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TWENTY-SIX MEET DEATH, TWENTY-SIX ARE INJURED

Excursion Train is wrecked This Morning at Berry, Ala.

Train-Master and Twenty-Five Negroes Were Killed Outright, While Engineer and Twenty-Five Passengers Were Badly Injured and Will Die

(By Wire to the News Bulletin.)

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 1.—An engine and six coaches, filled with negroes on an excursion train, coming to Birmingham, from Greenville, Miss., was wrecked at Berry, Alabama, this morning.

RICOCHET SHOT PROVED TO BE A MENACE TO NAVIGATION INVADING FLEET PREPARING FOR ATTACK ON OUR COAST

BIG GUN PRACTICE FRIGHTENS THE MARINERS

SIGNAL MEN LOSE SIGHT OF THE FLEET

Approaches to Long Island Sound Are Thoroughly Mined and it Will Be Difficult For Invaders to Gain Entrance

(By Wire to The News.)

Fort Trumbull, Conn., Sept. 1.—The invading fleet from the hostile country of Navynia, is upon us, somewhere this morning concealed below the horizon, but within steaming distance of a few hours of our coast.

Admiral Higginson's fleet was picked up last night by signalmen in the vicinity of the Vineyard Sound in a dense fog but lost again. All night the signal stations along the coast were busy trying to relocate the ships but without success.

Last night all the mines in the navigable way into Long Island Sound were connected electrically. So thoroughly had the approaches been mined that with the exception of the race there is not fifty feet of sailing water that has not concealed under the surface submarine mines.

New London, Sept. 1.—The target practice of heavy guns at fortifications at Long Island Sound has become a serious menace to navigation.

The steamer Maine with excursionists aboard, while passing near Forts Wright and Michie, yesterday, was nearly struck fifty feet forward of her bow. This is only one of several like cases reported.

ENEMY TAKES BLOCK ISLAND.

Fort Trumbull, Conn., Sept. 1.—The enemy has taken Block Island after a bombardment of the same. After shelling the place, a collier was sent into the harbor and later the Brooklyn landed a troop on the island presumably to scout for and capture the signal stations there.

This information was made public this morning by General Barry. Previous to this there had been constant denial that there had been any engagement.

Five vessels composed the fleet which took the island. They were the Kearsage, Massachusetts, Scorpion, Panther and Nina. Block Island will undoubtedly be used as a naval base.

At 12:30 p. m. General Barry reported that Beacon Hill station on Block Island was captured at 8 o'clock this morning by a landing party. All the signal men escaped save two.

Wu Deplores Exclusion Act.

(By Wire to The News.) Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, was chief of labor day speakers for today.

Speaking of the Chinese exclusion law, he said in his opinion it was a blow to the commerce of this country with China.

RT. REV. JOHN M. FARLEY NAMED AS ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

ROME, SEPT. 1.—RIGHT REV. JOHN M. FARLEY WAS APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK TODAY, BY THE ALMOST UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE PROPAGANDA.

COMMISSIONERS FIND COUNTY FINANCES IN SPLENDID SHAPE

The board of county commissioners met this morning at the county court house. There was a full board present. Mr. Jas. Blancher, an old soldier, was given a permit to peddle goods, wares and merchandise without license.

Capt. J. D. Brown was relieved of the duty of caring for the bridge on the Charlotte and Beattie's Ford road. The report of the finance committee that completed its work the 8th of August was presented and passed on by the board. It is as follows: To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Mecklenburg County:

We, the finance committee appointed by you to audit the receipts, accounts and vouchers of the several county officers, viz: Clerk of the Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, County Treasurer and Tax Collector, would respectfully report that we have examined the same and find them all correct, up to date. Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that a very few of those required to take out a license tax on the first day of June, have done so. The great majority of those doing business requiring license, have neglected or are delaying to secure the same and are conducting business in violation of the law and thus depriving the State and county of money due the first day of June.

ANOTHER VILLIAGE IS WIPED OUT BY MOUNT PELEE'S BLAST

(By Wire to the News.)

Castries, Sept. 1.—A St. Lucia steamer here from Fort DeFrance Martinique today reports that Mount Pelee, which overwhelmed St. Pierre recently and killed thirty thousand people has claimed 200 additional victims.

The steamer that brought the news is the Korona, a Britisher, commanded by Capt. Carly. When Korona left Fort DeFrance refugees were arriving. They said the eruption of Mt. Pelee, which had been noted from Fort DeFrance Saturday night, had destroyed the village of Mornaie Rouge and that the village of Lecarbet had been swept by a tidal wave. The refugees believed that at least two hundred are lost.

They said the people of Northern Martinique are again panic stricken. Ashes are again falling on the islands adjacent to Martinique.

TWO ARE LOST IN THE CAPSIZING OF THIS YACHT

(By Wire to The News.)

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Late yesterday afternoon a small pleasure yacht with ten persons aboard swamped in the Hudson in the wake of the river steamer Saratoga.

Eight were rescued and two lost. The bodies of the drowned have not been recovered.

King Edward May Visit America

(By Wire to The News.)

London, Sept. 1.—The story is current this morning that King Edward will visit America before the end of September.

It is stated that he will cross in the royal yacht accompanied by two cruisers. The American Embassy at London knows nothing of the trip and the

LABOR DAY OBSERVED BY AN ELABORATE CELEBRATION

Perfect Weather and Large Crowds Add to the Pleasure of the Day

PARADE THE FEATURE OF THE MORNING

Great Crowd Hears the Hon. Jerome Jones Deliver An Address at Latta Park and a Still Greater Crowd is Taking Part in Games and Contests This Afternoon

This is Labor's great day and so far as local wage-earners are concerned, it has been thoroughly appropriated and appropriately celebrated.

The weather was perfect for the celebration, the wage-earners of the city, or at least a great many of them, had holiday, there were throngs of visitors within the city gates and everything else was as propitious. Excursions from the mountains, the seashore and north and south of Charlotte swelled the crowds on the streets and the true holiday spirit pervaded the air.

The program thus far has been faithfully observed and those that are taking part in the celebration are enjoying themselves to the fullest extent. The first part of the program was a street parade, in which the various labor unions of the city took part. Headed by Steele Creek band and followed by a number of attractive floats representing local business houses, the procession traversed the principal streets of the city and wound up at Latta Park. Here the crowd, which was augmented by hundreds of visitors and sight-seers, heard an excellent address by Hon. Jerome Jones of Atlanta. This afternoon contest and games of amusing and healthful nature for prizes, are taking place at the park and tonight the festivities will be concluded by a free minstrel show at the auditorium. Altogether it has been a most pleasant and eventful day, and one of which labor and its friends will carry many pleasant recollections in the years to come.

Promptly at the hour named for the parade to move, the procession started

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STRIKERS ARE QUIET IN PANTHER CREEK VALLEY

Militia Patrols the Valley But Finds Nothing to Do—Many New Men Are Reporting Ready For Work

Tamaqua, Pa., Sept. 1.—Today was exceptionally quiet one in Panther Creek Valley. This probably due to its being a holiday.

A company of infantry toured the Valley from one end to the other but did not encounter a semblance of a disturbance.

The ranks of the non-strikers were greatly augmented at Langford and Summit Hill, at the latter place alone three hundred men reported for work this morning. Trouble is expected tomorrow, as it is given out that Number Eight Colliery will be put in operation.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Sept. 1.—A Poland carrying his dinner at the creek was held up by a crowd of strikers near Parsons this morning and severely beaten. He is in a serious condition.

BANDIT KIDNAPS BOY.

Son of Havana Judge Is Held For Big Ransom.

(By Wire to The News.) Havana, Sept. 1.—Bandits have kidnaped the Son of Judge Lanier, Fiscal of the Supreme Court.

The boy was stolen from his father's plantation in this province. The bandits demand a thousand dollars ransom or the boy will be killed.

A number of similar occurrences were reported in various parts of the island and the rural guard is blamed. The reorganization of the body is demanded.

Annual Trades Congress.

(By Wire to The News.) London, Sept. 1.—The annual trades congress opened at Holborn town hall today. Five hundred delegates are present.

Sick Man Picks Up Some Coin

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—After extraordinary efforts the Minister of Finance has finally succeeded in raising enough money to pay all the government employees a months salary.

In celebration of the anniversary of the Sultans accession the money was distributed yesterday. This is the first wages some of the men have received in five years.

SEVERE GALE SWEEPS ALGOA BAY AND MANY PERISH

Thirty-Eight Vessels Ashore. Five Smashed to Pieces and All Hands on Board of Them Were Lost, 'Tis Said

(By Wire to The News.)

Capetown, Sept. 1.—A severe gale swept over Algoa Bay last night and today, and thirty-eight vessels are ashore.

It is known that five vessels were smashed to pieces and all hands aboard lost. It is feared the casualties will reach a hundred.

WILL FREE CATALONIA FROM THE YOKE OF SPAIN

Castilian Government Greatly Disturbed Over the Revolutionary Movement That Has Just Been Unearthed

(By Wire to The News.)

Madrid, Sept. 1.—The government is greatly perturbed by the growth of Republicanism in the province of Catalonia.

The Governor of the province reports that clubs and newspapers are increasing rapidly with the avowed purpose of freeing Catalonia from the Spanish yoke. Many of these establishments have destroyed the Spanish flag.

Ill Health Causes Suicide. Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 1.—Mr. Eber Brewton, auditor of Spartanburg county, was found dying in his room yesterday morning from two fearful gashes in his throat, self-inflicted. He died a few minutes afterward.

Ill-health is assigned as the cause of the rash deed.

PORTELETS GERMANY HAVE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS

Railway and Harbor Privileges in Palestine Are Granted and Russia is Beginning to Foam at the Mouth

(By Wire to The News.)

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—It is stated on the highest authority important harbor and railway concessions are likely to be granted by the Porte to Germany in Palestine.

Russia is most dissatisfied and a lively exchange of diplomatic communications on the subject is expected.

Red Fiends Planning an Uprising Throughout Italy

Rome, Sept. 1.—The government has discovered that the strike of all classes of workmen at Florence were not by any means a purely local affair. The Anarchists passed word throughout Italy that the time was now ripe for a general uprising.

The authorities in consequence are active in an extraordinary degree to use every precaution and every prominent malcontent is being shadowed to the Swiss frontier and watched closely as from there the planned insurrection is expected to come.

PLAY LAID ASIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF SCHOOL-DAYS

Two Hundred Children Entered the Public Schools This Morning

HOLIDAY DID NOT LESSEN ATTENDANCE

Two White Schools and Colored School Opened Their Doors—Only Brief Session Was Held, Children Being Assigned to Their Classes

The north and south graded schools and the colored school opened this morning under exceedingly favorable circumstances.

Despite the fact that this is a National and State holiday, over two thousand children in Charlotte this morning laid aside their summer-vacation play things and took up their books and pencils.

The sights at the north and south graded schools this morning were indeed inspiring. At these two schools over 1,500 children reported for work. At the north school there were 767 names enrolled and at the south school the number was 741.

At the colored graded school the number of names enrolled were 741. Comparing these figures with last year, it is ascertained that the number of children enrolled today exceeds last year by about 25.

In making this comparison, it will be well to remember that Labor Day last year was not so generally observed as this year. This accounts for the absence of a few hundred children this morning.

It is generally believed that by the end of the week at least 1,800 white children and 800 colored children will have made application for study in the Charlotte schools.

At the south graded school at the beginning of last fall's term, there were 703 scholars enrolled. Today, notwithstanding the fact that a National and State holiday was on, 741 children were present.

At the north graded school last year there were less than 700 children present on the opening day. Today there were 767.

This, as readers of The News will observe,

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FRANCE TO ISSUE NEW LOAN AND LEVY HIGHER TAX

List of Changes and Appointments Announces New Ambassador to America and M. Jules Cambons Transfer

(By Wire to The News.)

Paris, Sept. 1.—From frequent consultations of the Ministry of Finance with the directors of the leading financial houses it is understood that a new government loan is about to be issued. Financiers it is understood are advocating levying new taxes and the assignment these to the service of the loan.

A list of changes and appointments in the French diplomatic service was officially announced today and among them was the appointment of M. Jusserand, the Ambassador at Washington, and Jules Cambon, the present American Ambassador to be Ambassador to Spain.

Veteran Minstrel Answers Last Cue. Providence, R. I., Sept. 1.—Charles H. Dupre, the veteran minstrel, died yesterday at the Rhode Island hospital of heart failure.