

TWO SOLDIERS DIE IN WRECK

WERE ON WAY TO HAMLET WITH REGIMENTAL BASE BALL TEAM.

Fayetteville.—Warrant Officer W. A. Cross, 44, and Sergeant Harry J. Weideman, 37, of the seventeenth field artillery, Fort Bragg, were killed instantly in an automobile accident while on their way to Hamlet with their regimental baseball team.

The accident occurred at the concrete bridge at the Hoke-Cumberland county line, where Mr. Cross' car stopped at the scene of an automobile wreck. A machine gun truck bearing other members of the team rounded the curve on the hill approaching the bridge, and the driver was unable to stop until the heavy truck had crashed into the touring car, throwing it over the embankment.

Mr. Cross and Sergeant Weideman were on the front seat of the car and were crushed to death. Sergeants Alsea Davidson, Herbert Williams and Harry Heff, in the rear seat, escaped with minor injuries. Several of the men in the truck also sustained slight injuries.

A board of officers from Fort Bragg were appointed to investigate the accident immediately after its occurrence. Warrant Officer Cross had been coach of the seventeenth ball team for two years and he and Sergeant Weideman were well known throughout the state. Both were soldiers of a high type, probably the most popular men of their regiment, and their tragic death has cast a gloom over the post among all ranks of the garrison.

Mr. Cross was from Asheboro. He leaves a wife and three children. Sergeant Weideman was unmarried, Groversville, N. Y., was his home.

4 Deaths on Same Road in a Week.

Raeford.—The third wreck of the week and the second of the day to happen in Hoke county occurred when two soldiers of Fort Bragg were instantly killed by an oncoming White truck on the Raeford-Fayetteville highway.

The car, a five-passenger Nash, ignited a fire turned over, and was completely burned.

The soldiers, en route to Hamlet to play baseball, were slowing to take a curve at the bottom of a hill. Immediately behind them was a large White truck also containing players. The truck having no brakes crashed into the car, turning it over a five foot embankment. Three other men in the rear seat were uninjured.

At the same place at an early hour a car containing two boys and two girls ran into the concrete bridge and was completely demolished. All were injured, two severely, and were rushed to the hospital. This car had not been removed when the soldiers were killed.

Two negroes were also killed on this highway last Friday, this making a total of four killed within a week.

Miners to Give Exhibit.

Springfield, Ill.—Ninety judges will be required in determining the standing of teams entered in the International Mine rescue and first aid contests, to be held here September 10-12.

Eighty teams of six men each, including champion teams from many states, have indicated their intention of competing. Thomas T. Read of Washington, safety service director of the Federal bureau of mines, said state champion teams would come from Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Louisiana. It is also likely that Mexico will send a team.

The mine rescue teams will prove a country-wide attraction. A temporary gallery to represent a mine will be erected next to the state arsenal and will be filled with a gaseous mixture of formaldehyde and sulphur. To prevent any sectionalism influencing the judges, the teams will be known by number only. Awards will be made at a banquet. It is planned to take all the contestants on a trip to Lincoln's tomb.

Princess Gives Property For Blind.

Baltimore.—The Washington residence of the Princess von der Lippe-Lipski, was presented formally to Lieut. Raymond Day, president of the Blind Veterans association, to be used as a permanent home for blind veterans of the World war. The presentation took place at Evergreen School for the Blind, where the necessary transfer papers were signed. The princess came from Washington and was escorted to the school by Mrs. Henry F. Baker, former national president of the Service Star Legion, War Mothers of America.

Fire Sweeps Home Town of Lodge.

Nehant, Mass.—Fire starting in a boys' club house destroyed between 40 and 50 cottages in Nehant, home town of the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. The damage was estimated at \$350,000. Three of the buildings burned were lodging houses and it was said eighteen of the houses were occupied the year around.

The origin of the fire was undetermined. It started in Winthrop cottage, used as a clubhouse by a group of boys and young men.

5,000 CHINESE DEAD IN QUAKE.

Peking.—Five thousand lives were lost in the earthquake and fire that destroyed the town of Taifu in northwest Yunnan March 18, according to Father Salvat of the Catholic mission there, whose story of the holocaust has just reached Peking.

Taifu is almost inaccessible except by river from the gulf of Tonking, and the letter in question had been en route since March 20, when the earth shocks still were continuing. The town itself was almost entirely destroyed, only the wall and a few houses remaining, the letter disclosed. Hundreds of people were trapped in the flames which followed the first shocks. Four or five neighboring towns also suffered severely.

4-POWER PACT EUROPE SIGNED

IT WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO GERMANY FOR SIGNING.

Geneva.—Great Britain and France reached a complete accord on the problem of European security, and if Germany, to whom the accord soon will be sent, agrees to the conditions, a four-power pact will come into being based on the inviolability of the Rhine frontier as are limited by the Versailles treaty.

The pact will include Great Britain, France, Belgium and Germany. Italy is not included, though the text will be communicated to her out of courtesy, and Poland and Czechoslovakia are not directly affected, though they will benefit by the operation of France's alliance with them.

The next step in the negotiations will be the dispatch by France to Germany, also in behalf of Great Britain and Belgium, of a letter replying to Germany's offer to negotiate a pact of guarantees for the German frontiers bordering on France and Belgium.

There are some indications of disappointment in Polish and Czechoslovakian circles that their countries do not specifically enter the domain of the proposed pact.

It is understood that Great Britain agrees to come to the support of France with her entire military, naval and air forces in case France is attacked or in case of any aggression across the Rhine district. This constitutes an elaboration of an obligation already contained in the Versailles treaty whereby the allies agree to regard as a hostile act any infringement of the demilitarized zone between France and Germany.

Germany's Payments.

Berlin.—Germany's reparations payments through the office of the agent general totaled 100,100,000 marks during May. Of this France received 42,500,000 marks, chiefly in deliveries of coal, coke, lignite and chemicals. England received 10,800,000 marks of which 7,800 marks were credited to payments under the recovery act. Other sums were devoted to vote various payments under the Dawes plan.

Mine Gas Blast Claims 17 Men.

Sturgis, Ky.—Five bodies, three of them unidentified, had been found in the workings of the explosion-wrecked mine No. 9 of the Kentucky Coal Mining company. All of the known victims were negroes. Twelve men remain in the mine and are all believed dead. A pocket of gas, ignited by a miner's lamp, is believed to have caused the disaster.

Another rescue crew of picked men was being organized to reenter the mine to assist in the search for other victims. Mud in some places was found a foot and a half deep.

To Inspect Shipments.

Washington.—A plan of inspection for Porto Rican fruits and vegetables to prevent the importation into continental United States of injurious insects, including the West Indian fruit fly and the bean pod borer, has been decided upon by the federal horticultural board.

A quarantine has been ordered effective July 1 prohibiting entry of certain fruits and vegetables from Porto Rico, but grapefruit, oranges and other citrus fruits, pineapples, bananas, plantains, avocados, dashiens and onions, may enter under certification, based on field and packing house inspection by representatives of the board in Porto Rico.

24 More Died of Heat.

Philadelphia.—Although the heat wave of last week has ended, its accumulative effects were strong enough to cause 24 deaths, records at the coroner's office showed a total of 136 persons have died in this city so far as result of the intense heat. Thirty-five unidentified bodies remained in the city morgue.

While the temperature was considerably lower than it has been for several days, weather bureau officials announced a probable return of the hot spell.

OFFICER REEVES DIES OF WOUNDS

HIGH POINT POLICEMAN KILLED IN DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES.

High Point.—Police Officer C. J. Reeves, of the High Point department, died in a hospital here of wounds sustained in a gun battle between police and negroes here. Arthur Harrell, negro, was killed instantly, and Officer F. G. Claywell and two negroes, James Staley and John White, were seriously wounded in the battle.

The police are holding for investigation six negroes, Lizzie Dorsett, Anna Robbins, Charles Barnett, Bozie Saunders, Tob Robbins and Jane Robbins, and are searching for Charlie Green and Jim Carter, who are alleged to have participated in the shooting.

A negro answering the description of Carter was arrested at Salisbury, but when officers went there to identify him they found he was not the man wanted. Another negro thought at first to be Charlie Green was arrested at Winston-Salem, but he also proved not to be the man sought by the officers.

Police and county officers searched all day for Carter and Green, who were reported to be hiding in the woods southwest of the city. The woods were scoured, but the negroes were not found. It is believed now that they have left the city.

Four Die As Train Hits Auto.

New Orleans.—Advises received from Opelousas, La., said four persons were killed and one probably fatally injured when an automobile driven by Clifford Dihm was struck by St. Louis and San Francisco train No. 3, en route to New Orleans, Opelousas.

Clifford Dihm, said to be about 42 years old, was taken to an Opelousas hospital and the names of the other four occupants of the automobile who were killed were given as follows:

Mrs. S. J. Gonzelin, 65, wife of the president of the LaFayette Bank and Trust company, Miss Ida Gonzelin, 32, daughter of Mrs. Gonzelin, William Dihm, 45, son-in-law of Mrs. Gonzelin, and Lee Dihm, 9, grandson of Mrs. Gonzelin.

Two Lose Lives in Cave-in.

Reidsville, N. C.—J. T. Pendley, a plumber, of Gainesville, Ga., and a local negro helper named Willis, lost their lives while doing pumbing work on Jefferson Penn's new home, two miles west of Reidsville. The plumbing contractor, Mr. Pendley, was building his own ditch and had been cautioned by Superintendent Phillips that the ditch was being dug through rock, and a cave-in was likely to occur. About 2 o'clock, while the two men were at work in the ditch, the cave-in occurred, and before they could be released they were smothered to death. The bodies were brought to a local undertaker's establishment and prepared for burial. The white man was employed by an Atlanta concern. His body will be sent to his home town, Gainesville, Ga. The negro remains will be buried here.

Church Women Meet.

Charlotte, N. C.—Approximately 200 women from Lutheran congregations in North Carolina were in Charlotte for the opening sessions of the 40th annual convention of the Women's Missionary society of the synod of this state. The sessions are being held at St. Mark's church.

The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted largely to reports of officers and departmental secretaries, chief among which was the report of Mrs. G. W. McClanahan, of Gibsonville, president, which report summarized the activities of the organization in its manifold phases.

A brief session was held, at which time a highly inspirational talk was given by Mrs. G. C. Leonard, of Prosperity, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. Leonard are returned missionaries from Africa, who are now in America on furlough. They have been in that field 10 years, and Mrs. Leonard gave an interesting discussion of the problems which the church representatives meet there and the great need of enlightening influences of Christianity.

After the regular meeting, the 40th anniversary of the missionary society of St. Mark's and also the 40th anniversary of the North Carolina synodical society were celebrated. Mrs. T. L. Harrison sketched the background for the Charlotte organization, while Mrs. Ino. M. Coko, of Concord, reviewed the history of the state organization. Musical numbers were provided by C. A. Workman and C. Valaer, and Mrs. J. L. Ilgenfritz, of Lutherville, Md., gave a reading, "The Patchwork Window."

Six-Fingered Negro Puzzle.

Richmond, Va.—William A. Toler, Bertillon expert of the local police department, was confronted with the problem of finger printing William Heath, a negro with six fingers on each hand, who was arrested on a charge of robbing a local jewelry store where he was porter. Mr. Toler said no method has been worked out for such cases and he will take up the case with the science bureau of the International Association of Identification Experts, of which he is a member.

FIVE RAILROAD MEN KILLED IN COLLISION.

Louisville, Ky.—Five railroad men were killed and two probably fatally injured in a collision between two freight trains near Paris, Tenn., according to information received at headquarters of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad here. The engineer and fireman on one train and three section hands were killed, and the engineer and brakeman of the other train injured. The cause of the collision is not known here.

OUTLOOK REGARDED FAIR

CAR LOADINGS CONTINUE TO BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR THE YEAR.

New York.—Emerging from a period of rather restricted spring activity business has entered upon its summer cycle with conditions in most lines of industry generally described as fair.

Conflicts of opinion have developed as to what the hot weather season holds in store. Some lines of trade, notably the textile industry, have seen promise of improvement, others, including motor manufacturers, feel that the peak of their trade has passed.

Possibilities of a drastic recession in business which have been more or less common in recent years, are considered remote. The extremely moderate expansion in trade activity this year and the absence of speculative excesses are held to be adequate safeguards against sudden reactions. The impression prevails in the financial centers that business will continue its prices of readjustment but maintain an even keel, with a fairly high average of operations.

The latest surveys of the steel situation offered encouragement to this view. The fact that for three weeks the country's steel production had held close to 70 per cent of capacity, the weekly review explained, might be taken as the measure of a nearly stabilized market in contrast to the abrupt decline in operations a year ago. Another decrease in the United States Steel corporation's unfilled tonnage is admittedly in prospect when the May report is published this week, but the anticipated decline so far has occasioned little concern.

Hopes that foreign developments would speed up Europe's recovery were not fully realized. With the establishment of a \$50,000,000 exchange stabilization credit for the lira, it was felt that Italy had taken a long step toward a return to a gold basis and ultimate revaluation of the currency and had strengthened her position for probable debt-funding negotiations. France, however, was threatened with another financial crisis as the franc dropped to the lowest level in more than a year and Germany was warned by the allies that she had failed to live up to all the provisions of the peace treaty.

The reorganization program outlined for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad last week provided a topic of absorbing interest for investment circles. Plans for overhauling the road's financial structure, Wall street generally agreed were essentially sound and should permit an early termination of the receivership.

Insure 60,000 Railroaders.

Louisville, Ky.—Group insurance on the lives of more than 60,000 employees of three railroads, for a total coverage of approximately \$150,000,000, was announced by the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

The other roads interested are the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis and the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis. The policy will become effective July 1, or upon acceptance by 75 per cent of the workers.

All employees of the railroads are included in the insurance arrangement, the amount of protection being based upon monthly earnings. The lowest premium will be for \$1,000 and the maximum for \$3,000, with additional accident benefits.

The insurance will be issued upon a contributory basis, the road announced, the employee paying a uniform sum to the premium cost, while the companies will bear the remaining expenses.

Publish Sale of Planes.

Geneva.—The proposed convention on arms traffic control was given more substance by the decision of the international conference to accord full publicity to international traffic in airplanes.

The military committee had eliminated aircraft from the original draft convention but the conference, acting on the theory that civil airplanes had a powerful military value because they could be immediately utilized for scouting purposes, decided to give publicity to all sales.

May Business Below April.

Washington.—Most of the early calculations made by the commerce department as to the actual state of business during May indicate a lesser activity than during April.

Indices of production and prices in pig iron, wool, silk and locomotive work showed decrease and the cessation of high pressure business also was indicated by the reports on mail order house sales.

Most of the records, however, indicated more active business than during May 1924.

FIGHT ON PACT IN EUROPE SEEN

BRITAIN AGREES TO GUARANTEE FRANCE AND GERMANY WILL NOT ATTACK EACH OTHER.

London.—Official papers explaining the Anglo-French accord in replying to Germany's overtures for a pact guaranteeing Germany's western frontiers will not be presented to parliament Mr. Baldwin, the prime minister, explained in the house of commons, until the British foreign secretary, Austen Chamberlain, returns to London about the end of next week. An authoritative statement given out, however, indicates fully the nature of the proposed pact, which, should Germany accept—as deemed likely by the British government—will institute an entirely new factor in European relationships.

First, Great Britain will abandon her policy of isolation and become virtually a member of a four power alliance—for it is assumed that Italy will join—to preserve the peace of Europe and guarantee the frontiers of France, Belgium and Germany as established under the Versailles treaty against violation from any side, and will employ the whole of her defensive forces for this purpose.

The pact will bi-lateral, Great Britain undertaking to guarantee the frontiers against unprovoked attack by either France or Germany. But the whole pact will be under the agency of the league of nations, which Germany must join, and any action taken will be under the league covenant.

Chinese Fire on Americans.

New York.—A dispatch to The Evening Post from Hong Kong said four Americans in a launch flying the American flag had been fired on by Yunnesees at Canton, China.

The party, composed of Frank Crampton, head of an American contracting firm at Hong Kong, and Montgomery Oden, bursar of the Canton Christian college, and their wives, was endeavoring to cross the river at Canton from Honan Island to Shaheen, the foreign settlement, when the firing started.

Mrs. Crampton was wounded in the arm. The others of the party were injured by splinters of glass. The firing continued 30 minutes and compelled the party to return to Honan and take shelter in the Canton Christian college. The Evening Post dispatch said.

Mr. Crampton was said to have told friends the anti-foreign feeling was intense and that he hoped the United States would intervene.

Two Men Killed, Others Injured.

Greenville, N. C.—Two men are dead and seven injured, one probably fatally, as the result of an automobile accident near here when an automobile in which seven young men were en route from Rocky Mount to Washington, left the hard surfaced road. The machine plunged into a tree and then a dwelling, completely demolishing a room of the house, in which two negro children were asleep. The car was a total wreck.

Robert Cooper, 17, of Rocky Mount, was instantly killed and Bonie Lee Wilkerson, 23, of Belhaven, died four hours later in a local hospital. Charlie Wells is in a local hospital with a fractured skull, and broken leg, while the others suffered less serious injuries.

Heat Causes Big Damage to Crops.

Lansing, Mich.—Excessive temperatures and continued drought have done inestimable damage to Michigan crops, according to report received by State and Federal agencies.

The full extent of the most severe dry spell this State has had in years will not be known for some time. From nearly every county, however, came word that crops are decidedly backward and that unless substantial rains come soon the hay and grain crops will be extremely meager.

Charges Arson Ring Operates.

Washington.—Arson rings, headed by "unscrupulous politicians and business men," are operating in practically every city in the country and are causing indirect loss to business annually of \$160,000,000, T. Alfred Flemming, supervisor of conservation of the national board of fire underwriters, asserted in an address before the convention of the National Association of Credit Men.

Deaths resulting from incendiary fires in the United States average 15,000 a year, Mr. Flemming said. In the end, he added, the consumer has to pay the loss from such fires because business firms naturally add to their prices the resulting higher premium rates for insurance.

Prepare Planes For Arctic Dash.

Philadelphia.—The amphibian airplanes, NA-1, and NA-2 and NA-3 are undergoing their final test at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for their Arctic work with the MacMillan expedition. Aircraft factory employees were engaged in installing earth conductor compasses and additional gasoline tanks on all three machines. It was planned to send aloft the NA-3 for an engine test.

It was said that if there is no hitch in the final preparations the three planes will leave Wednesday.

HARTSVILLE MEET TO CLOSE

Will Ask That People of State Be Called For Discussion.—Baker President.

Hartsville.—With the adoption of a resolution that the president of the conference appoint a committee consisting of himself and one other member to request the governor "to call within 30 days a convention representing the people of South Carolina to consider and submit a plan of taxation to the general assembly," the election of officers, with Dean L. T. Baker of the University of South Carolina, as president, and various other business, the 14th annual conference of social work, came to a close.

Other officers are: Vice president, the Rev. O. T. Porcher, Bennettsville; treasurer, D. McL. McDonald, Columbia; executive committee: C. W. Coker, Hartsville; R. L. Manning, Columbia; the Rev. T. P. Noe, W. B. Wilbur, Charleston; R. S. Tarrant, Aiken; Miss Wil Lou Gray, Columbia; Ellison Capers, Columbia.

The resolution calling for the tax meeting was introduced by August Kohn of Columbia as chairman of the special committee on taxation, the other members being Walter Bishard-sharhr Richard Williams, A. T. Jamison and W. W. Ball.

Charleston was unanimously chosen as the meeting place for 1926. Rock Hill extended an invitation for the conference to meet there in 1927.

Miss Wil Lou Gray, supervisor of the commission on literacy of the state board of education, spoke on the "Opportunity Schools" urging delegates to seek out illiterate adults and use their influence in getting them to attend the opportunity schools.

The "Follies in 1925" conference, with the Rev. Mortimer C. Glover, rector of the Episcopal church as ring master for the seven rings of Charleston, Greenville, Darlington, Hartsville, Spartanburg, Columbia and Coker college, was held.

Officer Killed Near Spartanburg.

Spartanburg.—Rural Policeman J. R. Snoddy, appointed only a few days ago, was shot and almost instantly killed at Cross Anchor, this county, while attempting to arrest Oliver Harrison, sought on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Harrison is charged with the shooting and a posse is now scouring the woods for him. Snoddy was accompanied by Rural Policeman G. C. Hayes.

Officers Snoddy and Hayes were attempting to serve a warrant on Harrison, according to messages received here, when Harrison drew a pistol and fired one shot. Snoddy fell mortally wounded. Harrison fled across the fields. Officer Hayes remained with the wounded policeman, who expired in a moment.

Sheriff Sam K. Miller immediately organized a posse of deputies, rural policemen and citizens and hurried to Cross Anchor. Harrison is said to have fled on foot and officers predicted his early capture although thick swamps near the scene of the slaying afford excellent hiding places.

Officers Snoddy reported several days ago that he had found Harrison operating a still near Cross Anchor and had chased the man without success. He came upon Harrison on the Union road, about a mile from Cross Anchor, and the shooting followed, according to Officer Hayes' version of the affair.

Court For Anderson.

Anderson.—Court of common pleas convened here June 15. Judge M. L. Bonham will preside. The roster is small, and it is thought that the court will be over in less than a week. Jurors chosen are: H. A. Orr, H. T. Williams, Anderson; Cliff Hanks, B. F. Autry, H. A. Wiles, Honea Path; W. L. Anderson, E. A. Prince, J. F. Evans, J. N. Erskine, Broadway; H. P. Bryant, Ira Duncan, Centerville; J. M. McCuen, J. E. Davenport, Belton; T. M. Fennell, J. R. Holliday, E. N. Davis, Williamston; E. E. Elrod, S. M. Hagood, Varnner; E. N. Sifton, E. C. Cordell, Pendleton; J. R. Elrod, S. S. Wilson, Brushy Creek; S. A. Bratcher, J. N. Martin, Martin; E. H. Patterson, C. A. Brown, Corner; G. C. Dobbins, M. J. Arnold, Fork; A. H. Mitchell, W. W. Owens, Garvin; W. J. Gaines, Savannah; F. Axmann, Rock Hill.

Offers Reward For Harrison Man.

Spartanburg.—Sheriff Sam K. Miller offered a reward of \$400 for Oliver Harrison, "dead or alive," alleged slayer of Rural Policeman J. R. Snoddy. The policeman was killed when Snoddy and another officer were searching a house in the Cross Anchor section of the county for Harrison on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

After a night and day of beating through the woods in the lower end of the county the sheriff called on native pursuit of Harrison but placed armed guards at all avenues of escape with orders to shoot to kill if Harrison made a move toward resistance.

Suspected Infantile Paralysis.

Rock Hill.—Several suspected cases of infantile paralysis in Rock Hill may lead to the placing of a ban on all gatherings of children and young people should the cases be found of the nature suspected. It was learned from City Health Commissioner S. R. Miller. Health authorities are awaiting a full report before taking action, he stated. He issued a warning to parents and children alike, however, that the disease is carried by germ and is contagious.