

Partly cloudy and much colder tonight.

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WATER FAMINE IN ASHEVILLE LOOKED SERIOUS

Was in Pretty Pickle A Tree Blown Down by Fierce Windstorm Across Main in the Mountains Cuts Off Water Supply to City.

DAMAGE BEING REPAIRED

Asheville, Dec. 27.—As a result of a great tree being hurled by the force of the fierce storm of Saturday night across the city's 16-inch gravity water main at what is known as "Rock Cut," 15 miles distant in the mountains from Asheville, the city yesterday and last night was up against a serious water famine, with additional grave danger from fire on account of water and exceptionally cold weather.

The reports from the bedside of Mr. Frank Paul, who was operated on for appendicitis Christmas day, is not so favorable today. His condition is thought to be critical. Mr. Paul is one of Washington's largest merchants and he enjoys a wide circle of friends who will wish to hear of his recovery.

VESSEL KNOCKED OVER THE STOVE IN LIGHTHOUSE

Building Destroyed The Light Marked the Middle Ground in Lower Chesapeake Bay—It Was Burned to Water's Edge.

KEEPERS ALL ESCAPED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Thimble Shoal lighthouse, marking the middle ground in the lower Chesapeake bay, was burned to the water's edge early yesterday morning as the result of being rammied by the four-masted schooner Malcolm Baxter, Jr., during the storm.

GALA DAY IN OLD BATH

Over 1200 Attend Tournament and Dance Yesterday. The tournament and coronation ball at Bath yesterday was a great occasion for that historic town.

TAFT SETTLES VEXED QUESTION WHAT IS WHISKY

Overrules Roosevelt Bonaparte and Wiley Were Willing to Cut Out Several Favorite Concoctions—The President Makes Definition Broad.

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

Washington, Dec. 27.—The definition of the word "whiskey" by the highest American authority was given today when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the pure food law with reference to labeling. The President held that whiskey made of neutral spirits is whiskey when reduced to potable strength.

Rumored that Estrada Has Called Off the Revolution

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 28.—General Estrada has called off the revolutionary war, according to an announcement made by President Madriz today. He said that the insurgent chief had agreed to the formation of a peace commission.

EAST CAROLINA BALL LEAGUE IS FORMED

Dr. Whitaker Is Pres. The Directors of the League in Session at Goldsboro—Mr. Sales Tenders His Resignation on Account of Business.

SIX-CLUB CIRCUIT FORMED

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—A meeting of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League directors was held in this city last night, and the roll call by Acting Secretary Emmett Brown, found the following representatives: Capt. G. H. Napier, of Fayetteville; J. M. Mason, of Rocky Mount; R. E. Lewis, of Raleigh; R. H. Gwaltney, of Wilmington; S. A. Woodard, of Wilson, and President W. G. Sale, of Wilmington, who was elected to this office at the last meeting held in Raleigh.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE

The Daily News is endeavoring, through the efforts of Congressman Small, to secure mail service on morning and afternoon trains running between Belhaven and New Bern. We hope to be able to announce within a short time that his efforts have been successful, then our subscribers in the Belhaven and Panteo sections can read the News the same afternoon it is published.

XMAS DANCE AT ELKS HALL LAST EVENING

The Children's Dance Many Couples Tripped the Light Fantastic in Elks Hall Last Night—Many Visitors From Other Towns Present.

MOST ENJOYABLE OCCASION

The Haley Club gave their annual Christmas dance at the Elks hall last night. The children's dance was from 8 to 10. The regular german started at 11:30. No dance of the season was more enjoyed by those participating. The german was led by Mr. Frank H. Bryan, who danced with Miss Drange. The following couples participated: Mr. Edmund Harding, Miss Tillie Haughton; Mr. James Ellison, Miss Willis; Dr. A. C. Hoyt, Miss Katie Bragaw; Mr. Charlie Moore, Miss Katie Fowle; Mr. Lee Davenport, Miss Isabel Carter; Mr. Harry McMullen, Miss Pattie Haughton; Mr. J. H. Bryan, Miss Marcella Myers; Mr. Samuel Everage, Miss Hattie Jones; Mr. J. E. Clark, Jr., Miss Maud Windley; Mr. Lindsey Warren, Miss Mildred Davis; Mr. Charles Smallwood, Miss Annie Underwood; Mr. Herbert Bomber, Miss Bessie Harding; Mr. Mackay, Miss Mary C. Hagan; Mr. Willie Knight, Miss Catherine Small; Mr. David Carter, Miss Hampton; Mr. Baker, Miss Tillie Morton; Mr. Henry Moore, Miss Bess Conolly; Mr. William Ellison, Miss Muse Blount; Mr. T. H. Hughes, Miss Julia Haughton; Mr. C. Moore, Miss Julia Mayo; Mr. C. Blakely, Miss Carrie Simmons; Mr. B. Bell, Miss Rebecca Simmons; Mr. Joe Bell, Miss Kelly; Mr. Walter Windley, Miss Nellie Hill; Mr. T. Litchfield, Miss Mary Hill; Mr. Warren Watson, Miss Mary Carter; Mr. Davenport, Miss Neal Nixon; Stags: Messrs. Richard Neal, J. Bomber, C. Bell, H. L. Thompson, C. E. Betts, C. J. Moore, S. Crouse, Mr. Alexander, I. M. Reens, B. Barnes, David Hill, and Thad Huzzey; Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragaw, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gordon, Mrs. J. H. Small and Mrs. Herbert Bomber.

NEW PRESIDENT

C. H. B. Elects Mr. W. S. Frizzle to Position. Mr. W. S. Frizzle has been elected president of Lodge No. 3, Charitable Brotherhood, of this city, to succeed Mr. W. M. Clamney, who had to tender his resignation on account of continued absence from the city.

TRIBUTATION HALL

There were two cases before Mayor Sterling yesterday afternoon at tribulation hall. Stages, Maud, Metropolitan, drunk and disorderly on the streets. Fined \$5 and costs, total \$10.60. State vs. John Ham, charged with the larceny of old iron from the brewery over to next term of the Superior court.

CAR MAKES A 40-FOOT DIVE INTO RIVER

Vestibule Was a Trap Motorman and Conductor Were Pinned in Submerged Forward Vestibule and Drowned Without a Chance for Life.

DIED UNDER THICK ICE

Seymour, Conn., Dec. 28.—In the few seconds intervening between a first warning of peril and the swift plunge of a trolley car down a forty-foot embankment into the Naugatuck river, near here, seven persons struggled furiously for their lives today. Two, the conductor and motorman, had not even a fighting chance and died miserably under the ice. Two women and three men passengers, giving mutual assistance, although each was confronted with danger enough to have taxed individual effort, saved themselves. Motorman Frederick Beard of Shelton had taken the car over the storm-swept tracks to a switch which is laid about six feet from the embankment overlooking the Naugatuck river. The passengers were Miss Elvada Peterson of Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madison of Beacon Falls and two men whose names were not learned by the authorities. Conductor Marcus Donovan of Ansonia alighted to set the switch and then entered the motorman's vestibule. Vestibule a Trap. The car was of the type used on cross-country trolley roads, the long body furnishing ample seating capacity. The motorman's vestibule is inclosed with framework and glass, and is shut off from the passenger compartment by sliding doors. There was nothing to indicate that the switch was frozen, because drifted snow covered the rails. Donovan climbed into the vestibule, locked the side door, and Beard sent the car ahead. The rails were slippery and to overcome this almost the full power was used to give the car sufficient momentum to carry it over the switch to the main track. When the front trucks struck the "frog" they left the rails and dragged the car with sudden impulse across the six feet intervening between the track and the edge of the embankment which slopes precipitously to the river. Cars Plunge into River. Passengers and crew were hurled to the floor as the car plunged forward after the trolley pole had left the overhead feed wire, and rolled swiftly toward the ice-coated river. The car crashed through the vestibule and struck the bottom of the river, about half its length projecting above the surface. The water reached the passengers, who were hanging to the seats. Madison seized his wife, and one of the other men supported Miss Peterson. The other man, who was nearest the elevated end of the car, lowered himself until he could form the "holding link" in a human chain which worked with desperate swiftness until all its members had reached the door. This was forced open, and although chilled by the icy water and nearly exhausted by their tremendous efforts the five passengers crawled to the bank. Pinned in and Drowned. The positions in which the bodies of Beard and Donovan were found told of supreme efforts to save themselves. The vestibule was smashed by the impact with the led of the river and the doors opening into the passenger compartment were locked by the twisting of the framework. Thus the men were trapped in the water-filled vestibule. Beard apparently died with his hands straining at the door handles, while Donovan was trying to force a passage through the shattered glass of the door. The five passengers made their way through the snowdrifts to Seymour, whence aid was rushed to the river in the hopes that Beard and Donovan might be saved. Beard was thirty-one years of age and is survived by a widow. Donovan was unmarried. J. P. Holloway, a motorman, was on his way to report for duty at the WILLIMANTIC car barns, early today, when he fell exhausted in the snow. He was found dead soon afterward.

TO ADDRESS LEAGUE

Hon. John H. Small will be the speaker at the Young Men's Christian League next Sunday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. There will be special music.

FITZ DEFEATED BY LANG IN THE TWELFTH ROUND

Was Veteran's Master Lang Was a Heavy Favorite Over the Old Ex-Champion—Crowd Gives the Winner a Great Ovation.

AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang won today from Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round of a scheduled twenty-round fight, thus retaining the heavyweight championship of Australia, which he first won when on October 35 last he knocked out Bill Squires. The battle, which was for a purse of \$12,500, divided on a 60 and 40 per cent basis, attracted almost as much attention as did the one which made Jack Johnson champion just one year ago today. It was extensively advertised and drew a crowd which was surpassed only by the multitude that saw the winning of the last Melbourne Cup. But, while there was a lot of kind interest taken in Fitzsimmons, it did not go to the length of manifesting itself in the betting line. Lang, who has improved greatly, had both youth and weight in his favor and was at all times a consistent favorite. Tommy Burns, who was defeated by Jack Johnson, was in Fitzsimmons' corner. Throughout the fight he entered the veteran on and gave him many tips between rounds, which, when executed by Fitz, proved beneficial to him. But all the coaching in the world could not help Fitzsimmons equal to win. Lang was his master at all times. Mystery Surrounds Cutting H. J. Tobler Sunday Night. One of the strangest cutting affairs in the history of the city took place last Sunday night. How it happened and under what circumstances is shrouded in mystery. Mr. H. J. Tobler, until recently jeweler and engraver, whose native State is Texas, was taken with a severe case of headache. He sought a drug store and purchased a dose of medicine. He then went to the residence of Mrs. M. J. Fowler, East Second street, where he boarded. Before retiring he took the medicine. Sometime during the night he awoke and found he was lying in a pool of blood, sheet sticking to his face, throat cut in two places, hip split open, side of his face gashed. He found that his room was disarranged and evidences of a struggle on all sides. Mr. Tobler washed the blood from his face and then went back to bed. He did not discover until sometime the next day that his throat had been gashed. He went to Dr. John G. Blount, who dressed his wounds. How it happened Mr. Tobler is unable to state. He states he knew nothing after retiring for the night. The surmise is that he had a convulsion and while this was on him he received his wounds. The occurrence is certainly a peculiar one.

HOP WAH CELEBRATES

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 26.—Hop Wah, one of New Bern's leading Chinese laundrymen gave an exhibition of Chinese fireworks Christmas afternoon about 5 o'clock that was the grandest display of any kind of fireworks ever seen in this city. Hundreds of people were out to witness this remarkable display, and every one who witnessed it was astounded. Fully 500,000 crackers were fired, each in such rapid succession that there was a continuous roar, and all the modern changes of the many baby-wakers were simply outclassed.

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