

THREE ARE DEAD IN ASYLUM FIRE

BROAD OAKS SANATORIUM
PARTLY BURNED; LOSS
ABOUT \$25,000.

35 PATIENTS ARE RESCUED

Georgia Woman Badly Burned; Expected to Be Fourth Victim of Early Morning Fire.

Morganton, N. C.—Three patients lost their lives and one other was probably fatally injured in a fire which partially destroyed Broad Oaks sanatorium, entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000.

The dead are John P. Green, Charlotte, contractor; Mrs. Isabella Herford, of Union, W. Va., who was found after the fire, smothered to death in her bed, and Julia Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Fla., whose room was cut off by the flames, rendering rescue impossible and whose charred bones were found following the fire. Mrs. Cornelia Gaines, a patient from Georgia, was terribly burned. It was said at Grace hospital, where she was taken that no hope is entertained for her recovery. Thirty of the 42 patients were women.

Mr. Green died the death of a hero, with a record rarely equalled in fact or fiction, according to attachés of the sanatorium, who credited him with having lost his own life solely in his efforts to save others. After he himself had escaped the burning building he returned repeatedly as the flames raged and brought to safety at least three women patients, all of whom might have perished except for his efforts. He finally was found helpless in the corridor and rescued again, but too late. His injuries were fatal. His action, in view of the fact that he was weak and had been in very poor health for several years, was regarded as exemplifying all the elements of the true hero.

Mr. Green was taken to Grace hospital, where at first it was reported that he might recover, but he lingered all day and then passed away as night came. His step-son-in-law, C. Newton, of Charlotte, came here after hearing the news of Mr. Green's injury, and was with him at the end.

When discovered by the night watchman, Durant Williams, the fire had already gained considerable headway. Doctors, nurses and attendants began at once a heroic effort to get out of the burning building the 42 patients in their charge and the Morganton fire company, arriving promptly on the scene, brought timely aid to them in this attempt. Many were carried out bodily. Firemen rescued several by ladders placed to second story windows, their work handicapped by the means formerly employed to prevent the escape of patients. Heavy screening had to be cut and windows broken through by axes. While the work rescue was being carried on the fire gained rapidly in the frame buildings which formed the north and east wings of the institution.

Shippers' Association Organized.
Houston, Tex.—The Southern Cotton Shippers association, to include all cotton growing states, was tentatively formed here. The proposed organization would embody several state groups, including the Texas Cotton association, the Oklahoma State Cotton Exchange and the Arkansas Cotton Trade association.

Among its purpose would be fostering of fair play in trade relations, elimination of misunderstandings between southern spinners and buyers of raw cotton, reduction of handling costs, and ultimate decrease in the margin between producer and consumer.

Residence Wrecked By Explosion.
Pittsboro—An 80-horse power boiler exploded near the depot, wrecking a nearby residence. Bricks from the boiler and other debris were thrown 100 yards, landing in a field of M. T. Williams and badly damaging his residence and others situated nearby. Twelve or 15 men were at work on the yards nearby, of whom several sustained injuries. Nobody was killed. Sherman Alston, colored, was struck by a flying brick bat 300 yards from the scene. A man on the yard in a truck had part of the steering wheel he was holding knocked off and his windshield broken, but he was not hurt. Windows were broken in homes several blocks away. It is said that the boiler was in bad repair, and this is assigned as the cause of the explosion.

6 Convictions in Mobile Liquor Cases.
Mobile, Ala.—Six defendants were convicted in the United States court as a result of the first day's trial in the sensational liquor raids by federal agents here last November. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$300 were imposed in five cases and the sixth was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail.

In the cases disposed of the defendants entered pleas as not guilty but made no effort to fight the government's charge, the cases going to the jury without argument.

200 SHAWNEE HOMES RAZED; EIGHT KILLED.

Kansas City, Mo.—The fury of the freakish tornado which held the Southwest in a grip of terror throughout the day was spent. In its wake lay 14 dead, scores injured, barns and houses toppled over, trees and telegraph and telephone poles uprooted and crippled wire and transportation service in a path of destruction blazed through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. Property damage is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The worst fate was suffered at Shawnee, Okla., where eight persons were killed, between 50 and 60 seriously injured and approximately 200 homes demolished.

The storm renewed its death dealing fury when it passed over Mississippi, leaving five dead in this state. Three persons were killed at Sikeston, one at Cape Girardeau and one at Shelbyville. One death was reported at Alton, Ill.

DOES NOT TALK VERY MUCH

FORT BRAGG MAN IS CHARGED WITH SOUTH CAROLINA MURDER.

Jenies Connection With Case But is Identified as Companion of the Dead Man.

Lexington, S. C.—J. T. Smith, soldier from Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, is in the Lexington county jail in connection with the F. R. Mason murder. He denies his guilt but J. H. Crawford and Jake Monts, Lexington county farmers, positively identify Smith as the man who came to their homes with Mason late on the afternoon the latter was killed.

Smith does not talk very much of his arrest. He stoutly denies that he is guilty. Officers state that he is apparently very nervous. They carried Smith to the camp site where Mason's body was found. Sheriff Roof was told at Fort Bragg that Smith had been given leave of absence to visit his home in Augusta for the entire month of March, but that he returned to camp on the 18th.

Sheriff Roof says he questioned Smith as to why he returned to camp before his leave expired but he gave no explanation. Sheriff Roof states that Clarence Rogers, Decatur, Ga., man, who worked on Mason's car and who saw a man with him, told him in Augusta a few days ago that he could identify this man.

Sheriff Roof stated that he would bring Rogers to Lexington in order that he may look at Smith. W. H. Covington, Ingleside, Ga., painter, is also being held. He has not seen Smith nor does he know of his arrest.

The dead man, whose throat was cut, was identified as F. R. Mason, of St. Albans, Vt., with business address in Binghamton, N. Y., and Birmingham, Ala.

Committee Votes For Tax Cut.
Washington.—The provision in the revenue bill for a 25 per cent reduction on income taxes payable this year, was approved unanimously by the senate finance committee.

This action was taken after a day in which the pruning knife had been used vigorously when the rate schedules were taken up. Other action at the night session included the modification of the corporation tax, insertion of provision to prevent issuance hereafter of tax-exempt securities and rejection of sales tax proposal.

Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, who proposed the action, said it would make no material change in this source but that present administrative difficulties would be lessened by elimination of the capital stock tax. The vote on the motion was five to four.

Senator Reed also proposed the amendment, which was carried by a similar vote, to make taxable the income from state and municipal securities hereafter issued. Opponents argued such action was unconstitutional and would have to be brought about by a constitutional amendment. Such an amendment was defeated this session by the house, which also rejected a proposal such as was adopted.

Both the corporation tax change and the tax exempt securities proposal were carried by non-partisan votes. Senator McLean, Connecticut, republican, and Gerry, Rhode Island, Walsh, Massachusetts, and King, democrat, Utah, supported Mr. Reed's motions while Senators Standfield, Republican, Oregon, and Simmons, North Carolina; Jones, New Mexico, and Harrison, Mississippi, democrats, opposed them.

Bank Robber Injures.

Los Angeles—One bank robber was slain, his companion crippled by gunshot wounds and \$12,000 taken from the Security Trust & Savings bank branch, was recovered during two revolver fights and a chase.

One of the robbers was fatally shot by a civilian who saw the two men commandeer an automobile truck. The second robber was shot and captured at Huntington Park, near here, by a deputy sheriff. From him the loot was recovered.

FIVE ARE DEAD IN HOTEL BLAZE

FIVE, INJURED AND SEVERAL MISSING AFTER BIG FIRE AT GRAND RAPIDS.

PROPERTY LOSS IS \$200,000

Giles Wade, of Grand Rapids, trapped in Building After Directing Guests to Safety.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Five persons are dead, five are in hospitals with serious injuries and several others are missing as a result of a fire that destroyed the Livingston Hotel, a six-story brick structure in the heart of the business district. The property loss is estimated at about \$200,000. The dead are:

Miss Bessie Marlowe, 32, of Reed City, Michigan. Her skull was fractured when she leaped from a fifth story window to the pavement.

E. F. Sargent, Grand Rapids, a carnival concession man, who died from injuries when, like Miss Marlowe, he attempted to jump to the roof of an adjoining building, missed and fell to the pavement.

Miss Jennie Evans, 60, address unknown, who died in a hospital after jumping from a fourth story window.

Giles Wade, 70, Grand Rapids, trapped in the building after directing several guests to safety. His charred body has been recovered.

John Kelly, 60, Grand Rapids.

Among those registered at the hotel and who have not been accounted for is E. W. Grinnell, member of the firm of Grinnell Bros., operating retail music establishments in Detroit and other Michigan cities.

Mrs. Paul J. Barney, 26, of Peoria, Ill., is among the more seriously injured. Her wrist and leg were broken when she leaped three stories from the fifth floor of the hotel to the roof of The Herald building adjoining. Her husband, who also escaped death by jumping to The Herald roof, is suffering from cuts and bruises.

The fire was discovered on the fifth floor of the hotel by N. H. Snowder, a guest, who notified the clerk, who in turn aroused the guests. It was six hours before the flames were brought under control. The Herald was forced to use the plant of The Grand Rapids Press, an afternoon paper, when water flooded The Herald basement, crippling the presses.

26 Killed in Theatre Fire.
Mexico City.—The short circuit of an electric wire in a motion picture theatre at Tacubaya City, a suburb of the capital, caused a fire and subsequent panic in which 25 persons are known to have been killed and at least 56 injured.

The wire, carrying high voltage, dropped from above and hung neck high in the main aisle, bringing death to those touching it in the mad scramble for the exits. Many were seriously injured or trampled to death under the feet of the stampeding crowd.

Stone Succeeds Daugherty.

Washington.—President Coolidge filled his second cabinet vacancy by selecting Harlan Fiske Stone, retiring dean of Columbia University School of Law, as attorney-general.

Having gone recently to the Pacific coast to get a secretary of the navy in Curtis D. Wilbur, of California, Mr. Coolidge turned to the Atlantic seaboard for his attorney-general and in Mr. Stone chose a present resident of New York City and a former New England farm boy. Mr. Wilbur was drawn from California's supreme court and Mr. Stone is being sought from a law school and from active practice.

The President selected Mr. Stone because he has known him for 30 years and has confidence in him; because he regards the New Yorker as possessing the desired qualities of thorough legal knowledge and administrative capacity, and because he looks upon the Columbia dean as a \$100,000 man willing for patriotic reasons to accept a \$12,000 job.

Mr. Coolidge chose Mr. Stone from a list of six and summoned him to Washington. Arriving in Washington on an early train, Mr. Stone and the President were in conference before most of Washington was awake in the morning and before 8 o'clock the President had tendered Mr. Stone portfolio and the New York man had accepted. Then at 8 o'clock the President introduced Mr. Stone as his new attorney-general to a dozen senators invited to the White House for a breakfast conference.

Ancient Indian Race Found.

Los Angeles—Skeleton remains of what appears to have been an ancient tribe of vegetarian Indians are being studied by scientists here as a result of excavations made near Coalinga, Fresno county, by S. M. Purple, geologist. Parts of a skull discovered by Mr. Purple indicated, he pointed out that the remains belonged to Indians of varying primitive types. The shape and condition of the teeth, he said, showed that their possessor lived on grass and herbs.

THREE FLIERS KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHES.

Honolulu.—Three army aviators were killed and two injured when a Martin bomber aeroplane, taking off at Luke Field, struck an air pocket, crushed to the earth and burst into flames.

The dead: First Lieutenant W. G. Moore; First Lieutenant Oscar Monahan; Private Jetsinger.

Private Torres and Private Balice were injured seriously.

The officers and Private Balice were members of the Twenty-third bombardment squadron; Jetsinger was a member of the Sixth Pursuit Squadron; Private Torres is a member of the Sixty-fifth Service Squadron.

BIG SNOW FALLS IN BALTIMORE

LITTLE DELAY TO TRAFFIC OR COMMUNICATION OCCA- Sioned.

SNOW LIGHT AND FLUFFY

Snow, Rain, Thunder and Lightning Greets New York First 1924 April Day.

New York.—A jazz snow storm, in which winter staged a rough dance with spring to a thunder obligato and lightning novelty effects, and finally tired out its trailer partner, swept the Atlantic states.

The freak storm was said to have set an April record in New York and in most of the country it visited. Winter sifted down a fluffy snow to a depth varying from four and a half inches in Connecticut to 11 inches in Baltimore suburbs. In all instances, the snow turned to slush directly after it struck the ground. It carried down telephone and telegraph wires about New York, interfered with harbor shipping, delayed commuters, trains and was responsible for a rear-end collision of elevated trains resulting in the death of one man and injuries to 15 others, with an augmented battery of snow clearing machinery, fought the storm throughout the night in five boroughs.

Baltimore, Md.—Sweeping up-coast from the gulf states, the heaviest snow of the season and the heaviest ever recorded in Baltimore in April was registered when downtown Baltimore lay under a nine-inch blanket. In the suburbs this depth was exceeded by two inches.

The snow was light and fluffy, however, and little delay to traffic or lines of communication was occasioned. Arriving steamers were running slightly behind schedule and no sailing craft cleared port because of the driving snow.

Electrical disturbances accompanied by sleet and hail were reported from several parts of the state.

The opening-day program at Bowie race track had to be postponed because of the storm.

Col. W. P. Wood Answers Call.

High Point, N. C.—Col. William Penwell Wood, of Asheboro, civil war veteran and beloved citizen, died at the High Point hospital after an extended illness, having been a patient since January 1. Col. Wood was well known all over the state and his death will be keenly felt wherever he was known.

He was born in Randolph county May 2, 1843, and was the son of Penwell Wood and Calista Burkhead Wood. He entered the army of the Confederacy in the war between the states when he was 17 years of age and fought for three years, spending seven months in federal prison.

Naval Paymaster Missing.

Washington.—Secretary Wilbur was advised that Paymaster Ervine R. Brown, of Coronado, Calif., has been reported missing from the destroyer Somers and an examination of his accounts has disclosed a shortage of about \$120,000.

Paymaster Brown was given leave from the Somers at Mobile, Ala., on March 10. He failed to report when the destroyer left Mobile and wired his commanding officer from New Orleans asking permission to rejoin his ship at Jacksonville, Fla., March 16. He did not appear at Jacksonville. When his accounts were examined the shortage was discovered.

Favors Government Paying Expenses.

Washington.—A plan to let the government pay the campaign expenses of candidates for public office was brought forward here by William Jennings Bryan.

Recalling that President Roosevelt once suggested such arrangement, Mr. Bryan said the senate disclosures had prepared the public mind for acceptance of the practical details of the plan and advocated quick action so it could be employed in the 1924 campaign.

The formal announcements of candidates would be placed before the house under the plan in bulletin issued by the government and there would be an additional appropriation from the federal treasury amounting to 10 cents per voter, apportioned among parties according to their last recorded strength.

Thus, said Mr. Bryan, parties and candidates would be saved from "obligating themselves to the predatory interests."

Army Appropriation Bill Passes.

Washington.—The Army appropriation bill carrying \$326,000,000 was passed here by the House and sent to the Senate.

Of the total, which is \$16,000,000 less than last year's appropriations and \$3,800,000 less than the budget estimates, \$37,250,000 would be available for river and harbor.

As sent to the Senate, the bill provides for maintenance for another year of the regular Army at its present authorized strength of 12,000, officers and 125,000 enlisted men.

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