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“More Time” Is Sought For King To Make Decision

WM. R. CROUSE, 81, PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CROUSE, PASSES

Had Been Critically Ill For Past Month; Funeral Services Conducted Today

William R. Crouse, 81, died Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at his home at Crouse. He had been critically ill for the past month and prior to that had been in feeble health for some time.

Surviving are his widow and the following children, Mrs. L. M. Nolen, of Crouse; Mrs. J. C. Dumas, of New Smyrna, Fla.; Mrs. Ethel Mauney, of Crouse; John Crouse, of Texas; Cleveland Crouse, of Crouse; and Harold Crouse, of Denton.

Mr. Crouse was one of the most prominent citizens of the county and was largely responsible for the establishment of the community, which bears his name. He was successfully engaged for many years in farming. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Mark's Lutheran church.

NEWS BRIEFS

Killed In China

Shanghai, China, Dec. 5.—George Newsome of Winston-Salem, N. C., has been shot and killed by unknown assailants at Hsuehchow, in Honan, it was announced today. He was an official of the Shuechang Tobacco Co., and was formerly in the tobacco business in North Carolina.

King Carol Awaits Hour

Bucharest, Dec. 5.—King Carol, who knows that it is to sacrifice a throne for love, spent most of today close by a telephone, receiving news bulletins from London. He is not permitting the Rumanian press to publish the story of King Edward's differences with the British Cabinet.

Kentucky Solon Succumbs

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Congressman Clover H. Cary, 51, of Owensboro, Ky., representative from the second Kentucky district, died at 9:25 o'clock (E.S.T.) tonight, from complications resulting from a pneumonia attack last winter.

Maxwell Off For Meet

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, left here today for Indianapolis, Ind., to attend an annual meeting of the national association of the state tax administrators, of which he is president.

Mule Causes Death of Negro

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—A runaway mule caused the death today of William Whitaker, 78-year-old negro farmer of Wake county. Coroner L. M. Waring said Whitaker's skull was fractured when he fell from his wagon to the pavement after the mule had started to run away. Death apparently was instantaneous, he added.

Auto Registration Gains

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Motor vehicle bureau officials, said today 548,355 automobiles had been registered in North Carolina this year, an increase of 37,799 over the same date last year. There were 512,176 automobiles registered during all of 1935.

JOHN L. NELSON DIES AT LENOIR

Lenoir, Dec. 5.—John Lee Nelson, 84, retired textile manufacturer and pioneer Lenoir merchant, died last Thursday after a five-year illness. A native of Caldwell County, he had served in both the senate and house of the North Carolina legislature, was a trustee of N. C. State College, of the North Carolina College for Women and chairman of the Board of Davenport College.

Mrs. Simpson Flees to France And It Is Reported Edward May Join Her

London, Eng., Dec. 6.—Britain's king early today studied "certain documents" handed him in secluded Fort Belvedere by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

What the documents were, or what they portended was not revealed, but authoritative sources said they might be:

- 1. First drafts of voluntary abdication papers. 2. An expression of opinion on the crisis from his majesty's dominion governments. 3. New proposals from his cabinet ministers.

Reports from Canberra, Australia, that Edward might abdicate Monday, were unconfirmed in London, where officials asserted that the summoning of the British cabinet to meet Monday afternoon showed there had been no decision reached as yet by either the king or his cabinet.

These developments were disclosed while a growing sentiment "to give Edward more time" spread through both supporters and opponents of a marriage between the monarch and the twice-divorced Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Wallis at Cannes

The former Baltimore belle, meanwhile, reached the Cannes villa of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers, former New Yorkers, after a two-day automobile flight across southern France.

Whether Mrs. Simpson would remain with her old friends or would avail herself of Mrs. Reginald Fellows' 70-ton steam yacht in the harbor off Monte Carlo, no one professed to know.

There were some who thought Edward himself might join Mrs. Simpson in the Rogers' villa, but there was no indication that the sovereign was considering such a plan.

With Mrs. Simpson safely secluded, for the time being at that rate, from the eyes of a startled world, friends urged the king to play for time in what they said was his continued determination to surrender neither his throne nor his right to marry as he chose.

Churchill Champions King

The partisan support and opposition to the match hardened more stiffly throughout yesterday (Saturday) with at least one influential statesman, Winston Churchill, publicly championing the monarch against the repeated demands of his prime minister to choose between Mrs. Simpson and the throne with no alternative.

Baldwin, bitter opponent of the king's association with Mrs. Simpson, held several conferences with high government leaders on the crisis.

Visitors to No. 10 Downing street included home Secretary Sir John Simon and Lord Chavron, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland whom Baldwin summoned from Belfast.

Simon has been said by authoritative sources to be desirous of avoiding a constitutional crisis through too strong representations against the king's actions by his ministers.

Keep Discreet Silence

Whatever went on behind the closed portals of No. 10, no one but the principals professed to know—and they kept the most discreet silence.

There were some informed persons who said a decision by either the king or the prime minister might be forthcoming at any hour, but the majority opinion was that not until Monday would the empire know the destiny of the crown.

Mass demonstrations in the streets of Edward's personal popularity, and the whole-hearted public support of Churchill heartened that section of the British public which would like to see the king's personal wishes prevail over the dictates of his cabinet.

On the other hand, those firmly opposed to the prospect of a twice-divorced, American-born woman's becoming England's queen, believed the fourth session between Baldwin and the king in four days indicated the prime minister would stick to his guns and insist on a speedy decision. (Continued on page two)

College Tries Liquorless Night Club



IOWA CITY . . . The newest educational experiment here at the University of Iowa is the liquorless night club. It was inaugurated in late November with a complete floor show of student performers, student waiters and student patrons. The idea upon which it is founded is "that students will have home town entertainment and will remain off dangerous highways over the week-ends." Photo shows the "Silver Shadow" opening night dined.

Julius Carpenter, 83, Claimed By Death

NEW MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE TO MEET DEC. 10

Extraordinary Term Ordered to Act on Social Security; Speaker to Be Named

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—North Carolina joined the ranks of States planning to rush through unemployment insurance legislation today when Governor Ehringhaus, in an unexpected move, called an extraordinary session of the General Assembly. The Legislature will convene at 11 a. m. Thursday.

Telegrams to the 170 members of the General Assembly were dispatched from the Governor's office this afternoon. Almost immediately, registrations began coming in to local hotels and State employes started clearing committee rooms of office equipment.

Although he is the only Governor in the United States without veto power, Ehringhaus did not pledge legislators to consider only unemployment insurance measures, as did Gov. George C. Peery of Virginia.

Under the social security act, States which have failed to comply with unemployment insurance provision by the January 1 deadline, stand to lose insurance benefits. Estimates have fixed North Carolina's share of the benefits at upwards of \$2,500,000.

Governor Ehringhaus gave no intimation of his intention to call the extraordinary session until his announcement this morning. Previously, he had maintained that the Cherry act, passed by the 1935 General Assembly, made this State eligible to receive the funds.

The special session, first to be held in the State since 1924, will be composed of legislators chosen in the November general election. A H. Graham, retiring lieutenant governor, will preside over the senate, however, as his term of office does not expire until January 1.

The regular legislative session will start January 6, and Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey will take office January 7. Governor Ehringhaus said an act conforming with the Federal ruling "has been practically completed and will be ready for presentation on the opening day of the (special) session, and can be quickly and fully considered either by special committee or committee of the whole and enacted in time for Christmas adjournment."

Finds 'Taken' Cash Pinned In Shirt

Seattle, Dec. 5.—M. M. Kelly reported to Detective Captain Marshall Scrafford that he had been "taken" for \$35 in a poker game. Then he went home to bed. Next morning he returned, grinning sheepishly. He had found the money, pinned inside his shirt.

JOHN H. GIBSON IS INSTANTLY KILLED BY GUN DISCHARGE

Was Out Hunting With Party Near Boger City When Accident Occurred

John Harrison Gibson, 43, of Boger City, was almost instantly killed Thursday morning when a gun in the hands of his eighteen year old son, Harrison, Jr., was accidentally discharged while hunting near his home with a party composed of his son, Harrison, Jr., Charlie Beal and Victor Beal.

No blame is attached to the son for the shooting, which, according to eyewitnesses was purely accidental. The gun carried by the youth was said to be somewhat "tricky" and in some manner was discharged, the entire load of shot entering the elder Gibson's body just under the left arm. He was rushed to a local hospital but died shortly after being admitted.

Gibson, victim of the tragedy, was an employe of the Boger and Crawford Spinning Mill.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Harrison, Jr., and J. C. Gibson, one daughter, Miss Minnie Mae Gibson, his mother, Mrs. Caroline Gibson, of Mooresville and the following brothers and sisters, George Gibson, of Kingsport, Tenn., Clarence Gibson, of Mooresville, Fred Gibson, Spindale, Mrs. Dollie Pruett, Forest Shoals, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from Knob Creek church in Cleveland county.

CONSTITUTION MAY UNDERGO MANY CHANGES

Amendment to Broaden Government Control of Agriculture Is Planned

Washington, Dec. 5.—A host of constitutional amendments—most of them designed to keep America out of war or to broaden Federal control over agriculture and industry—will be introduced in the new Congress convening January 5.

Senator Logan, (D-Ky.) announced today he would ask approval of an amendment firmly establishing Congress' right to "control the production of any x x x product which may move in or affect interstate or foreign commerce."

Another constitution change, permitting the voters to veto any declaration of war in a popular referendum, also will be introduced early in the session, Logan said.

A more drastic neutrality measure, forbidding the United States to engage in any war or even to prepare for armed conflict, will be offered by Senator Frazier (R-ND).

Senator Nye (R-ND) announced he was drafting two proposed constitutional changes, one to prohibit American participation in any foreign war, and another authorizing the conscription of money and factories in war time.

Fifteen amendments to give Congress power to regulate agriculture and industry or to establish minimum wage and labor standards were laid before the last Congress, and the same questions seemed certain to come up again during the next session.

\$300,000 in Scrip To Go Out Saturday To City Employes

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5.—The ghost, slightly dishevelled, will walk again at City Hall Saturday bearing \$300,000 in city scrip.

The second issuance of November-December salary scrip to city employes is scheduled for Saturday morning, and Atlanta banks were ready to cash it at par, City Comptroller B. Graham West announced.

Through an arrangement made by Mayor-elect William B. Hartsfield, the Coca-Cola Company has agreed to absorb \$700,000 of the city paper, and all banks have been advised to accept the scrip and place it to the company's account, replacing cash.

The company, however, will not take the November 20 issue of \$100,000, most of which was cashed by employes through private avenues.

Do your Christmas shopping early, and be sure you do it in Lincolnton. (Continued on page two)

Mass Meeting to Be Held Tonight to Plan "Community Chest"

New M.V.A. Head



ST. LOUIS.—Arthur W. Weaver (above), former Governor of Nebraska, is the new President of the Mississippi Valley Association. He was elected here at the 18th Annual Convention.

Since the E.R.A. Was Closed Many Needs Have Not Been Met

The citizens of Lincolnton have been called to attend a meeting to be held in the court house tonight at 7:30 o'clock at which time it is expected that plans will be made for a community chest or some other method whereby the needy and unfortunate in the community may be cared for during the winter months. All persons interested in seeing this work go forward are urgently requested to attend the meeting.

In connection with the gathering The Times has been asked to publish the following:

An Appeal to the People of Lincolnton

The spirit of sharing with others whose need is greater than yours is as old as mankind and the basis of civilization. Lincolnton's former organization of Associated Charities served the community well and commanded the financial support and the voluntary service of some of her finest citizens. Unfortunately, however, this organization ceased to function with the coming of ERA, and when ERA closed in December, 1935, Lincolnton had no organization and no private funds to supplement the county funds. As a result many needs could not be met.

Purpose of the Meeting

To organize a guiding body to plan a social welfare program for the community to care for the needs of unfortunates regardless of race or creed. A co-ordination of all forces in Lincolnton would eliminate duplication; prevent waste of time, energy and money.

The social service agencies are doing all they can to meet the needs of the present; they could do a better job if funds were available for the work. The aged, infirm and the children could be kept warm, medical care, hospital services extended to those who are unable to meet the expense from their own funds. These are acts of mercy, without which no community could expect to maintain its own self respect—needs which must be met.

With returning prosperity, and the renewed confidence which improved business and financial affairs has developed, it is reasonable and right to expect contributions sufficient to make possible these services.

We are experiencing the best year since the depression, and prospects for the future seem assured. What better mark of gratitude than to share to make Lincolnton a better and happier community; to make your own home more secure; to build for a stronger, finer citizenship.

To what fate are we going to design the afflicted men, women, and children in need of hospital care?

To what fate are we going to assign distressed, destitute families and children who were kept together by ERA and Lincolnton's organization of Associated Charities?

The answer is vitally important to many unfortunate men, women and children, and is just as important to the giver as to the receiver.

What is Lincolnton—what are you going to do about it?

Hit By Truck, Dies Hickory, Dec. 5.—John Penland, 32-year-old Icard dairyman, died in a hospital here of injuries received Tuesday when he was hit by a truck on an ice-coated highway.



JOE GISH SAYS—Be sure that whoever tells you tales about others will tell others tales about you.

BRITAIN'S PROCTOR CAN DENY DIVORCE AND CHECK FUROR

Can Rule Mrs. Simpson Indicates "Collusion" in Move For Decree

London, Dec. 5.—The one man in the world who can solve the constitutional crisis between King Edward VII and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin—and solve it with the single word, "No!"—faced a history-making decision Friday night.

Others may argue, pro and con. The British parliament may storm at Edward and demand the throne as the price for his defiance of constitutional law.

Edward himself, stung to desperate measures by "mere political" challenging of his "divine right of kings", may dissolve that parliament—or abdicate.

But only one man, neither cabinet minister nor politician, can end the chaotic conflict—temporarily at least—with a single stroke.

He is the king's own proctor, Sir Thomas Barnes, holder of what has sometimes been called "the most unpopular job in England."

Could Refuse Divorce By the simple expedient of refusing to grant Mrs. Wallis Simpson her final decree of divorce, Sir Thomas—armed with the full authority to take such a step—could stamp a legal "finis" to the dispute which has rocked the British empire to its foundations.

While king and cabinet may fight to the last ditch over Edward's decision to marry the onetime Baltimore belle, Sir Thomas has the power in his role as king's proctor to snatch the "casus belli" from the conflict merely by removing the lady herself from the legally eligible matrimonial list.

For Sir Thomas, according to high legal authorities, might rule that the present furor arising from Mrs. Simpson's friendship with King Edward offers sufficient proof of two things:

1. Defiance of the office of king's proctor, which is designated by British law to watch the conduct of Mrs. Simpson during the six-month interim period between the granting of her decree nisi and the final decree, next April 27.

"Collusion" Intimation 2. Evidence of possible "collusion" between Mrs. Simpson and her husband, Ernest Aldrich Simpson, in obtaining the decree nisi of divorce through an "amicable arrangement" to permit Mrs. Simpson to gain her freedom for marriage with King Edward.

Under British law, such evidence would entitle the king's proctor to refuse the final decree, thus making marriage between Edward and Mrs. Simpson impossible.

Closed For Year, Silk Mill Reopens

Bergamo, Dec. 5.—The silk mill owned by Count Orst at Tornodisola was reopened after one year's closure. An artificial wool factory is to be opened soon at Larbata.