressed into service to help apply artificial respiration to victims or treat them for burns to supplement the efforts of doctors, nurses and internes.

A priest went from cot to cot givingunction who appeared dying.

Like scenes took place at Huron Road, Charity and Cleveland Clinic hospitals. The Cleveland Clinic hospital is near the Cleveland Clinic, a separate building.

Police had to battle with fear ridden relatives who were among the throngs gathered outside the county morgue where many of the bodies were taken at once.

Check by firemen revealed that the explosions occurred in x-ray films stored in the basement. Several tanks of oxygen, compressed by the heat, let go, adding to the intensity of the flames.

Upon the explosion, bromide gas, compounded in the films, was released in dense brown columns, according to a pharmacist at the building.

The deadly bromide, which burns on the sensitive tissues of the mouth, nose, and lungs, caused the victims to bleed profusely at the eyes, nose, and mouth.

A call was sent out over the city and state to rush all available oxygen tanks to the hospitals and clinics, for this, it is said, is the only thing that will save the victims.

GRAF SAILS!!

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, May 16.—(AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, giant dirigible, left Friedrichshafen at 5:27 a. m., (11:57 p. m. Wednesday Eastern Standard Time) on its second voyage to America. Dr. Hugo Eckener, the Zeppelin commander, said that prospects were excellent for a good crossing as regarded weather. To insure maximum comfort for the passengers, he said he probably would take the route over the Azores after quitting France near the mouth of the river Loire.

He said he expected rain over Germany and France, but that this had the advantage of assuring smoothness.

MILDRED TAXES CELL CAPACITY

300 Pound Woman Was Pouring Drinks For Friends When Cops Arrived

Mildred Brooks, Pine street negroess, was pouring out drinks for some of her gentlemen friends at her home behind the negro pool room at the corner of Pine and James streets yesterday about 1:30 o'clock when officers Joe and June Howell, of the local police force, walked in and "caught her with the goods." In spite of the fact that Mildred is exceedingly buxom, weighing nearly 300 pounds, a cell was found to fit and she was lodged in the city jail pending a hearing this morning at 10 o'clock on charges of receiving and having whiskey for the purpose of sale.

According to the police, the negroess was in the act of pouring some whiskey from a vessel when the two officers walked in. The woman broke the jar containing part of the "evidence" right before their eyes, it was said, but another jar was found, which was said to contain about a quart of liquor.

Third Infant Dies Of Whooping Cough

Whooping cough claimed its third victim in Wayne county this spring when Cedric A. Grady, four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Grady of New Hope township, died early yesterday morning. The other two victims of the disease were also infants only a few months of age. Physicians say that whooping cough, through the complications that develop, is highly dangerous to the young child. Funeral for the Grady baby was held yesterday afternoon in New Hope township.

"Doctor" Haig Goes On A Rampage With His Shotgun

Fanic reigned on Pine street for a short time yesterday morning as "Doctor" Frank Haig, former inmate of the State hospital, Raleigh, grabbed his shotgun and began taking pot shots at the landscape from his room window. Workmen engaged in digging a ditch for the city's new storm sewer system on Pine took to the bottom of their trench, after the matter of doughboys in France, for protection.

Fortunately the shots went wild and officers arrived to lead "Doctor" Haig away before he had wounded anyone.

A number of shells were found in "Doctor's" pockets. The News was told, and around each one was wrapped a piece of paper, giving the name of the person whose life it was intended to end.

"I will kill Charley Brown at 11 o'clock," read the rude inscription scrawled on the wrapper of one shell. But before 11 o'clock the unfortunate man had been taken into custody. Yesterday afternoon he was taken to Raleigh and again admitted to the Dix Hill hospital.

Convicts Elude Effort To Recapture Them

It was believed early this morning that two escaped state convicts seen yesterday at the home of Herman Rose in Fork township had made good their escape. The men, among those who escaped Monday from the State construction camp near Selma, appealed to a crippled brother of Mr. Rose for food and clothing about 9:30 yesterday morning. The brother hurried to summon Herman Rose from the field and the convicts escaped into a stretch of woods, but not until Mr. Rose had shot at them from a distance. Sheriff's deputies with bloodhounds brought from Smithfield, continued the search until late last night but without success. It was considered possible that the men might have escaped by boarding a freight train as railroad tracks run through the woods.

NAHUNTA PLANS FOR ITS FINALS

Dr. Meadows of East Carolina Teachers College to Deliver Annual Address

With commencement exercises for the consolidated schools of the county set for the latter part of this month, Prof. Earl D. Edgerton of Nahunta was yesterday the first to announce the final program for his school.

At 8 o'clock Friday night, the elementary department of Nahunta will hold the boards with a series of entertainments.

Friday evening, May 24, the Seniors will present their annual play, "Bashful Mr. Bobbs" is the title of the play to be given.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, June 2, Rev. S. H. Styrton, of Pine Level will deliver the annual sermon. At 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 4, Dr. L. R. Meadows of Eastern Carolina Teachers College will deliver the graduating address. Seniors present their program and receive their diplomas on the evening of June 4. Eleven members make up the high school class.

DAVIS MAY BE ISLAND GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Dwight P. Davis, Secretary of War in the Coolidge cabinet, is the most likely choice for governor of the Philippines and announcement of his selection apparently awaits information as to whether he would accept the post.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

Cornish, N. H., May 15.—(AP)—Five persons lost their lives and another was seriously burned here today in a fire which destroyed a 1-room cabin.

A TOY PAGEANT GETS BIG HAND

Children of Walnut Street School Join In Observance of Music Week

The children of Walnut Street school presented last night in a beautiful fashion the operetta "A Toy Pageant," under the direction of W. L. Frederick, with Mrs. Sam Britt accompanist. The operetta was artistically staged and most appropriately costumed.

Yvette Burlington, in a gold and white costume, as Titian's queen of the fairies, waves her wand over Frances Yelverton, as Wanda, who had gone to sleep in her child's bed. She wakes up to find herself in Toyland with toys of all kinds surrounding her. For the amusement of the Queen and herself different kinds of toys, dance and sing. First there come the "Fairies of the Clock" in costumes of every color and with flower-wreathed hoops adding brightness to their dresses. They dance straight through the grandfather clock, as it strikes twelve and range themselves around the stage to view the rest of the entertainment, different ones of them announcing the various subsequent numbers.

There follow the Doll Nurses in blue and white with their small charges, and they sing their babies to sleep.

The Soldiers in their gay red suits give snappy, real soldier movements to the delectation of the audience.

The Clowns turn handprings all over the stage and add still further to the gaiety of the scene in their varicolored voluminous suits.

The daintily dressed French dolls in their rose-colored organdy dresses and bonnets present a fetching scene.

The Sailors following in their all-white sailor costumes and give a "heave ho, my lads" gesture. The Wrangle Taggle Gypsies in their gay array make merry with their tambourines, and the Scotch crew in kilts sing in realistic fashion "Comin' Through the Rye," and a mixed and motley crowd composed of Humpty Dumpty—Addison Hawley; Pocohontas—Evelyn Dillon; the Quaker Lady—Mary Jane Smith; a Japanese girl—Jean Edgerton, and the Gold Dust Twins—Royal Spence and James Heyward—delight the Queen and Wanda. The Dutch children in their native costume, too, present amusement for the Queen and Wanda.

Other choruses in addition to the groups mentioned were sung. The entire performance reflected great credit on the school and all who helped train the pupils.

SIMMONS BILL IS ENDORSED

Hugh McRae of Wilmington Tells of Success At Castle Haynes

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Two bills today endorsed the Simmons bill to authorize and appropriation of \$12,000,000 to be used for the creation of planned rural communities in the South.

Appearing before the senate irrigation and reclamation committee which has the bill introduced by Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, under consideration, Hugh McRae, developer of Castle Haynes agricultural colony near Wilmington, N. C., declared that a plan he put into effect at the colony was working successfully. J. N. Patterson, Albany, Ga., pecan grower, told of conditions in the industry and asserted that action was necessary in order to restore rich alluvial lands along the coast which have been turned over to tenants which have produced only cotton and tobacco for years.

Extortion Gang Shoots Detective

CHICAGO, May 15.—(AP)—Detective Ray Martin was shot and killed today in an attempt to trap an extortion gang which had kidnapped Paul Blumenthal, reputed millionaire bootlegger and brother of a Northwestern University professor, the gang escaped under a fusillade of bullets from other officers.

SASSER TALKS OF AIR MAIL

Holds Goldsboro Is Logical City For Air-Mail Point for Eastern Carolina

"Goldsboro is the idea city for an air mail route distributing point if for no other reason than it is the logical mail distributing point for Eastern Carolina," assistant postmaster Ed. F. Sasser, of the local post-office told The News yesterday. Goldsboro is literally the "gateway of Eastern Carolina," and as such is in a position to give the maximum service in air mail distribution in the eastern section of the state, post-office officials here declare.

Secretary Walter C. Denmark, of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, is preparing a brief, which will contain all data relative to the desirability of Goldsboro as an air mail route stopping point. This brief will be submitted by a committee of local men at a hearing to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 23, at which time a decision is expected to be reached by government officials as to the direction the proposed air mail route through the state from Richmond to Jacksonville will take.

In spite of the fact that Raleigh has been suggested as a distributing point on the proposed mail route, local post office officials are working in conjunction with the chamber of Commerce in an effort to have Goldsboro chosen as the "point," and are hopeful that their work will not be in vain.

The local Chamber of Commerce has been working with the Wilmington organization for some time to have the proposed line routed by way of the two cities.

TENNIS TEAM PLAYS TODAY

Local High Racketers Meet Washington Team This Afternoon

The local high school tennis team will meet the Washington High School racketeers on the Washington courts this afternoon at three o'clock. Crow, Baker, Bain and Powell will represent Goldsboro in the doubles. Crow and Bain will enter the singles.

Washington has one of the best teams in Eastern North Carolina, and will present a quartet of clever players. The Goldsboro team has been holding regular workouts twice a day for the past week, but the locals are still handicapped by the lack of experience.

Harrison Is Opposed To Reapportionment

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Opposition to the bill authorizing the 1920 census and reapportionment of the house on the basis of the census was voiced in the senate today by Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, with the calling up of this piece of legislation on the Hoover program.

Harrison declared it was unfair to the house to initiate a bill in the senate affecting the house membership.

Charles Aycock Tells How To Subdue Big Alligator

A 7.5 foot alligator yesterday became a permanent resident of Sasser's mill pond, Great Swamp township. The huge gator was brought by Charles Aycock, native of Great Swamp, from his home in Bolivia, Brunswick county.

But the Wayne native had no easy task in getting the big reptile to the old mill pond.

"We saw her crossing the road near the house," Mr. Aycock explained yesterday while seated in the office of Sheriff R. H. Edwards, "and I kept her stopped while some of the boys went to the store for a rope to lasso her with."

"I got me a long pole, about 7 or eight feet, I guess, and good and stout. I stuck the pole in her mouth and such squirming and twisting as started you never saw. That's the

Aldermen To Again Be Faced With Petitions To Erect Gas Stations

Trade In Old Pants, Haberdasher Urges

WORCESTER, Mass., May 15.—(AP)—The "trade-in" market, which began with automobiles and has been extended to radios, furniture, typewriters, automobile tires and such, now has been stretched further to include men's pants. A Worcester store is suggesting in a window placard that customers bring in their old trousers and trade them in on a new pair. Old ones, in fair to middling shape, have a "trade-in" value of about 50 cents.

DINNER TONIGHT FOR MERCHANTS

Large Attendance is Indicated for Annual Membership Meet of Association

Yesterday's ticket sale indicated that upwards of 100 Goldsboro merchants and their employees would be present tonight for the annual membership dinner of the Goldsboro Merchants Association.

Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem, in charge of public relations for the Wachovia Banking and Trust Company, will deliver the address and State Secretary W. L. Dowell of Raleigh and D. Hollowell, First Vice president of the State Association, will also appear on the program.

In addition to the address, a number of entertainment features have been planned. John Edwards, member of the board of directors of the local association, will serve as toastmaster.

BOYD INSPECTS STRIKE FRONT

Refuses to Place Elizabethton Under Control of Guard But Threatens This

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., May 15.—(AP)—Adj. Gen. W. C. Boyd returned to the textile "front" today made a hasty survey of the strike situation and announced that developments did not warrant martial law in Elizabethton. He said he would make such a report to Governor Henry Horton tomorrow.

Civil authorities said if there were further outbreaks such as those which caused the arrests of some 300 strikers Tuesday they would request martial law.

KING RETURNS HOME

BOGNOR, Eng., May 15.—(AP)—After a stay of 13 1-2 weeks at Craigwell house where he slowly regained his health after a long and serious illness.

Dortch Renews Contention That Present Zoning Law Not Legally Adopted

QUOTES ALDERMAN SMITH AS READY CHANGE VOTE

In Statement to The News Mr. Dortch Recites History of Case

"If necessary I shall carry the matter to the Supreme Court," declared Hugh Dortch, local attorney, as he yesterday announced his intention of again raising the question of granting permits for filling stations at Ash and William and Ash and James at the next meeting of the board of aldermen.

In a statement to The News, Mr. Dortch, renewed his contention that the present zoning ordinance was not legally passed. He quoted J. Andrew Smith, a member of the board who voted against the permits Monday night, as having changed his views in the light of conditions and as being willing to vote to grant the permits now.

"Back in 1926," he declared, "the city of Goldsboro had no zoning ordinance. When anyone desired to build a filling station, permission was asked from the board of aldermen and was granted on its merits. Filling stations were all over the city of Goldsboro; across the street from churches and any other buildings in residential sections and anywhere anyone desired to build one.

"Mrs. Laura Bissell owned the property at the corner of Ash and James streets. The property was vacant and bringing in no income. Desiring to build a filling station which would produce a good income, she applied for a permit to build a filling station at that corner. The permit was refused her by the board of aldermen on account of the objection of some of the neighbors. Mrs. Bissell employed counsel who brought mandamus proceedings in the superior court against the board of aldermen asking that they be forced to grant permission for the erection of the filling station at that corner. The superior court granted the mandamus proceedings and ordered the permit to be issued. The city of Goldsboro appealed to the supreme court and the supreme court upheld the decision of the superior court. At the next meeting of the board of aldermen, the following taken from the minutes of the city clerk, which is a public record in the City Hall.

"Attorneys K. C. Howell and D. C. Humplrey, reported to the board last in the case of Bissell vs City of Goldsboro, relative to placing filling stations on the corners of Ash and Carter and Ash and James, the supreme court had decided against the city. At the solicitation of Attorney Howell proposition of Alderman Gillikin, the board adopted the following:

"Here Mr. Dortch cited the zoning ordinance which has been enforced since May 1927 and continued. "The so-called ordinances which restricted the placing of filling stations in certain places in the City of Goldsboro. A number of places are restricted on one corner, while the adjoining corner is not restricted. These ordinances were passed and Mrs. Bissell was not allowed to erect her filling station.

"Sometime later, Mrs. A. G. Barbary and Mrs. W. T. Dortch applied for a permit to erect a filling station on the corners of Ash and William streets, and permit was refused on the grounds of the so-called zoning ordinances. At a meeting of the board, permission was granted for Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Barbary and Mrs. Dortch to erect filling stations on the corner of Ash and William and Ash and James streets. At the same meeting, the so-called zoning ordinances were repealed. A few days later, at a special meeting of the board of aldermen, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Robinson, citing section 2775 "v" of the N. C. Code, 1927, which is as follows:

"2775 (v) Changes—Such regulations, restrictions and boundaries may

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