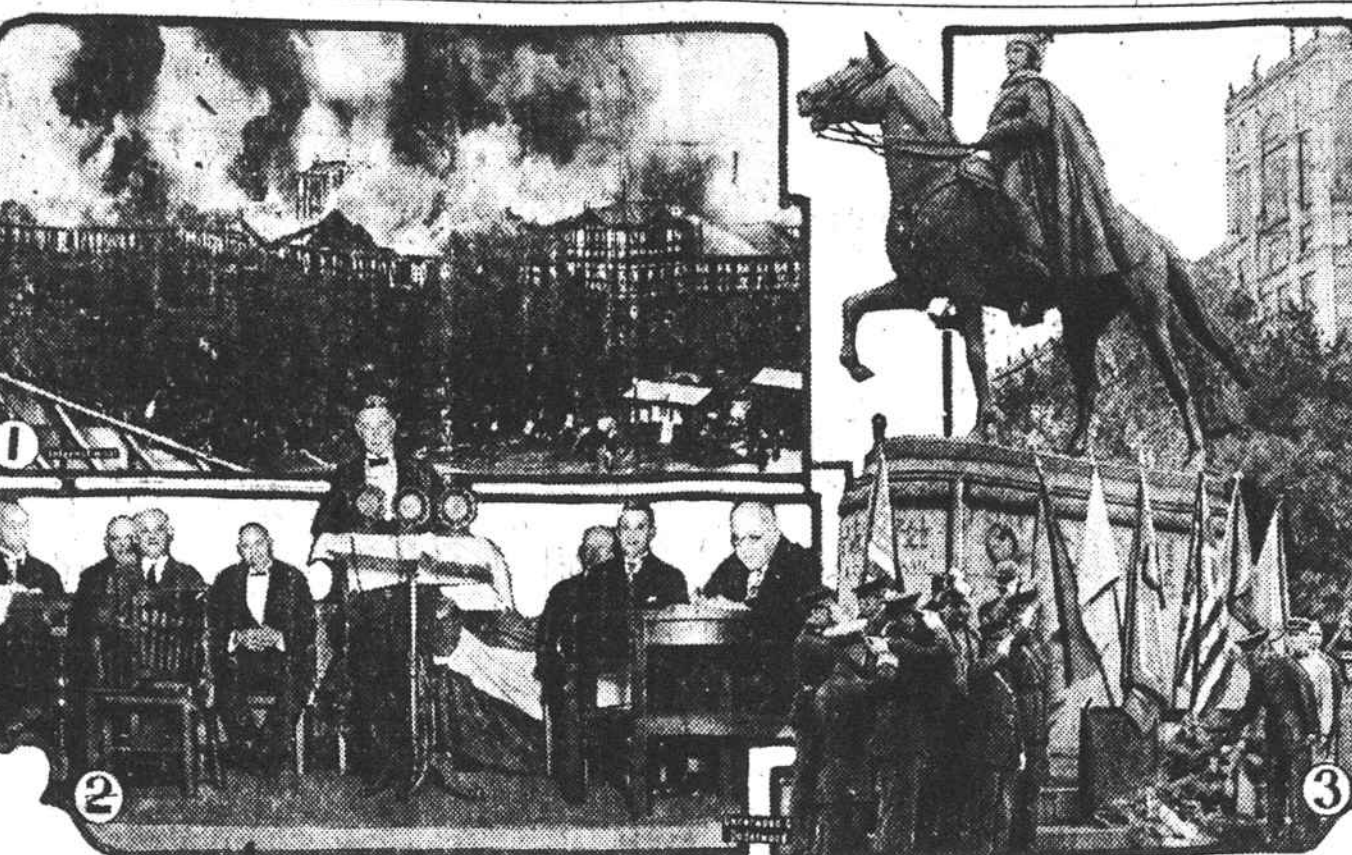


DOINGS IN THE TARHEEL STATE... NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA... SHORT PARAGRAPHS OF BUSY PEOPLE

Asheville.—First snow of the season fell in and about Asheville and near freezing temperatures prevailed here Monday... Greensboro.—Police here were notified to watch for Oscar M. Wilson, age 36, wanted by the sheriff of Henry county, Va., on a charge of seduction... Charlotte.—Authorities were searching for the slayer of E. Y. Rogers, whose body was found on the old Tuckasee road near here... Oxford.—The main building valued at \$50,000 of Mary Potter school, negro, was partially destroyed by fire which was thought to have started on the roof from a spark from the furnace which was lighted for the first time this fall... Farmville.—Sales of tobacco for the week on the Farmville market were 518,354 pounds which brought \$140,480.87, an average of \$27.11 per hundred pounds... Morganton.—A message was received by relatives here telling of the accidental death near Knoxville of Robert Tate, son of C. E. Tate, of Morganton... Henderson.—L. B. Simmons and his wife, who were arrested when police seized a high powered touring car in which they were riding, and 91 quart of liquor they had in the automobile, were given a hearing before Mayor S. R. Chavasse, in police court...



1—View during the conflagration that destroyed the Japanese parliament buildings. 2—Vice President Dawes, addressing New Jersey National Guardsmen at Elizabeth and renewing his attack on the senate rules. 3—Major General Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps, laying wreath on statue of Count Pulaski on one hundred and forty-sixth anniversary of the Polish patriot's death.

### NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

#### Allied and German Foreign Ministers Agree at Last on the Security Pact.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD  
SECURITY for western Europe appears to have been achieved by the agreement reached last week by the conference of allied and German foreign ministers and other statesmen at Locarno, Switzerland. Great tact and a spirit of conciliation were displayed by all concerned and obstacles that for a time seemed insurmountable were climbed over or removed. The most serious of these were the demands of Poland, but Poland's political and financial position is exceedingly shaky, and so she was brought into line by pressure from those on whom she depends. Germany was most insistent on a provision exempting her from application of article 16 of the covenant upon her joining the League of Nations, but was persuaded to accept a "gentlemen's agreement" by which the allies promised to use their good offices to obtain for her this exemption and also to provide eventually for colonial mandates... Morganton.—A message was received by relatives here telling of the accidental death near Knoxville of Robert Tate, son of C. E. Tate, of Morganton... Durham.—Commenting on telegraphic reports from New York to the effect that Mrs. Lillian N. Duke, divorced wife of the late James Buchanan Duke, will fight for a share of the Duke millions, friends and business associates here of the tobacco and power magnate declared that in their opinion the former Mrs. Duke was merely seeking notoriety and it was their belief that any action which she might start would result in failure on her part... Greensboro.—While the diphtheria outbreak in this city is nothik like an epidemic, there are now 30 cases under observation, the city health officer stated and a dozen "carriers" of the disease also isolated... Raleigh.—R. C. Ellison of 1041 Hinton Avenue, died in Avon Park, Fla., as a result of injuries sustained when he fell between the couplings of two freight cars. Mr. Ellison was a conductor on the Seaboard Air Line Railway and was badly crushed in the accident, both arms being torn off... Philadelphia.—A tale of an alleged secret rendezvous in the Russian quarter in New York city, where gems and negotiable securities of fabulous amounts were piled high on tables, and a coterie of men (including a lawyer and a bank examiner) who had possessed them, but were afraid to place them on the open market for sale, was unfolded before a jury in the Federal District court...

country's failure to reach a final agreement on debt funding. M. Caillaux is in the midst of a hard fight to sustain not only the temporary debt arrangement made in Washington, but his entire financial policy. Czecho-Slovakia's debt mission, headed by Dr. Vilem Pospisil, successfully concluded its business with the American foreign debt commission last week and an agreement was signed for the funding of the Czech obligation to the United States of \$115,000,000. TAKING advantage of general dissatisfaction with the high rents imposed on poor householders in Panama City, the Reds there promoted a series of bloody riots which the local police were unable to stop. Therefore President Chiari called on the United States for help and three battalions of the Thirtieth Infantry from Fort Clayton, in the Canal Zone, entered the city and took command of the situation. About the first thing the Yanks did was to raid the Bolshevist headquarters. One of the Reds was killed by leaping from a window. Quiet was restored in a day or so and business was resumed, but the clubs and saloons were kept closed by the Americans. Printers and signers of incendiary proclamations were arrested. The Panama government recognized that there was reason for complaint of high rents and President Chiari persuaded the landlords to promise a reduction of 10 per cent for the cheaper dwellings.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE announced on Tuesday that he had accepted the resignation of Secretary of War John W. Weeks, and at the same time he appointed Dwight F. Davis of Missouri to the cabinet position. Mr. Weeks has been incapacitated by illness since last spring and Mr. Davis, his assistant, had been acting secretary. He performed his duties well, and dealt so satisfactorily with the crisis precipitated by Colonel Mitchell's aircraft charges that the President concluded he was the best man to succeed Mr. Weeks. He is a young man, the youngest in the cabinet, but has a fine record, as a civil official in St. Louis, as a hard fighting officer in the war in France and as a member of the war finance corporation after the conflict ended. He is a leader of the Missouri Republicans and in 1922 nearly beat the late Senator Spencer for the nomination. Col. Hanford MacNider of Iowa, former national commander of the American Legion, was made assistant secretary of war. As a banker he is a capable business man and his selection is pleasing to former service men. The passing of Mr. Weeks from public life, foreseen for months, was pathetic. He has been the trusted adviser of two Presidents, a strong man in his party and one of the best loved men in Washington throughout twenty years. He is only sixty-five years old but his health is broken and it is understood he will soon leave for the South.

UNITED STATES SENATOR SAMUEL M. RALSTON of Indiana, who had been suffering for months from a disease of the kidneys, died Wednesday night at his home, just outside Indianapolis. He was almost sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Ralston was born on an Ohio farm, earned his living while acquiring an education and became a leading member of the bar and of the Democratic party in Indiana. In 1913 he was inaugurated governor of the state, and in 1922 he defeated A. J. Beveridge for the United States senate. He was a prominent candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in the national convention last year but, being already in ill health, he withdrew from the contest. The release of his votes started the break that resulted in the nomination of John W. Davis. Another death that must be recorded is that of James B. Duke, the tobacco magnate and former president of the American Tobacco Company, at his New York residence. It was only a few months ago that Mr. Duke gave \$40,000,000 to educational institutions in the South, most of it to Trinity college in Durham, N. C., the name of

with the Corn Exchange bank here for loans of \$271,000. "Perelstros told me how the deal had been put through in the Corn Exchange bank with the securities," testified Brandenburg. "He told me that he had been taken from place to place, until finally he found himself in a room—he didn't know the location—where there were a large number of Russians whom he did not know. He said there were diamonds, rubles, and gems of all kinds, and securities piled high on large tables."

**Loot So Large, Thieves Found No Sale for It**  
Philadelphia.—A tale of an alleged secret rendezvous in the Russian quarter in New York city, where gems and negotiable securities of fabulous amounts were piled high on tables, and a coterie of men (including a lawyer and a bank examiner) who had possessed them, but were afraid to place them on the open market for sale, was unfolded before a jury in the Federal District court.

which was changed to Duke university in memory of the donor's father. PROTESTANT Episcopalians in their triennial convention in New Orleans have been attracting a lot of attention. In the first place the conviction of Bishop William M. Brown on charges of heresy was confirmed by the house of bishops and, despite his resort to the civil courts, he was deposed from the ministry. Then the house of deputies voted to exclude the word "obey" from the marriage service and the proposal went to the bishops for acceptance or rejection. Next, the church abandoned its practice of filling the place of presiding bishop in accordance with seniority of consecration and resorted for the first time to election. Bishop Brent of western New York and Bishop Gailor of Tennessee were the leading candidates but neither could command a majority. Finally as a compromise Rt. Rev. John Murray, bishop of Maryland, was elected. He is sixty-eight years old and is classed as a conservative.

OF MANY witnesses heard by the aircraft board last week, the most interesting was Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired. As has always been his habit he "talked right out in meeting," devoting his remarks especially to the Navy department and its administration at present and in recent years. This he described as "unreasonable, unscientific and unmilitary," and he respectfully but unmistakably let the board know that his opinion of Secretary Wilbur was nothing for that official to be proud of. The department's conservatism in the matter of new weapons, marksmanship and other advances he described as unutterably stupid. He urged the necessity of a definite aircraft policy, asserting that the Navy department has not and never has had such a policy. He praised Colonel Mitchell but disapproved of his proposal for a separate air force. Four generals of the army, Summerall, Ely, Drum and Parker, also disagreed with the Mitchell plan, and Ely said officers who were asking it were not playing the game because they were not supporting the other arms of the service in time of peace and lacked loyalty and discipline. All agreed that the doughboy is and always will be the decisive element in warfare.

AMERICAN capital is to regenerate Liberia, the little Negro republic on the west coast of Africa, and at the same time is to undertake to smash the British and Dutch control of the world's rubber production. Harvey S. Firestone's rubber company is the one that plans all this and he announces that it will spend \$100,000,000 in Liberia, setting out great plantations, building towns, harbors, railways and highways and giving employment to some 300,000 natives. A concession has been obtained from the Liberian government, contracts have been let and work already has begun.

RENEWED attempts of communists to commit the American Federation of Labor to recognition of soviet Russia and to co-operation with the Russian trade unions were frustrated by the vote of the convention in Atlantic City. The delegates also rejected a resolution attacking training camps, instead declaring their approval of national defense and denouncing communist pacifists. Other actions of the federation were condemnation of ship subsidies in all forms, of the proposal for a uniform industrial court law, of "speeding-up practices" in government departments, and of Public Printer George Carter for alleged discrimination against union employees. President William Green and all other officers of the federation were re-elected.

ON THURSDAY the new prohibition enforcement machinery devised by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury department went into full operation, and as a starter in the way of economy two thousand prohibition agents and employees of the service were severed from their jobs. Some of these will be reappointed. Mr. Andrews has announced that the administrators would be held responsible for the conduct of their forces, and that they would be given a free hand in naming their subordinates in order that the latter could, in turn be held responsible to them.

## ROAD BUILDING

HIGHWAY BUILDERS FACE HARD PROBLEM  
The number of automobiles and trucks in this country has multiplied more than 12 times since 1913. This gives an idea of the tremendous problem faced by our road builders, and it explains why our highway system has not been able to meet the traffic demands. The extent to which motor vehicles can be used depends entirely upon the available good highways. The motor vehicle and the adequate road forms a combination which works for the best interests of the entire community.

During the 15 years that have elapsed since the start was made for a highway system in the United States, practically every type of road has been built, and of the few that have been able to come through unscathed the hard surface seems to have proven itself superior in actual service.

A surface which will remain even and regular and unchanged by the hammering of vehicles is one of the advantages of the hard surface. Modern traffic moves rapidly and the wheels deliver an impact far greater than that of any horse-drawn traffic. If the material of which the surface is constructed has not the rigidity and strength to sustain the weight and impact of passing loads the surface will be deformed into waves, holes and ruts, and the quality of evenness will be lost. Obviously, if a paved road is to be made good it must have a sufficiently hard surface to distribute the weight of heavy wheel loads over a large area of the underlying soil.

Such pavement surface is impervious to climatic changes. Heat does not soften the binder, permitting it to flow; cold does not make it brittle, causing it to chip. Its gritty surface gives as good traction when wet as when dry, thus preventing dangerous skidding. Los Angeles, Seattle, and Portland, where they have more or less rain during the winter, use hard pavements on the hills.

**Welcome Appreciated**  
In appreciation of the welcome accorded to the Pan-American highway commission when it visited this country last year, the delegates from the Latin-American republics have presented a bronze tablet to the highway education board at Washington. Commissioner of Education John J. Tigert accepted the tablet for the board. It was unveiled by Secretary of State Kellogg.

**Road Signs Under Ban**  
Connecticut has taken steps to rid the highways of signs, posters, billboards and other methods of advertising which, when affixed to trees, poles, rocks or other structures adjoining the highways, interfere with the vision of motorists, especially on curves, thereby increasing the danger of accidents. The penalty for violation of the act is \$50 fine or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

**Good Roads Facts**  
Completed federal aid roads now total 30,535 miles.  
Railroad taxation going to highway purposes is 3.3 per cent of the total highway bill.

There is a real back-to-the-farm movement under way. Hard roads have helped, for they have brought the farms close to the towns and villages.  
Gas tax funds in the state of Ohio will be spent in highway uses, according to the policy of Governor Donahay. The governor has insisted that the funds go to build as many miles of gravel roads as is possible.

Slag, one of the heretofore unused by-products of blast furnaces, is now used in making new roads and highways in England. Owners of great piles of slag that has been collecting for years are now taking a good profit on this erstwhile waste material.

There are 25,000 miles of hard-surfaced roads in the United States. California has 3,288 miles, the largest mileage of any state in the Union.  
A 228-mile highway will be built in England between London and Liverpool at a cost of \$325,000 a mile. The road is to have no cross roads and will pass through no towns. It will be double, with a roadway for slow traffic and one for fast travel, with no speed limit on the section for fast going. A toll equivalent to a cent the ton will be charged.

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**Speaking of Pins**  
Though a majority of women now have bobbed hair, hairpin factories still do a big business. Part of this business is due to the fact that so many hairpins are lost. Six people in a five-mile walk in London picked up 327 lost hairpins.

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