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## OFFICERS ARE OUTWITTED

**Man, Supposed to be Mentally Unbalanced, Takes Officers Guns and Escapes.**

Morganton, June 15.—A man named England living near Bridgewater and recently supposed to be mentally unbalanced played a sensational trick on Officer Lane and his assistants who had gone to his home to bring him to town Friday night.

The officers upon reaching his home and finding no one in the house, proceeded to search it. Finding a pistol they took it and left an unloaded shotgun in the house.

Going to the spring near-by, the officers found England and his wife carrying water to the house. Here Officer Lane informed him that he had come to take him to town.

England readily consented and was allowed to go in the house to prepare for his trip. In a moment England, after reloading the shotgun, pointed it at Lane, saying that if his pistol were returned to his wife he would go willingly. When the revolver had been handed to the woman she sided with her husband and both escaped through the back way and got the officers' vehicle first and departed, leaving the officers in a remote section six miles from the nearest telephone or telegraph station.

England and his wife drove towards Tennessee at full speed and the last trace of them was in the North Cove.

## SEVEN MEN BURN TO DEATH.

Milford, Mass., June 16.—Seven men were burned to death and 20 seriously injured when 80 persons were trapped in a burning Armenian lodging house early today.

The bodies were taken from the upper floors of the four and a half story brick and wooden building.

In addition to the 20 men taken to the hospital suffering from burns or from injuries received in jumping thirty sustained minor hurts. The interior of the building was burned out.

The fire, the cause of which has not been determined, started in the dining hall on the ground floor. When firemen arrived flames were shooting through all four floors. Escape by the two narrow stairways was out of the only means of exit was by jumping from the windows.

The victims were laborers and molders employed at a manufacturing plant in Hopedale. None of them had families. The money loss is small.

## PREDICTS TURKO-GRECIAN WAR.

London, June 15.—Another war between Greece and Turkey is predicted by the Times which says the unrest in the Balkans has become acute. Several states, it says, recently have been employed in clearing their newly acquired territories of "undesirable" elements and the Bulgarians have been the principal sufferers. The unrest is attributed by the newspaper to the drastic policy of the young turks in expelling all Greeks from Asia Minor and Turkish Thrace. It believes this policy is a prelude to a declaration of war upon Greece, the main object being the reconquest by Turkey of Saloniki and the re-occupation of Macedonia.

## ACCIDENTS AT HICKORY.

Hickory, June 16.—Several minor accidents which might have been more serious have happened in the last few days. Saturday a young son of Mayor G. T. Barger, of West Hickory, and another young man were riding a motorcycle through Highland, when the Barger boy who was driving the machine, lost control and fell. He was caught under the machine and severely bruised, but no bones were broken. The other boy escaped injury. Sunday, while rounding a curve on the Newton road riding a motorcycle in company with another man, a Mr. Coulter, of Connelly Springs, lost control of the machine and left the road, going over an embankment and jumping a ditch. He fell as he lost control and was dragged by the machine until it stopped. A passing automobile picked him up and brought him here, and Dr. Menzies attended to his wounds. He is still in a serious condition. While tearing away the large brick vault in the old First National bank building here this morning Arthur Lewis, a negro was caught under a mass of brick which caved in and sustained a broken leg. He was otherwise bruised, being almost completely covered by the brick.

## CARELESSNESS NOT TO BE TOLERATED.

Washington, June 13.—Carelessness on the part of vessel captains in the handling of their craft will not be tolerated hereafter by the department of commerce. With the recent disaster to the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river and the Old Dominion liner Monroe off the Virginia coast still fresh in mind Secretary Redfield so indicated today in a letter to the head of the steamboat inspection service, calling attention to the recent grounding of the passenger steamer Iroquois in the Hudson river for which the captain of the Iroquois is said to have received a 30 days suspension of his license. The secretary is convinced that the punishment often meted out to vessel captains who are in accidents is insufficient for the gravity of the offense. In his letter Secretary Redfield says in part:

"If there is no law to the contrary in the case I should say that this captain, if he had passengers on board at the time of this accident should have had his license suspended at least for the season on its being proven that he had run at unusual speed at night in a fog."

## Forest Fires

More than one hundred forest fires occurred during May in the national forest areas of the southern Appalachians, coincident with one of the severest spring droughts ever known in the southeast. The statements are based on reports of the weather bureau and the forest service.

The rainfall throughout the greater part of the southeast during most of March, April, and May was below normal, and in certain sections of the Carolinas in May the rainfall dropped as low as two per cent of the normal. The number of fires reported in the southeastern forest areas increased during the spring months, while the drought increased. Only 26 fires were reported for March, 89 for April, and 104 for May.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

**Items from Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.**

### HIBRITEN.

The nice showers of rain of the last few days have revived the drooping vegetation.

Mr. Rufus Wilson, son of Mr. Monroe Wilson, left last week for Valiska, Iowa.

Eld. I. W. Thomas held religious services at the home of Mr. W. H. Haigler last Sunday afternoon for the benefit of Mr. Haigler who is a paralytic and not able to attend church.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Lower Creek gave an open session Sunday night which was listened to by a packed house with close attention. The entire program was well rendered, and gave the large audience a lasting impression as to the workings and needs of Foreign missions, by the striking illustrations and object lessons given by the Young Woman's Auxiliary and Sunbeam band of the Lenoir First Baptist church to whom we tender our heartfelt thanks. Hoping that it will be conducive to much and lasting good. We would like to give the entire program but time and space forbid.

### AMOS.

## ATAK ON THE PISTOL.

(Charlotte Observer)

The carrying of pistols is a habit which cannot be outlawed, but it can be regulated to some extent. In New York the first real sensible attempt at regulating the custom has been made. The carrying of a pistol is legalized on the payment of a license of \$1 a year. What is known as the household privilege is also granted at the same figure, this privilege permitting a man to keep a pistol in his house. Of course this license tax is not going to suppress the pistol-toting habit—no law that can be framed will do that—but it legalizes the "industry" will have a good moral effect and will prove a source of revenue. As it seems impossible to prevent the carrying of pistols, it stands to reason that a law providing a license is the next best thing. The New York plan is the best yet attempted and it should become of universal adoption. We may never hope for the day when the North Carolina Legislature will pass a dog tax law, but there may be some hope for a pistol tax.

## UNIQUE CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

Washington, June 16.—An international conference unique in history is in session in Christiania, Norway, with delegates from the United States and Russia, Norway and other northern European countries present to frame a government for the world's one country without a flag—the Spitzbergen islands, commonly called No Man's Land.

William K. Collier, of New York, and Frederick Neilsen, assistant solicitor of the state department, are the American delegates.

Although No Man's Land has been known to the rest of the world for that it was found to hold valuable coal deposits. It is devoid of vegetation and has little or no animal life.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.**

Lightning struck and set fire to the Atlantic Coast Line depot at Caretee last Sunday afternoon. The building was burned to the ground, the loss being about \$3,500.

Eighty-one young doctors passed the examinations in Raleigh last week and received their license to practice. There were 118 students who took the examinations, thirty-seven failing to pass. Four of the ones to receive license were negroes.

The counties of Forsyth, Iredell and Davie are to receive \$90,000 from the federal government to build good roads. Postmaster General Burleson refused to grant money to Davidson County because the condition of the road there will not justify the expenditure.

Columbus, O., June 14.—Five men, four of them foreigners, are dead and ten are in hospitals, probably fatally injured, as the result of gas explosion here today in a trench in which a gang of laborers were laying a main. Five others, painfully burned, will recover, according to physicians.

John N. Camden, Democrat, of Versailles, has received his commission as United States Senator from Kentucky from Gov. McCrory to fill out the unexpired term of the late W. O. Bradley which ends March 4, 1915. Mr. Camden is a son of J. M. Camden, who was U. S. Senator from West Virginia from 1881 to 1887, and at present is a breeder of thoroughbred horses.

Governor Stewart of Montana has requested President Wilson to furnish him Federal troops to restore order in the Butte copper mining district, where rioting had resulted from conflicts between the members of the Western Confederation of Miners and the Industrial Workers of the World. Governor Stewart explained that there were only 500 militiamen in Montana and that he feared serious trouble within the next few days.

Greensboro, N. C. June 15.—Ladies of Asheboro Street Baptist Church came to the rescue of the suffering members of the other sex last night. When they requested all men in the congregation to pull off their coats and make themselves comfortable. The men gladly complied with the offer and no doubt enjoyed the evangelistic services in progress at the church more than they would have otherwise. It is understood that the men will follow the custom set last night during the week's services.

Raleigh, June 16.—Governor Craig granted a pardon today for Claude Blackwell, of Mecklenburg county, from the remaining half of a two years sentence in the penitentiary for the killing of Dr. Fred Misenheimer of Charlotte, three years ago in a hotel of that city.

The pardon is on account of heroic effort on the part of Blackwell recently at the Hickory Nut Gap convict camp when he tried to stop a runaway horse. Blackwell's leg was broken and he was otherwise injured and has never recovered fully.

War is about to crop out again in Greece. On Monday the government troops under the personal leadership of Prince William repulsed an attack on Durazzo, Alabama, by Missulman insurgents.

Washington, June 15.—Nominations of Charles S. Hamlin of Boston, T. B. Jones of Chicago, W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., Paul Warburg of New York and A. C. Miller of San Francisco, to be members of the Federal reserve board, were sent to the Senate today by President Wilson.

Raleigh, June 15.—The West Raleigh postoffice, the big jewelry establishment of H. Mahlers Sons, the Thomas H. Briggs & Sons hardware store, the Boylan-Pearce Company dry goods store and the Raleigh Motor Car Company, Louis Goodwin manager, all the biggest establishments in their lines in Raleigh, were burglarized last night, but a comparatively small amount of loot secured.

An investigation is about to be started in the United States Senate to find out why the official stationery of the Rules committee and census committee was used by W. G. Newman to promote the interests of the Gold Hill Consolidated Company located in Rowan county. Senator Overman is chairman of the Rules committee and owns an interest in the gold mine, but says he has never boosted the interests of the mine.

Washington, June 15.—Governor Stewart of Montana telephoned President Wilson today asking that federal troops be sent to restore order in the Butte copper mine district, where there is a conflict between the Western Federation of Miners and the Industrial workers of the world. There are said to be about 12,000 copper miners in and about Butte and only 500 militiamen in Montana.

Charleston, W. Va., June 12.—Hiding in abandoned coal mines by day and raiding by night, a band of robbers for two weeks has terrorized the Paint and Cabid Creek district. Their latest exploit was the theft of \$8,000 worth of merchandise from the coal company store at Crown Hill. A box car in which a railroad detective was believed to be hiding was riddled with bullets from high-power rifles.

Washington, June 15.—Harry K. Thaw today was denied release on bail pending considering by the Supreme court of his extradition from New Hampshire to New York. The court likewise declined to grant the auxiliary request for Thaw to be taken to Pittsburgh in the custody of Sheriff Drew, of Coos county, New Hampshire, in whose custody he was placed by Judge Aldrich when the latter held the state of New York was not entitled to extradite Thaw to New York.

Raleigh, June 17.—The North Carolina Medical society balloted from 3 o'clock this afternoon to 11 o'clock tonight on the selection of seven members constituting the state board of medical examiners for the ensuing term of six years. The final outcome was the choice of the following: Dr. J. C. Myers, Charlotte; Dr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh; Dr. I. M. Taylor, Morganton; Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Fayetteville; Dr. L. M. Stevens, Asheville; Dr. John G. Blount, Washington; Dr. Chas. T. Harper, Wilmington.

## EX-VICE-PRESIDENT DEAD

**Adlai E. Stevenson is Laid to Rest at His Home in Bloomington.**

Bloomington, Ill., June 16.—With business suspended and the city draped in mourning, this city today paid final honors to Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson. The body lay in state in the rotunda of the court house for two hours while thousands filed past.

The processions to the church were headed by a band, a troop of the Illinois National Guard, and surviving members of the Stevenson Escort club, a famous marching organization of the campaign of 1892, which accompanied the vice-president-elect to the inauguration at Washington. There followed 300 miners from the McLean county mines, of which Mr. Stevenson was for many years president, members of the bar association, the mayor and other city officials, and numerous other organizations. The first Presbyterian church held but a fraction of those who wished to hear the services.

The interment at the Bloomington cemetery was private. The list of honorary pall bearers included many men prominent in law, politics, and business, headed by James S. Ewing, formerly ambassador to Belgium and long Mr. Stevenson's law partner; former Governor Joseph W. Fifer; and Congressman Fitzhenry.

Among the notable persons present were former Vice-president Fairbanks, former Governor Francis of Missouri, and Governor and Mrs. Dunne.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson today signed the Panama tolls exemption repeal bill as amended in the senate, and agreed to it.

There was no ceremony at the signing. Assistant Secretary Forster was the only person with the president who signed the bill with a quill pen used by President Harrison in signing the international copyright law in 1891 and by President Taft in signing the Pan-American copyright treaty, the Lincoln Memorial Bill, and the Act Incorporating the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

The pen is the property of Robert Underwood Johnson, of New York.

## CAMP MEETING SETTLED.

(Newton Enterprise.)

There will be no controversy this year over the question of holding a camp meeting at Rock Springs. That issue was fought out to a finish last year. The trustees met last Saturday and have issued a statement that the meeting will be held at the old time second Sunday in August, and a lot of big preachers are going to be there. It was also decided that the big annual picnic which has for several years been held at the camp ground on the Fourth of July will this year be held July 11. The date was changed on account of the Lincoln celebration July 4.

The people of Newton have demanded better depot facilities of the railroads and the C. & N-W. and Southern Railways have proposed to install toilets enlarge the waiting and remove the side tracks. Therefore it looks as if Newton will get a greatly needed improvement in the near future.