

## A DOZEN MASKED MEN HOLD UP FAST TRAIN

Erie, Pa., June 30.—A fast mail and passenger train of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad was held up tonight five miles from this city by a band of dozen masked men. The mail and express cars were rifled and two of the crew, C. H. Block of Erie, mail carrier, and H. D. Rooney, Erie, conductor, were injured. Block was shot in the right side and was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. Rooney received serious injuries when he was hit by a stone thrown by one of the robbers. C. F. Femis, brakeman, was shot in the arm.

The train was due in this city at 10:10 tonight. A few minutes before 10 o'clock, when the train was making a large curve, the engineer saw an obstruction ahead. He stopped the train with all possible speed, but not before it had crashed into the ties and telegraph poles that had been placed across the track.

When the train hit the obstruction it was first believed by the passengers that there had been a collision with another train. The next moment however, the crack of revolvers acquainted them with the real cause of the train's stopping.

As the train came to a standstill several of the passengers alighted to ascertain the trouble. Their presence drew the fire of the band of masked men and there was a stampede to re-enter the cars.

An unknown passenger, who braver than the rest, caught hold of one of the robbers, was picked up bodily and thrown over a 300 foot embankment. His condition is serious. The man's head, face and body were badly cut and his clothing torn from his body. He was taken to a hospital in an unconscious condition.

The spot selected by the robbers was ideal for their work. On one side of the railroad is a large ravine and the other side is a dense woods. The men had hidden among the trees. It was from this point that all made their appearance when the train came to a stop.

## PARENTS LEFT THEIR BABY ASLEEP ON BOAT

Norfolk, Va., July 2.—What was intended for a before breakfast constitutional proved to be the cause of a miserable and nerve racking hour for a young Baltimore couple yesterday morning. They came down the bay on the Chesapeake Line steamer City of Baltimore, and when they reached Old Point got off the boat for a walk around the pier while the ship was discharging freight, leaving their two year old child asleep in their stateroom. They walked too far, for when they returned to the pier the City of Baltimore was churning the water of Hampton Roads, making for Norfolk as fast as her engines could speed her.

Then when they realized that constantly increasing distance was separating them from the baby the man and wife grew frantic. They traced to the telephone in the Chamberlain and after seconds, which seemed hours succeeded in getting the Norfolk office of the Chesapeake Line, telling the local official of their mishap. They were promised that "baby darling" as the mother called the tot, would be cared for when the City of Baltimore docked, and were advised to take the Norfolk and Washington boat to Norfolk.

Presently the Chesapeake steamer came in, and as soon as she tied up at the foot of Jackson street one of the chambermaids was told to see how the deserted little one was making out. When she entered the room the child was found awake with its eyes undimmed by tears, sitting up in the middle of the bed playing with a paper of pins. Thirty minutes later the mother and father, wild with anxiety, arrived on the Washington boat and were helping the restored one in their arms.

## FATHER OF 20 CHILDREN GETS 60 DAYS IN JAIL

Alexandria, Va., June 30.—Over come with emotion when Charles Strobel, the father of her twenty children, fifteen of whom are living, was sentenced to serve sixty days in jail, on addition to paying a fine of \$50, for having brutally assaulted her, Mrs. Strobel yesterday morning pleaded with Police Justice Caton to remit the jail sentence, while the husband stood by apparently unconcerned. The police justice was obdurate, and Mrs. Strobel was led from the court room by two of her children, a son and a daughter. Strobel's attorney, Koby D. Brumback, noted an appeal to the corporation court and arranged for a \$500 bond before his client was compelled to go behind the bars.

Mrs. Strobel reluctantly testified that her husband came home last Monday evening while she was sitting on the stoop, and without provocation caught her by the hair, dragged her into the house and there beat her unmercifully. Strobel is a locomotive engineer, and, according to the testimony in the police court, has been married to his wife thirty-three years.

## GRUBBING STUMPS NEGRO FINDS POT OF GOLD

Elizabeth City, July 2.—A report that attracted the greatest interest and discussion was circulated here yesterday by excellent authority and the truthfulness of the rather "fishy" sounding report can hardly be doubted. While digging around a stump on the farm of Edward Hinton, one of the sons of the late John Louis Hinton, the wealthy and eccentric citizen of Pasquotank county who won such notoriety, about ten miles from town in the Newland section, yesterday a negro is said to have unearthed a pot of gold containing \$4,100.

The negro while diligently engaged in his work, sounded some instrument with his grub-hoe and it immediately excited his curiosity. Stooping down he pulled out a pot and never dreamed what it contained. He decided, however, before continuing his work to open the pot and the old fellow almost collapsed with surprise and shock when he was greeted with the glittering gold reflected by the hot rays from the sun.

The negro reported the discovery to his employer, who, it is said, retained a few pieces as souvenirs and allowed the colored man to take the remainder to his family.

## RAILROAD AND ITS MEN ADJUSTS DIFFERENCES

Roanoke, Va., June 30.—This morning agreements between the machinists of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and the management were signed by officials of the union and representatives of the road.

Conferences leading up to this conclusion have extended over several months and at times have seemed to pretend serious differences. Questions at issue have been settled in a manner satisfactory to both sides. Nine different branches of labor are affected, including carmen, boiler-makers, pipefitters, blacksmiths, sheet-metal workers, painters, hostlers and iron workers.

An increase of 3 cents an hour is to be allowed whenever Norfolk and Western receipts reach \$2,082,000 monthly, the same as the monthly average of the last six months of 1910. The agreement does not go into effect until ratified by all the unions affected. The present average income of the road is \$3,090,000 per month and the men expect that the specified limit will be reached by fall.

## BIG DEAL IN NORTH CAROLINA FARM LAND

Wilmington, June 30.—Ex-Sheriff Jordan, of Guilford county, and Congressman William Kent, of California, who has the reputation of being the wealthiest insurgent in Congress, have just closed a deal for forty thousand acres of land near Manchester on the C. F. and Y. V. railroad between Fayetteville and Sanford. A portion of the land is in Cumberland county and part in Harnett county.

The large tract of land will be developed and the first move will be to plant out a hundred acre orchard as a demonstration. Work will be started shortly laying out sand clay roads throughout the estate and roads will be built to Fayetteville and also to Pinehurst. Efforts will be made to get people from the north who desire to engage in farming. This land is in what is known as the sand-hill sections and is the same kind of land on which is grown such splendid fruit in the Pinehurst section. It is said that this sand land around Hamlet is being made to produce fine cotton. The tract will be called "Pine Wild."

Sheriff Jordan has been connected with some of the largest real estate deals ever put through in this state and every project he has been connected with has proven a success. Congressman Kent owns large estates in some half dozen western states.

## STATE BAR ASSOCIATION FAVORS MORE JUDGES

Charlotte, June 29.—The North Carolina Bar Association in session at Lake Toxaway tonight adopted the report of its committee on law reform, recommending that the number of judges be increased to twenty-four, that the present system of rotation be abolished, that the solicitors be put on salary and that the law relating to jurors be amended. Bills designed to carry out these reforms will be introduced in the next Legislature. A dinner was thrown on the session today by the announcement that neither Third Assistant Postmaster General Britt, nor Martin W. Littleton, of New York, could attend to deliver their addresses, which were the features of the program.

## CORPORATION COMMISSIONER H. C. BROWN DIED YESTERDAY

Raleigh, N. C., July 4.—Special Hon. Henry Clay Brown, member of the North Carolina corporation commission died this morning at 6:30 o'clock after an illness that has steadily grown worse since May 20, when he was last at his desk in the offices of the commission. His death has been expected at any time for the past three days. He died of cancer of the stomach and many think that a severe attack of typhoid fever that he underwent two years ago left some germ of infection that at last developed into this fatal illness.

It was as successor to the lamented B. F. Aycock that Mr. Brown was first appointed on the commission May 6, 1911, after he had given to the commission service as secretary since 1891, that eminently equipped him for the commission and won for him the universal verdict of being the best equipped man for the place that could be found for the commissioner. He was born in Randolph county in 1857.

## Young People's Convention.

The Young People's Convention of North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference meets at Shallow Ford, in this county next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A number of men and women who are live wires in the work among the young people have been engaged and a great Convention is expected. Dinner will be served in the grove. All are invited.

## ON FAMILY'S COMPLAINT PHYSICIAN IS IN JAIL

Richmond, Va., June 30.—It was learned today that on the complaint of the members of his family, who said they were terrified at his threats and actions, Dr. Lawrence Ingram, prominent Southside physician, was arrested at his home, 1201 Porter street yesterday evening, given a speedy and semi-secret trial before Justice Maurice, and sent to jail for sixty days. He was convicted on a charge of "being drunk and raising a disturbance."

Sentence was imposed, it was declared by the police today, in order that Dr. Ingram "might have time to get to be himself again." Further than this, everyone reasonably supposed to know anything about the case, maintained a strict silence. At the station it could not even be learned who had sworn out the warrant for Dr. Ingram's arrest. The clerk of the court said it wasn't there. The desk sergeant said he didn't know anything about it.

It was reliably reported however, that Dr. Ingram's arrest was brought about by his wife, and that it came as the result of threats made by him against her life yesterday.

## FIRE IN LUMBER PLANT DOES BIG DAMAGE IN GREENSBORO

Greensboro, July 3.—Fire tonight at 5:30 o'clock practically destroyed all of the plant and lumber stock of the Guilford Lumber Manufacturing Company entailing a loss of about \$40,000, on which there was only \$7,000 insurance. The blaze was first discovered in the dry kiln, but by the time the fire department got to the scene it had reached other buildings and the firemen could do little more than confine the flames to the buildings of this concern. Fortunately there was but little breeze and the fire swept back from the other lumber plants and stores that surround it. The heat was terrific as the buildings and piled lumber went up in flames and flames. A tremendous crowd surrounded the fire, but kept a respectful distance on account of the heat. The firemen did heroic work and the water pressure was good.

The Guilford Lumber Manufacturing Company's plant was located between South Ashe and Lewis streets, just across the railroad tracks from the depot and in the midst of a big lumber manufacturing district. Mr. C. A. Reynolds is president and Mr. W. D. Mendenhall is secretary and treasurer of the company, which does the largest lumber business of any concern here.

## NEAR BEER JOINTS ARE WIDE-OPEN IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, July 3.—The amendment to the state prohibition law that includes the prohibition of the sale of near beer and like products went into effect Saturday. However, very few, if any, of the places where near-beer has been handled have closed up, in fact, there is probably not a single near-beer saloon in Raleigh closed on account of the operation of the law. All say that they have cut out near-beer but it is understood that other drinks will be gradually substituted and the struggle with the authorities will then be as to whether any of them are violations of the law. It is stated at the internal revenue headquarters here that practically all the near-beer saloons are continuing to hold federal licenses as to the sale of intoxicants and many of the dealers have on the quiet intimated their purpose to change at least the size and shape of their bottles from which near-beer and otherwise have been served. Developments are being awaited with keen interest as to just what the effect of the near-beer prohibition will be.

## BUILDING FALLS AND EIGHT MEN ARE KILLED

Buffalo, N. Y., June 30.—Eight lives were lost in the collapse of one of the main buildings of the new \$400,000 water works at Proctor avenue and the water front today. Four of the dead have been identified and four are still buried beneath tons of twisted steel and masses of concrete, where it is impossible that one of them could have survived. Four others were injured.

All the dead and missing were tin-smiths of this city. Mayor Furman and District Attorney Dudley have started an investigation to place the responsibility for the accident. A preliminary estimate of the damage to the building, which was practically completed for installation of the machinery, indicated that the loss would exceed \$150,000.

About 40 men were at work when the big structure trembled as more than 200 feet of its heavy roof swung downward, carrying with it the greater part of the side walls. Men jumped from the crumbling mass in all directions. Two plunged into the canal and were rescued by occupants of a motor boat.

Firemen, police and soldiers from Fort Porter were quickly at work in the wreckage and six were rushed to hospitals. One died in an ambulance and two on operating tables. Hours must elapse before those buried in the machinery pit can be reached.

## YOUNG MAN GROUND TO DEATH AT REIDSVILLE

Reidsville, July 3.—Charles Betchler, a young man about 30 years of age, was killed instantly by extra freight train No. 776, southbound, today. The tragedy occurred in front of the passenger depot and the badly mangled body presented most gruesome spectacle. The head was completely severed from the body and fragments of the mangled form had to be gathered up in a box and removed from the track. Betchler came to Reidsville several days ago from Altamahaw, where he had lived for some time. Since he has been in Reidsville he had been employed at the Edna cotton mills. Saturday he was drinking and today he reported for work, but only remained on duty an hour, when he left the mill.

It is assumed that he was in the act of boarding the freight to go back to Altamahaw when he missed getting a hold and was hurled beneath the cars. He fell under a car heavily loaded with steel and his body was so badly mangled that it was several hours before he could be identified. There were no papers on his person which made identification possible, but when J. B. Pipkin viewed the face of the dead man he said he thought he had at some time worked in the Edna mill and he sent other people from the mill who identified him.

## YOUNG ELECTRICIAN MEETS INSTANT DEATH AT HICKORY

Hickory, July 4.—Edward Bumgardner assistant electrician for the Thornton Light and Power company, of this city, was electrocuted at 11 o'clock last night while repairing a street lamp at the corner of Twelfth street and Fourteenth avenue. He had just repaired the street lamp on Main street in front of Moser and Lutz's drug store, and on his way home found this light cut of order and stopped to repair it.

The insulation at the top of the lamp had been destroyed and the chain connecting with the lamp and reaching to the street had become charged with electricity. When he took hold on the chain to lower the lamp several hundred volts of electricity passed through his body killing him instantly. He lay where he fell for something near half an hour when he was found by Wade Shuford.

## WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM MEXICAN BORDER

Washington, D. C., June 30.—Leaving on the Mexican border a military force adequate to meet any emergency that might arise, President Taft today authorized the withdrawal from the maneuver division of four regiments of infantry, the 9th cavalry and the 4th field artillery. The infantry regiments to be withdrawn have not yet been selected. The movement will be gradual and will consume probably thirty days. The withdrawn troops will return to their home stations. The following troops will remain in Texas.

A brigade of infantry, composed of regiments not under orders to go to the Philippines, two regiments of coast artillery, part of the third and the eleventh cavalry, and part of the third field artillery. The 11th cavalry will probably be stationed at Kerrville, near San Antonio. The border patrol will not be disturbed, the fourth, sixth and part of the first cavalry remaining at their present stations. The 22d and 23d infantry and the third cavalry will remain in Texas.

## SAN FRANCISCO HAS ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE

San Francisco, July 1.—Two earthquake shocks, the heaviest since the big shake of 1906, and separated by only a few seconds, jarred the central portion of California and western Nevada today. The first sharp shock experienced at 2:01 o'clock, was followed within a few seconds by one of similar intensity, each lasting about five seconds.

Only trivial damage has been reported from any section, but in San Francisco other cities in the affected area panic seized upon crowds in stores and restaurants, and there was a pell-mell exodus from the large buildings. One peculiar feature of the earthquake was that it did not appear to follow the old "fault" in the earth's crust which has been the playground of tremblers in the past, but extended from the seacoast eastward to the Sierras, including hitherto exempt mountain areas. It was felt to the northward of Sacramento in the Sacramento valley, southward as far as Fresno, and to the east to Carson and Reno, Nevada, the latter place experiencing the heaviest shocks in its history.

Some slight damage was done to buildings in San Francisco. Within a few seconds after the first shock downtown buildings were depopulated in a rush to the streets. Telephone and telegraph service was suspended by the operators deserting their posts.

Herbert Hadley, a lodging house inmate, fell dead of fright and some cases of hysteria, or of cuts, or bruises suffered in the semi-panic were treated at the hospitals. Santa Rosa, which suffered greater disaster, in proportion to its size than did San Francisco in the catastrophe of 1896, scarcely felt today's shock. San Jose, another heavy sufferer in 1906, reported that the shock today was the severest experienced since that time, but it did no serious damage.

## The First Cotton Bloom.

The first red cotton bloom we have seen this season came to us the 29th day of June from our hustling farmer friend, Mr. Andrew Beal, route four. We also heard of one the same day coming from our good friend W. A. Tinnin, route seven, but it was a white one. Those familiar with cotton raising say that when the bloom first opens it is white, but the second day turns red, and the third day falls off. So Mr. Beal has the best of Mr. Tinnin by one day. Both are industrious and hard working farmers of which any community may feel proud.

On account of so many attractions in Burlington this week, Jones Bros. Big shows will reduce price of admission to 25c.—this is a regular 50c show.

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