

SANTA CLAUS APPEARS AHEAD OF TIME AND IS CAUGHT IN CHIMNEY CHIMNEY HAD TO BE REMOVED

David W. Fulford Attempts to Enter Home of Mr. Thos. Davis and Fails—Rescued After Hours of Hard Work from His Perilous Position—Refuses to Talk.

Will Be Tried for Burglary Today

COMEDY DRAMA. Act 1.—Time, present day. Scene, 1008 East Second street. Act 2.—Santa Claus enters chimney with bag and baggage. Act 3.—Santa Claus gets caught in chimney with bag and baggage. Act 4.—Duties made. "Put me out; for God's sake, pull me out!" Act 5.—Friends to the rescue with city-wrecking material. Act 6.—Chimney torn away. Santa Claus light again. End of libretto.

There took place a scene on East Second street last night in which both comedy and drama vied with each other for mastery, with the odds favorable to the comedy side. While the citizens in that neighborhood were quietly snoozing in the arms of Morpheus a far different tale was being written on the roof of Mr. Thomas Davis' residence, and so today people have an occurrence to discuss weighted down with an exploit rivaling the Arabian Nights.

Were you ever caught in a chimney in dead hour of night and could not go either up or down? Well, this was David Fulford's predicament last night, and today he is resting quietly behind prison bars thinking of what happened just a few hours previous. No doubt his escape will linger long in his memory. Flying in air, sailing through space, falling into utter insignificance, Fulford has there all skinned a mile. He was seen by a balcony scene now has to go away back and sit down for David played a part the painter's flesh cannot portray or the bard reduce to rhyme. What a pity the moving picture camera could not have recorded this thrilling, exciting, this ludicrous occurrence for reproduction on celluloid. No picture today could come within a mile of it.

Wasn't it an exciting time on East Second street last night. Imagine for a moment. You are quietly asleep in your home with family, when awakened by a peculiar noise issuing from the chimney. "Put me out; for God's sake pull me out. I'm suffocating. I'm dying," etc. Can you imagine how you would feel under similar circumstances. To have a man up the chimney other than when old Santa is billed, places a funny feeling on the bravest. It's no child's play to be summoned from your sleep at such an hour in the night and discover a fellow is fast in your chimney and desires help.

There is a solemn side to this story as well as the ludicrous. Both play a part. Last night between 1 and 2 o'clock Policeman John M. Harris, of the night force, received a "phone message stating, "Come down to 209 East Second street and get a man out of the chimney." Of course the policeman answered the request immediately. He loitered at no point, but made post haste to the number. When he arrived it proved to be the residence of Mr. Thomas Davis. Officer Harris was then informed that David W. Fulford was fastened in the chimney and he must be released from his perilous position. Mr. Davis did not know who the caught individual could be until informed by Fulford. A census of war was then held. Mr. Thomas Davis, Mr. Edward Mallison, Mr. S. E. Freeman, Officer Harris composed the council. After carefully considering the situation from every viewpoint, David in the meantime screaming for aid from the chimney, the echo of which was most heart-rendering, they decided to repair to the city hall and secure what wrecking apparatus the city possessed and return to the scene. This was done.

recusers were soon hard at work. The first act of the drama was to throw David a line down the chimney and he was hailed and told to catch it and hold on with a death grip. But David was too weak, he had fought too hard for liberty. He was simply exhausted. This first plan had to be abandoned. Another committee was decided on, and the next step was to remove the chimney. The next weapon of warfare was a hatchet. With this useful instrument a raid was made on the chimney. Accidents are bound to happen if seems on all occasions, as it did this time. When the first brick was struck, it went the hatchet from the hole, falling down the chimney. And of course the explosion followed and screamed. To be caught in a chimney is bad enough, but being struck with a hatchet in addition makes sympathy chase away condemnation. This slight mistake on the part of the rescuers did not thwart them in the least. David would growl a little and exclaim they were not handling the instrument fast enough to suit him. They were certainly too long in removing bricks, etc. As each layer of bricks was removed it was discovered David was slipping—his direction being downward. The faster the bricks flew, the faster the fellow sought other position in the chimney. At the top of the chimney, David had been removed to the roof. The men found that David was about eight feet below—stuck fast and pleading for liberty. Thus another dilemma presented itself. Chimes off but no liberty for the prisoner. What was to be done? Another conference was held and Mr. Bart Shepard, a brick mason, was sent for. When he arrived and took in the situation he applied all the ingenuity of his trade for David's sake, and it is needless to state the bricks flew in all directions from that time on. "Get out of there, David!" he was still resting in the chimney as of yore when the stars twinkled and the moon shone. Doubtless they never failed to him as he begged.

These present at last decided to attack the chimney on the inside of the house and see if their efforts would not meet with more success. All went to work with a will, led by Mr. Shepard, anon upon a hole was knocked through. The first evidence of David was his foot shooting through the opening, shoeless, for he had carefully removed his shoes and hid them under the leaves on Academy street before attempting to enter the house. In a very few minutes the massive frame of the prisoner appeared. All in a heap he appeared with his coat over his head and pants up to his knees. When extricated and he saw that he was once more on terra firma he requested that he be allowed to rest a few minutes. As in all cases when a fellow finds himself in a precarious condition, he called for booze, remarking, "Give me a drink out of my bottle."

When questioned as to why he was in the chimney he refused to answer, and as yet gives no reason. He entered the chimney somewhere about 1 o'clock and was not released until about 5 o'clock. He was brought to the county jail where he is now confined. Fulford is between 30 and 35 years of age. He will have a preliminary hearing before the mayor this afternoon, charged with attempted burglary. A news representative in talking to Jailer Lucas this morning was told by the jailer that when Officer Harris brought Fulford to the jail and he opened the front door he certainly would have used his gun if Fulford had been alone, for to use Mr. Lucas' expression, "He was the blackest man I ever saw. If the old man from below had appeared he could not have looked worse." Fulford was covered with soot from head to foot. The affair occasioned no little excitement on the streets and it is the talk of the city.

MRS. STETSON DROPPED FROM CHURCH ROLL

By the Mother Church Mandate Was Issued Yesterday by Board of Directors of Boston Church, Which is Supreme Governing Power of the Church.

BOARD'S ACTION RARE ONE

Boston, Nov. 18.—An order of excommunication against Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson of New York, for years regarded as one of the most prominent and powerful members of the Christian Science denomination, was issued today by the board of directors of the mother church of this city, the supreme governing authority of the organization. In their order the directors stated that a conference of more than three days had convinced them of the truth of the charges against Mrs. Stetson, namely, that she had worked against the interests of the church and of members of the church who were, not her followers, and that she had perverted in teaching and practices which are contrary to Christian Science.

Excommunication is rarely resorted to in the Christian Science church, and in view of Mrs. Stetson's prominence today's action was regarded in church circles as the most drastic in the history of the denomination. Mrs. Stetson was formerly first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York city and until her suspension today, was the pastor emerita of that church, at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

In answer to a summons by the board of directors Mrs. Stetson on Monday appeared before the board in the directors' room at the mother church in Falmouth street. The session was secret, no one being present except Mrs. Stetson, her counsel, witnesses and the directors themselves. The conference continued during three days, for a total of more than 24 hours. They were concluded yesterday and Mrs. Stetson returned to New York last night.

The directors today made public their findings in the case. To issue statement. New York, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Stetson received the news of her excommunication this afternoon at her residence in West Ninety-sixth street, adjoining the church of the denomination of which she had been the virtual ruler for nearly ten years.

Exerts to obtain from her own statement commenting on the action of the Christian Science directors were met by the declaration that "nothing is to be said at present, but a detailed statement of Mrs. Stetson's side of the case may be submitted later."

KINSTON TEAM ARRIVES. The Kinston graded school football team arrived this morning and gave their war cry at the Norfolk and Southern depot with a will. The boys are fine looking husky fellows and Washington will have to look to her laurels to get ahead of them in the game.

GEM TONIGHT. Six pictures will be shown at the Gem tonight, and they are fine. A Chinese wedding in an interesting panoramic picture with beautiful costumes and scenery. The three comedies are all full of laughs, and the magnificent Biograph drama, "The Cardinal's Conspiracy," will be thrilling. Added to these is a dramatization of the poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, of Stags Mezone, a fine Indian romance. Coupons will be given for the fine toilet set which comes from the stock of A. G. Smith & Co., also for the box of Huyler's candy given away on Monday night to the lucky kid. The Gem will have an exceptionally strong line of pictures the coming week, and we feel safe in predicting all who attend they will get their full money's worth.

The toy window in Hoyt's store is one of the most attractive seen here in many a day. Not only does it appeal to the eye juvenils, but the older folk are noticed as stopping just as often and quite as long as the juvenile ones. The back of the window is painted to represent a winter scene and cotton twine and snow form a fringe all around this pleasing scene, which is the work of Mr. Morris. Every kind of toy and game is an exhibition and it is safe to say that

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little girls and boys when old Santa Claus begins to distribute some of these gifts Christmas.

GREAT INTEREST IN CHURCH WORK BEING SHOWN

3 Day of Convention. The Song and Praise Service is Conducted by Rev. Mr. Hope, of Washington—President Declines Annual Address.

WORK IN GOOD CONDITION

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 20.—At the afternoon session of the convention of the Christian Church yesterday, the song and praise service was conducted by Rev. B. Y. Hope, of Washington, N. C. Because of the great amount of business at the morning session, it became necessary to adjourn before the president's address could be made. Therefore President J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount delivered his address at the afternoon session. Mr. Hines pointed out in full the work that had been done and made many fine, able suggestions for the work that is to be planned. His report showed that the condition of the state work is in good shape. Many things have been added to the churches during the year. The state work was shown to be in much better condition than was expected. More money had been contributed this year by churches as churches than in any previous year. Several new church organizations have been enrolled.

Among the work helped last year are the following churches: Whitington, New Bern, Fremont and Whitakers. The convention session was delivered by Rev. A. A. Ferguson, of Kingsport. His subject was "Faith, Love and the Results Thereof."

The next speaker introduced to the convention was Rev. W. J. Wright, corresponding secretary of the American Missionary Society, who delivered a very stirring address on the "Expanding Church." He urged a more national reputation.

In the absence of P. F. M. Hill of Cincinnati, O., the Minister in Charge of St. Louis national convention, the Christian Church addressed the convention. Mrs. Stetson's striking outline the importance of Sunday school in the church.

THE INSTITUTE TO CELEBRATE Interesting Occasion at Carolina Institute Next Thursday Evening.

There will be a Thanksgiving entertainment at the Carolina Institute, Old Ford, N. C., Thursday evening. There will be no admission. All young ladies will take baskets, which will be sold to the highest bidder.

The following program will be rendered: Curly—Chorus. Piano solo, "Rayride"—Pearl Swann. Vocal solo, "To the End of the World with You"—Bettie Gray. Recitation, "Drifted Out to Sea"—Maud Hardison. Piano trio, "Valse"—Jennie, Marie and Esther Hodges. Pantomime, "My Faith Looks to Thee"—Miriam Hodges. Vocal solo, "I Cannot Help Loving Thee"—Jennie Hodges. Piano solo, "Whisperings of Love"—Koma Holden. Reading, "Reign of Henry VIII"—Ola Woolard.

Rand duet, "Festival March"—Bettie Gray and Miss Burch. Recitation, "Mr. Nobody"—George Lynch. Vocal duet, "You Were Made For Me and I Was Made for You"—Bettie Gray and Jennie Hodges. Piano solo, "Isn't That Enough"—Pearl Swann. Recitation, "Guardian Angel"—Esther Hodges. Harvest drill. Piano and "Morceaux Melodieux"

Vocal solo, "Birdie's School"—Marie Hodges. Accompaniment by Esther Hodges.

for the ensuing year. The pastor reported 30 additions to the church for the past year.

GRANT STAY TO GOMPERS AND OTHERS

Until November 29th. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia Has Allowed Stay to Labor Leaders—Need Not Hasten to Washington.

NO HABEAS CORPUS TRIAL

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, upon request of counsel for the labor leaders, today granted a stay until November 29, of the issuance of the mandate sending President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, to jail for contempt of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the Buck's Store and Range case. Chief Justice Shepard stated that if the labor leaders had by November 20, the day the Supreme Court of the United States reconvenes, filed in that court a petition for coriorari, on application a further stay of the mandate would be granted pending the determination by the higher tribunal of the application.

As a result of this action Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison need not hasten to Washington as will not be necessary for them to surrender under their bonds, nor will they have to have recourse to habeas corpus proceedings.

Tom Thumb Marriage Made a Hit; Interesting Program. There were no many attractions billed for last evening that one was badly puzzled to decide which to attend. There was one, however, which was of great interest from the first to the last, and which proved to be enthralling to all who were lucky enough to be present. It was the musical performance in a splendid hall.

The whole of Grade 2B made a hit in "Little Sugar Pie," and the credit is due not only to the little ones who acted and sang so well, but also to the indefatigable efforts of the teachers, who have labored to train these little folk to attain the success they made last evening.

The whole country seems to be alive on the subject of waterway improvement and the fever hasn't penetrated the South Atlantic States quite near so much as the Gulf States and Middle West whose rivers are locked at intervals to hold the water in order that boat companies may be had all the year around.

President "Tatt's" waterway circle and visit to the Gulf States has set that section wild and they are moving with might and main to secure large appropriations for waterway improvement in those sections.

Are the people of North Carolina as alive to these gigantic projects that mean lower freight rates and conservation of our resources within the borders of our own State? Congressman Small's plan to canal the coast and furnish an inland waterway will mean that freight will eventually be brought from the coast up Contentnea creek. That the foot-hill channel at Wilmington and the Appalachian park scheme would mean much money spent in North Carolina in addition to the service secured by reason of these improvements.—Wilson Times.

AT THE GAILEY

Last night those attending the Gailey witnessed a program that has never been equalled here. Everyone present enjoyed the pictures immensely. Tonight at this popular theater another interesting and entertaining program is billed. The Minister's Daughter, and Expert Glass Blowing are two pictures that have met with universal approval everywhere. The Female Detective and the Singing Lesson which is hand-colored, are alone well worth the price of admission. As an extra tonight the Gailey will reproduce the Hudson-Fulton Naval Parade. This entertainment, practically all the

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PROFESSOR ENDS LIFE BECAUSE OF AVERSION TO CHILD

Objected to Its Cries. Body of Prof. W. C. Wheeler, of University of Illinois, Found on Campus.—Said He Was Tired of Living.

REFUSED TO EAT AT HOME

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 20.—Aversion to babies and domestic life is given as the cause for the suicide today of Prof. Wilfrid C. Wheeler, first assistant in chemistry in the engineering experiment station of the University of Illinois. The chemist's body was found on the university campus. "It was said that Prof. Wheeler had taken his meals away from home since a baby came into the household. He could not endure the cries of the infant, he had said, and even expressed a dislike for babies in general. A note left by the professor was found tonight in his desk. It directed his wife how to collect his life insurance, and referred to his premeditated death as follows: "I am tired of living; go find out there is no use trying to find out what happened to me, as 2 1/2 grains of potassium cyanide are responsible for my fate."

Prof. Wheeler, who was 36 years old, stood well with his colleagues, had no debts, and enjoyed good health.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Christian League tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the following will be the program: Music by the First Baptist church choir. Opening hymn 155. Prayer. Hymn 154. Scripture reading. Prayer. Hymn 170. Collection. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Talbot. Subject, "Mending and Mending."

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FIGUREHEAD OF CRUISER RALEIGH HAS ARRIVED

Also Patterson Coach. Relics Will Be Placed in Hall of H'sory in State Museum at Raleigh—Are Valuable Additions to Collection.

GREAT INTEREST TO STATE

The large brass figurehead of the second-class cruiser Raleigh, which has been secured, largely through the efforts of Col. Fred A. Olds, for the Hall of History, arrived here yesterday. The figurehead, which is of solid brass, came in sections, and will be set up as soon as the wood supports can be arranged. It has a total weight of 4,108 pounds, and is of beautiful design. The center pieces is the coat of arms of the United States, consisting of a shield and an eagle, the eagle holding an olive branch in one talon and a bunch of arrows in the other. The shield is surrounded with massive scroll work and the prominent portions of the figurehead are gilded, presenting a handsome appearance.

The figurehead of the cruiser North Carolina is expected every day, and will be mounted at the side of that of the Raleigh. These elaborate figureheads were used on the warships, but the War Department has issued orders to have them removed, as they would furnish a shining mark for the enemy, the size and the brightness making them easy to pick up by searchers. They were used when the ships wore the white dress of peace, but since this paint has been replaced by a dark color, in order to make the vessels harder to be seen by an enemy, the bright headpieces have been discarded.

The Patterson coach arrived here this morning and will be placed in the Hall of History, alongside the famous high-top coach with which was the one used by General Samuel Johnston, and is the oldest of its kind in the country.

These additions to the Hall of History will be the great interest to all North Carolinians, and it is a great pleasure to hear that the great figurehead of the Raleigh is to be placed in the Hall of History.

CLOSES FIRST YEAR AS PASTOR

Mr. Plyler Leaves for Annual Conference Next Tuesday. Tomorrow closes the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Plyler of the First Methodist Church here. He has been stationed here for one year. He leaves Tuesday morning for the annual conference at Raleigh.

Since he pastored in Washington the church has been strengthened and has gained quite a number have been added to the roster and many improvements made to the church building. Efforts are being made to purchase a handsome pipe organ and this will be done at an early day. An annex is now being constructed looking toward this end.

Mr. Plyler is a preacher of parts, and his sermons are always heard with pleasure and profit. As a thinker he stands among the first in his church in the State.

He has accomplished untold good in the city and is universally beloved by the entire community. Mr. Plyler will carry to his conference one of the very best reports this church has ever sent. From a financial standpoint the church is in a better condition than ever before in its history. It is to be hoped that Bishop Wilson will return this popular pastor to Washington for another year.

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TO INVITE CONFERENCE.

will extend an invitation to the annual conference to meet in Raleigh next week to meet here in 1910.