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BIG TRANSPORT DRIFTING ABLAZE

FATE OF FOUR MEN IN DOUBT. POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT ALL WERE NOT SAVED FROM THE NORTHERN PACIFIC. SURVIVORS PICKED UP

New York, Feb. 9.—Leaving the former proud transport Northern Pacific drifting ablaze to sink off Cape May, N. J., rescue craft tonight were making for Norfolk and Hampton Roads with survivors picked up from small boats.

Meanwhile shipping circles were awaiting their arrival with concern for radio messages flashing through the air since early this morning, when the fire broke out, left in doubt the fate of four employees of the Sun Shipbuilding corporation of Chester, Pa., whether the Northern Pacific was bound from Hoboken with a skeleton crew to be reconditioned for service on the West coast.

Early in the day these four men were reported missing, then rescued and again missing. The latest message from the rescue fleet received from the transport late this evening stated that the four shipbuilders were not aboard her.

Details of how the fire started also were lacking. Among the rescued was Capt. William Lusti, who commanded the transport during her dangerous trans-Atlantic trips during the war and when she piled up on the sands of Fire island in 1919 with 3,000 doughboys homeward from France.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Officials of the Sun Shipbuilding company tonight were without information as to the fate of four of the company's employees who were on the transport Northern Pacific which burned to the water line off Cape May today. They were in wireless communication with the Wylie, which rescued the crew of the Northern Pacific, but none of the four men was among those rescued.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—The steamer Transportation, with survivors of the Northern Pacific, which burned today off the Jersey coast, passed Cape Henry late tonight bound for Newport News. It was expected to dock in the early morning. Her only communication to the shore was a signal to the Cape Henry observatory that she had survivors of the Northern Pacific aboard.

The oil tanker, H. G. Wylie, bound for Hampton Roads with survivors of the wreck aboard had not been sighted late tonight. From information received here the names of four men who are reported missing following the given as Mallet, Kruger, Beckman and Hall.

IN FEDERAL COURT

Abbeville County People Get Sentences in Greenwood

Among the numerous liquor cases before the federal court in Greenwood this week were three sent up from this county. Orr Clinkscales was convicted and fined \$200, with an alternative jail sentence in Abbeville. Mose Williams was fined \$450 and ordered in Abbeville jail until the amount is paid. Georgianna Quarles, negro woman, was fined \$150 or to be confined in Abbeville jail until paid.

True bills were also returned against the following sent up by Sheriff McLane: Love Booth, E. M. Morse, Harris E. Landis, Dan Cade, John Roberts, Dewey Brown and Sam Rykard.

J. T. Drennan and his son, Lawrence Drennan, were business visitors from Lowndesville Wednesday.

B. SUNDAY SPECIAL MAY RUN TUESDAY

Dr. J. C. Hill has received definite information in regard to the Billy Sunday special which it has been suggested be run to Spartanburg next Tuesday. A letter to C. D. Brown, commercial agent of the Southern, is to the effect that the Southern Railway will run the special on a guarantee of 125 passengers, the fare to be \$5.03 for the round trip.

Dr. Hill hopes that the trip can be taken and to the end that the guarantee may be made he would like to get in communication with persons interested. There is no doubt hundreds of people in the county who have not heard the great evangelist and who may never again have so good an opportunity to hear Billy Sunday. It is thought that reservations may be made in the great tabernacle for the Abbeville delegation. If the trip can be made the train will leave Tuesday morning from the Southern station, returning in the evening.

Dr. Hill hopes to be able to make a definite announcement in Monday's paper.

SUIT AGAINST PREACHER

Negroes Ask For Damages Amounting to \$25,000

Orangeburg, Feb. 9.—A civil suit of importance has just been started in this county a complaint being filed a few days ago by C. A. Embly and H. W. Embly against a local negro preacher, the Rev. N. C. Nix. The suit is in the sum of \$25,000, and Messrs. Ed C. Mann of this city, and Mendel L. Smith, of Camden, appear as attorneys for the plaintiff. Nix is well known as a Baptist preacher and owns some property. The plaintiff is a carpenter in this city. All parties are negroes. The complaint charges that defamatory remarks were made against the plaintiff and his wife. It is understood that Nix has already procured well known local counsel and will fight the matter to the limit.

THINK OF STRIKE

West Virginia Coal Operators Consider Possibility

New York, Feb. 9.—West Virginia coal operators conferred today regarding the possibility of the strike. J. G. Bradley, one of the conferees, said no action had been taken.

In a formal statement Mr. Bradley who asserted the open shop policy was making gains, said:

"Provided the consumers take a vigorous stand on a policy of stocking coal at once, the non-union and open shop producers will be amply able to take care of the country's coal needs in case the strike is pulled off."

NEWS FROM JACK.

Jack Bradley writes back to the folks at home that things are not as bad up at Annapolis as he thought for. He states that the snow is two feet deep, but you don't have to go to school if you don't want to, they don't even call the roll, he says. With a new suit which Jack drew for the occasion and a good many other things from the haberdashery Jack thinks he will be able to pull the trade until commencement anyway. He certainly is sorry for brother Hugh back at home doing most of the chores about the house.

BANKS COME BACK

Anderson, Feb. 9.—The People's bank at Honea Path, which was closed January 10, was reopened for business today and it was announced that the Citizens' bank of the same town would be reopened Monday.

WORK SUSPENDED ON NAVY VESSELS

SECRETARY DENBY ACTS AT PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION. STEP TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF RATIFICATION OF NAVAL LIMITATION ACT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Construction work on 14 capital ships was suspended today by order of Secretary Denby under direction of President Harding. The step was taken in anticipation of ratification of the naval limitation treaty which resulted from the Washington conference and under which only three of the naval limitation treaty which pleted as war craft. The other 11 will be scrapped or converted to merchant ships under the treaty provisions.

Secretary Denby acted after Assistant Secretary Roosevelt had discussed with President Harding the terms of the treaty affecting the new ships. Mr. Harding approved the suggestion that work be brought to a standstill immediately on the eight superdreadnaughts and six battle cruisers pending final action on the treaty. In round figures the build operations, thus halted have cost the government approximately \$5,000,000 a month.

Following ratification of the treaty contracts for the new ships will be canceled. The ultimate cost to the government of this cancellation can not be determined in advance but naval officials believe that a considerable saving will be made through today's action.

Only one capital ship under construction was exempted from today's suspension order. She is the Colorado, more than 90 per cent complete, and which will be retained in the permanent fleet. Ships on which work was stopped included eight first-class battleships, the Washington at the New York Ship Building corporation; the West Virginia, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company; the South Dakota, New York navy yard; the Indiana New York navy yard; the Montan Maré Island navy yard; the North Carolina, Norfolk navy yard; the Iowa, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, and the Massachusetts, Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, Fore River, Mass.

TEN MILLION BOND ISSUE

For Building School Houses Is Now Proposed.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—A bill bearing the joint authorship of F. G. Harris of Spartanburg, J. R. Bryson of Greenville and T. J. Hendrix of Spartanburg, providing a \$10,000,000 State bond issue bearing 5 per cent per annum coupons, for the purpose of erecting school buildings in South Carolina, was introduced in the House of Representatives today and referred to the ways and means committee. The money is to be loaned to school districts by the State Treasurer under the designation of the State Superintendent of Education and the authorization of the State board of education. Each school district borrowing such money is to refund it in twenty equal annual installments.

MR. MORRAH ILL.

Mr. W. D. Morrah of McCormick County was here yesterday. He brings the news that his brother, Mr. S. P. Morrah was stricken with paralysis several days ago, and is now confined to his home, though he is thought to be improving.

A SICK BABY

Mary Salome Harris has been quite sick recently and has been taken to Columbia for Dr. Weston to look after her.

FEDERAL CREDITS TO ALL RAILROADS

GOVERNMENT FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED—HOOVER AND MELLON SAID TO HAVE PLAN BUT CONGRESS MAY TAKE ACTION. MUST GET EQUIPMENT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Means of lending the aid of the government credit to the railroads of the country are under consideration in administration circles, it was indicated today by high officials. Any such plan, however, it was stated, would not involve the use of government money for rendering financial assistance to the carriers but the use of federal credit.

Secretary Hoover suggested today that a government guarantee of equipment trust certificates would make them attractive to investors enable the roads to raise money for needed rolling stock without the expenditure of funds from the treasury. Secretary Mellon is also understood to regard favorably the idea of lending the government's credit to the carriers on the theory that better business conditions generally would result from improvement in the railroad situation. If any such steps should be taken however, in the opinion of Attorney General Daugherty, legislation probably would be necessary and in this case difficulty might be encountered in congress.

The need of the railroads for more equipment is their own difficulty, in the opinion of Secretary Hoover, who said it was up to the roads to take the leadership in presenting some constructive plan for providing funds. The railroad troubles, he asserted, were in "anticipation," which made any relief measure difficult of adoption at this time. He expressed the belief that if the shortage of cars became sufficiently acute there would be pressure from all sides to remedy the situation. Under equipment of railroads, he maintained, had its effect on the employment situation and upon agricultural conditions. Secretary Mellon is also understood to coincide with this view.

Use of the government's credit has already been extended to the farmers, Mr. Hoover pointed out, in the guaranteeing of farm loan bonds.

NEW FOUNTAIN TO OPEN

Mr. Anderson Expects To Be Ready For Business Next Week

The new fountain which will be operated at Austin-Perrin Drug Company by J. L. Anderson, former manager of the Cash Bargain store, has arrived and will be installed early next week. Mr. Anderson hopes to complete arrangements to start business by Wednesday or Thursday. He is considering a suggestion to give away drinks on his opening day.

The fountain and equipment are said to be modern in every respect and under the management of Mr. Anderson, who is experienced in such work, the new venture ought to prove a success.

ATTENDING THE FUNERAL

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Gambrell were her brother, Dr. John G. Clinkscales of Spartanburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blake, R. P. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Harvey, Mrs. Major and Mr. Sims Andrews of Greenwood, Miss Mae Etheridge of Woodruff, and J. M. Black of Anderson.

GREENWOOD VISITORS

Mrs. Sam Rosenberg and Miss Evelyn Rosenberg of Greenwood came over Thursday and saw Lou Tellegen in "Blind Youth" at the Opera House.

REVIVAL MEETING PROVES POPULAR

The series of revival services now in progress at the Baptist church are drawing capacity congregations at every service. The Rev. Mr. Skinner, who is doing the preaching, is a most attractive speaker and his good voice and fluent command of language are impressing his hearers in an unusual degree. The singing at the services, under the leadership of Mr. McCravey and Mrs. McCravey and Miss Ruth Howie as accompanists, is an excellent feature of the meetings. At the evening services Mr. McCravey usually calls on his chorus of children, which occupies the center pews, and then strong young voices add beauty and enthusiasm to the musical periods of the services.

It is planned to continue the services throughout next week. Only the evening service will be held Saturday.

BANKING BILL LAW

Penalty Provided for Making False Statements as Solvency

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The act prohibiting any person in the State circulating false reports with intent to injure any banking institution in South Carolina, has been a law since February 3, when it was approved by Gov. Cooper. The act carries a penalty of from \$100 to \$500 in fines or imprisonment of one year, or both, in the discretion of the trial judge.

The South Carolina Bankers' Association will offer a liberal reward for the conviction of any person uttering or circulating such reports.

"That any person who shall falsely and wilfully and with intent to injure," says the act, "circulate any report, or make any false statements as to the assets or liabilities of any bank in South Carolina, or to its solvency or ability to meet its obligations, or as to its soundness; or who shall make any other false statement, calculated to effect the credit or standing of said bank, or to cast suspicion upon its solvency, soundness or ability to meet its deposits or other obligations in due course, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court."

HARDING'S MINISTER COMES

Washington Pastor to Speak At Furman Commencement

Greenville, Feb. 9.—The pastor of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, the Rev. W. S. Abernethy, of Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Furman University's commencement exercises this year. The annual address to the literary societies will be delivered by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, professor of history in Richmond University, and a former president of the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Abernethy is considered one of the greatest preachers in America. It was he who was invited to deliver the opening prayer at the convening of the armament conference in Washington last fall. Dr. Mitchell is regarded as one of the foremost teachers of history in the United States and is a scholar of unusual attainments and highest culture.

DEVIL SICK

Thomas Dry Howie, the devil in the office of The Press and Banner, is sick at home with mumps. Tom is a prize student of the High School.

SENATE APPROVES MARKETING BILL

ONLY ONE VOTE IN NEGATIVE RECORDED—IN ACCEPTING HOUSE BILL SENATE OVERRODE ITS OWN JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house cooperative marketing bill, a measure designed to aid the agricultural interests and pressed by the farm bloc, was passed by the senate late today. Only one vote, that of Senator Merry (Democrat) of Rhode Island, was cast against the measure. Two other senators, Brandegee (Republican) of Connecticut and King (Democrat) of Utah, were paired against the measure and withheld their votes. The vote was 48 to 1 and the senate's action was regarded by some as the most sweeping of the victories yet attained by the farm bloc since, in accepting the house bill, the senate overrode its own judiciary committee which had reported a substitute measure. The substitute was defeated 56 to 4. The bill now goes to conference for adjustment of differences with the house.

As passed by the senate the bill retains the provisions which relieve the cooperative associations from the application of laws prohibiting trusts or unfair business practices, placing the authority to determine when such acts have been committed with the secretary of agriculture. The senate substitute would have made the associations amenable to the present laws and it was around this point that debate revolved in the week the subject was before the senate.

During the closing hours of debate today, reference was made to the bloc's power. This brought from Senator Norris (Republican) of Nebraska the statement that he had heard the bill had administration support.

"It is the first time in many months that the majority has come over to my side," he said. "It happens so almighty seldom that I feel I must make note of it. Maybe the administration is behind this bill. If that is so then I am glad they have come over into the same wagon with me. Whether they came because of me or in spite of me, I do not know, but I welcome them here."

The most important of the amendments accepted by the senate was one providing "that the associations shall not deal in products of non-members to an amount greater in value than such as are handled by it for members."

LOU TELLEGEN PLEASURES

Well Known Actor Delights Abbeville People.

Lou Tellegen, one of the best known and most popular actors in the country today, appeared in person at the Opera House last evening in "Blind Youth" and those who saw the performance was united in their enthusiastic praise. The audience, while not near the capacity of the house, was appreciative and it is doubtful if the actor has had a finer reception anywhere in the state. That "Blind Youth" was the best show that has appeared in Abbeville in years all are agreed, and Manager Verchot is being congratulated on bringing such performances to Abbeville. The caste certainly deserved a larger audience.

STORES CLOSE FOR REVIVAL

On account of the services in progress at the Baptist church the merchants have agreed to keep the stores closed from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock. This practice will be observed as long as the revival continues.