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Eighteen Year Old Boy Victim In Fatal Tragedy

Frank Raulfs Instantly Killed When Contact With Every Day Soda Fountain Apparatus Sends 2200 Volts Electricity Through Body

Frank Raulfs, 18 years old, was electrocuted this morning between eight and nine o'clock while operating an electric milk shaker at the Standard Pharmacy in this city.

Robert Whitehurst, another employee in the same store was shocked into unconsciousness a few seconds later when he rushed to the main switch and turned off the current from the entire building.

The news flashed over the city first that both boys were dead. Prompt attention by a physician restored young Whitehurst quickly to consciousness and he sustains no serious injury.

Prolonged effort was made to resuscitate Frank Raulfs but without success and with little hope of it. For 20 seconds or more 2200 volts of electricity had hurtled through his body.

Crossed wires and a damp morning combined to produce the circumstances that cut short the life of a boy of brightest promise, while he was engaged in the routine of his usual duties. He had taken an order for a milkshake and had turned on the current to mix the drink without mishap. When he turned to his machine to switch off the current the customer who had ordered the drink heard a snap, a startled exclamation and then saw Frank Raulfs crash to the floor where he lay entangled in the wiring of the dismantled machine sparks flashing from his head and clothing and the pungent odor of burning hair filling the room.

There was an instant of horrified inaction. Then Robert Whitehurst and W. M. Perry rushed to the rear of the store to cut the current off from the building at the main switch. Whitehurst was younger and reached it first. Without hesitation and with his bare hand he pulled the lever of the switchboard down and himself went to the floor unconscious. It was several seconds before he was brought to.

When Whitehurst had been sent home and when it was seen that there was no hope of reviving Raulfs, Dr. L. Fearing impaneled a coroner's jury to view the body and hear the evidence as to the cause of the boy's death.

The evidence disclosed the following circumstances:

About eight o'clock this morning the lights went off at the office of this independent. Going to the door W. O. Saunders saw that there was a broken wire in front of the Citizens Bank and sent a messenger to the electric light office to apprise them of the situation. It was too dark in the office to work and Mr. Floyd J. Triplet went out, saying that it was a good time for him to get his breakfast. He went to the Standard Pharmacy and ordered a drink, warning Raulfs that the wires were crossed a block away and that it might be better to be cautious in using the electric apparatus.

Raulfs body showed no marks of the shock except a horizontal burn

across the back of his head and a slight one at the right knee, where his trousers had scorched through.

The accident was caused by the falling of the primary wire of the circuit with which the Standard Pharmacy has connection across a secondary wire. The contact occurred in front of the Citizens Bank building and had the effect of sending into the Standard Pharmacy and into every other building in the same circuit 2200 volts of electricity instead of the ordinary 110 volts. The entire charge of 110 volts would not cause death under most conducive circumstances, the lightest fatal voltage ever recorded being about 480 volts.

The first to notice that the wires were "frying in front of the Citizens Bank was Dr. C. W. Sawyer who observed it about six o'clock this morning. He thought that the wires effected were those of the telephone company, and called attention to it at the telegraph office, and one of the men reported it to Mr. Lambert. Mr. Lambert saw that it was the light company's wire but was not able to get in touch at that time with anybody connected with the electric light office.

In less than ten minutes after the trouble had been reported at the electric light office the company had a man at the scene of the trouble guarding the wire. When the coroner's jury came to view the condition of the wires at this corner a few minutes before ten o'clock the broken wire had been cut and removed.

Other buildings on the same circuit observed unusual phenomena but no other serious accidents were reported. One of the operatives at the telephone exchange experienced a slight shock but sustained no burns, as was reported this morning.

At the First National Bank an electrician was called to see what was the matter with the lights, as they seemed to be "boiling."

Nothing unusual was observed at The Advance office beyond the fact that the power was cut off during the forenoon for about an hour.

JURY'S VERDICT

The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect:

That Raulfs' death occurred by electrocution and that all the electrical fixtures at the Standard Pharmacy were properly installed.

That the intersection of Polk and Fearing streets two wires were in contact.

That the current was not cut off immediately after the notification to the Electric Company that the wires were crossed.

That had the wires been properly insulated when they came in contact the entire voltage would not have entered the building and death would not have resulted.

The jurors were: A. G. James, T. T. Turner, S. H. Johnson, A. L. Cohoon, F. M. Cook and J. C. Sawyer.

MOYOCK MAKES MONEY ON HOGS NO ABATEMENT OF BATTLE'S FURY

LEADING SPIRITS THEM HAVE SHOWN ADVANTAGE OF MARKETING ALIVE. BRITISH STORM OF METAL AND MEN CONTINUES AT ANCRE BROOK

(By DR. F. D. OWEN)

A few years ago, the Moyock section of Currituck county had, just the same as the balance of that county, and the other counties of this section have, the ordinary number of swine upon the farms, enough to feed the farm, and perhaps a few hogs to kill and to market at the seasonable time of the year. That is, they did when cholera had not taken all the surplus away from them.

But last year a few of the leading spirits of that section began to understand that this is the most favored part of the state for swine raising, and that in order to secure the best there is in the industry, the animals must be marketed alive.

As a consequence, last year, from October 15th. to June 16th. this year, Moyock and vicinity marketed twelve cars of hogs ALIVE and received in return for them over \$13,000. This means that about 1200 hogs went out of that station alive, and that the shippers received the money without the trouble of killing and dressing them.

Most of these carloads were sold upon the Norfolk market, and in most instances were composed of a number of different shippers.

Moyock has a freight rate of about \$14.00 per car, with a minimum of 20,000 pounds to the car. That is, it does not cost any more to ship 20,000 pounds of live meat than it would to ship 2,000 or 3,000.

In addition to the above, this section also shipped about \$3,000 worth of animals alive, but in smaller lots, some going by express and some being hauled through the country to Norfolk.

(By United Press)

London, Nov. 15.—With no abatement of the fury attending its initial smash, the British storm of metal and men against Germany's vaunted sub-surface fortifications on both sides of the brook Ancre continues today.

German counters have been ineffective in their effort to drive the British from their newly won positions.

The violence of the artillery action on the British front indicates to military experts that General Haig is inaugurating an enveloping movement of first importance.

The French report progress during the night north of the Somme maintaining their positions in spite of desperate German counters.

Petrograd admits that the Germans, heavily reinforced, are pushing back the Roumanians south of the Vulcan Pass. Bucharest claims to be again on the offensive west of Cornovada.

At The Alkrama On Thursday

"Where Are My Children?" which is to be shown at the Alkrama Thursday was produced by Miss Lois Weber, who also directed "The Dumb Girl of Portici." The chief roles were played by Tyrone Power, as a District Attorney; Miss Helen Rieueme, as Mrs. Walton, wife of the District Attorney, and Miss Renee Rogers, in the part of a girl who is the victim of a surgical operation.

The opening reel represents the portals of eternity and the souls of little children waiting to be born. They go forth to earth in great numbers, and those unwanted are being constantly sent back. The following scenes on earth reveal the unhappiness of such men as Richard Walton whose wife chooses to remain childless. Other wives of the same opinion are among the characters and Mrs. Walton takes Mrs. Brandt, one of her friends, to her physician, Dr. Malfit. An unfortunate single girl is also introduced to Dr. Malfit, and she dies as the result of the operation which has been successful in so many other cases. Her death is the climax of the photoplay.

Dr. Malfit receives a heavy sentence, then his practices become known, and in revenge he sends to the District Attorney his account book with pages marked to show the calls of the attorney's wife.

Bryan Works For Prohibition

(By United-Press)

New York, Nov. 14.—William Jennings Bryan has determined to devote the next four years to making Democracy dry. "The party cannot afford," says the former Secretary of State, "to take the immoral side of a moral question. We must not allow the Democratic party to be buried in a drunkard's grave."

Mr. C. C. Duvall, manager of Dana Forest Store, Buffalo City, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city on business.

J. W. Fisher of Jarvisburg was in the city Tuesday.

To Investigate Deportation

(By United Press)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Attorney General Gregory is making progress in investigating the movement of thousands of negroes into the Northern states before the election. He is determined to discover whether the reported cases of the registration of these negroes were isolated or part of a general scheme.

Belgian Relief Is Hindered

(By United Press)

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is feared that America's relief for destitute in Belgium has been seriously interfered with by the wholesale deportation of Belgians to Germany to labor in the industrial plants.

It is understood that the German policy is to declare destitute any family receiving relief supplies. As a result the allies may request the United States to cease relief measures which play obviously into the hands of the German government.

USE OF COTTON IS INCREASED

(By United Press)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Figures for the first nine months indicate an increase of 130 per cent during 1916 over the 1915 consumption of cotton in the manufacture of explosives.

H. R. Barco of Jarvisburg has purchased a farm about two miles from the city and will move his family to this county soon.

Bess City Celebrates Woodrow Wilson's Victory

Many Participate Spite Of Threatening Weather and Rather Hasty Preparations

It's all over now; the shouting has ceased, and Elizabeth City has settled herself down to the happy thought of four years more of prosperity and peace. Four years more of Wilson, for whose election the people here take an equal proportionate share of the responsibility, feeling proud to have contributed a quota to the country's future welfare.

That pride in her own part and especially in the ultimate result of the election was demonstrated on the streets of this city Tuesday night. Men, women, and children, domestic animals and automobiles, took part in the celebration and every one individually and jointly delighted in celebrating the country's greatest political victory. The overwhelming Democratic spirit of feeling good drove every one in line and several hundred people took part in the parade and exultation. Not one single incident or accident came in to mar the goodness of the occasion. Despite the congested condition of the street due to the large crowd of pedestrians and automobiles, extreme carelessness was observed by all, and the van of moving people swayed forward then backward without a break.

It was a large night and every one enjoyed it. Even the Radicals were there to offer thanks for the sympathy extended them, and they must have felt good at this assurance of good fellowship. The speakers were there to stir the dormant and strengthen the strong. They told good things to be done, spoke of the good that had been done, condemned no one, but stuck to the text of Democracy, and showed cause for its victorious fight. It was just what Elizabeth City and surrounding countries wanted. They knew they had done right, but loved to hear the other fellow say so.

Notwithstanding the fact that only short notice had been given of the celebration, the citizens turned out in considerable strength and sometime before the hour for the line to form the street and sidewalks in front of the Hinton building, extending nearly a block either way, were crowded with people anxious to take part. The din of noise drowned the average conversation. Drums were beating, automobiles sounding their varied cries, hornblowers rent the air with their explosions of sound, and those anxious to help out laborer on the bottom or side of an old tin pan or yelled at the top of their voices for "Wilson and four years more of good government." Anyway every one helped as much as he was able and there was no chance for kick because of lack of noise.

Promptly at eight o'clock the factories and mills in the city sent forth their approval of a Democratic victory by blowing their whistles. The crowd fell into line at the signal of the drum, and the march to the old school ground began. Many knew not where to go, merely followed the crowd as it surged along up Main street to the Southern Hotel thence to the left up Road street to the scene of the bon fire. The line, somewhat hostily formed was well marshalled by several on

horseback and the parade showed up well. Many wore costumes, varied and significant; automobiles were decorated in national colors and flags, and the Boy Scouts were in line, each carrying a small flag. Conspicuous in the line of march was the Camden County Wilson-Bickett car. Camden was there and in full force, Uncle Sam was there also, Doc. Hoffer having dressed himself in this national costume, expressed his approval of what was being done by joining the crowd and helping the good work along. Hundreds of torch lights borne high above the heads of the crowd illuminated the entire line. The firemen and the fire engine were there, and the bell on the court house pealed its tidings of joy for quite awhile.

Thousands Hear Speaking Then came the bon-fire. Already a large pile of boxes and tar barrels had been placed in the center of the vacant lot on Road street, and at a signal these were set on fire. The crowd drew as closely around as the intense heat would permit and waited to hear what the better informed had to say. The speakers were there and the occasion for applause were numerous. Each speaker got right to the point saying what should be said and no more.

Hon. Roscoe Turner led off. The weight of his physique was no greater than the force of his words. He touched his audience just in the right spot, and the horns bellowed, drums beat, autos tooted and men shouted in approval of his remarks. Mr. Turner expressed sympathy for Mr. Pugh and Mr. Meekin, referring to the latter as the "silver-tongued orator of Main street."

Camden was there not only with an automobile and a few spectators but Camden was there with a mouthful piece. Hon. Howard Tillett mounted the box as second speaker and told the crowd much. He referred to the joining hands of the "solid South and the solid West in the recent election as indicative of the power and co-operation of the American farmers and their realization of the great benefits derived from a Democratic administration. He was heartily applauded at numerous intervals during his remarks and at the close.

Then came Hon. Hallett Ward, designated in his introduction as "Hot Stuff" Ward, a title he justly earned in his prosecutions when solicitor in this district. Mr. Ward said it was a time for thought, even during rejoicing as to the cause of the recent phenomenal victory of the Democrats all over America. "An instance," he said, "of the people's approval expressed through the ballot." He referred to the conditions of the laboring man and the farmer now as compared with conditions under Republican rule. Interspersed with appropriate jokes, Mr. Ward's short talk was well pleasing to the celebrants.

Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, last but not least in any wise, mounted the stand amid loud applause. He was there Tuesday night as he is always on every occasion. "Ever-ready" Ehringhaus, to be sure. He lay the bedside of a sick wife he

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