

A BIG FIRE AT SUMTER

SEVERAL FIREMEN INJURED
\$50,000 Worth of Property Burned at
South Carolina Town—Fire Chief
W. S. Graham Is Dangerously
Wounded. Both Legs an Arm and
His Skull Being Fractured—Falling
Wall Catches Several—Mayor
James Thompson, Chief of Police,
Dead—For Children's Home Soci-
ety—North Carolina Officer After
a Columbia Convict.

Observer Bureau,
129 Main Street,
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 2.
At Sumter to-day, fire destroyed
Belk Brothers' two-story stone block
building, containing their wholesale
dry goods store, the retail grocery
store owned by H. L. Tidwell, Man-
heim's Cafe, all occupying the first
floor. A hotel occupied the second
floor, run by Manheim's Cafe.

The walls became red-hot and as
the firemen threw water on them they
collapsed, leaving Chief of Fire
Department W. S. Graham. His skull
was fractured in two places, one arm
and his legs were crushed seriously.
T. P. Lyman, a fireman, had a leg crush-
ed, and Robert Warren had a leg
crushed, necessitating amputation.
Other injuries. Six other firemen who
were working on the fire on the second
floor were caught and carried
down with the walls, several being in-
jured. Several inmates of the hotel
had narrow escapes as flames burst
out from the stairs and losing all wear-
ing apparel.

The estimated loss is \$50,000. The
buildings were partially insured.
North Carolina Penitentiary Guard
Cops arrived here today so as to be
ready with requisition papers to carry
Frank Short, alias "Missouri" Short, a
South Carolina convict, whose sentence
expires to-morrow at noon, back to
North Carolina, as it is thought Short
is Frank Geddings' life-term from
North Carolina, who escaped from the
penitentiary there many years ago and
who is also famous as a yegman.
Short to-morrow will be sentenced to
seven-year sentence for house breaking
and larceny in Lexington county, just across
the river from the penitentiary. He is
about 35 years old. Short's identity as
Geddings has not yet been fully estab-
lished, although a former member of the
Cops on a telegram from Governor Glenn
issued the requisition papers, which were
placed in the hands of the Cops, who
went at once to the penitentiary.

It is understood that Mr. Gregory, of
the secret service, will be here to-mor-
row to look further into the case. Mr.
Cope knows nothing of Geddings' crimes
in North Carolina.
Mrs. Mary Beam, collector for the
Children's Home Society, is here at
work in the interest of the South Caro-
lina branch of the society, of which
William B. Streeter is State superinten-
dent. She is asking contributions. She
has visited a number of other South
Carolina towns and reports cordial re-
ceptions and much success. The society
maintains no homes or orphanages, but
its business is to find homes for children
who do not go to the regular orphanages.
The society has placed 10 children since
October. Its "stock on hand" plants
is a 6-year-old boy and a pair of twin
boys 20 months old. There have been 35
requests for children from families.

The annual report of the Columbia
health board's physician, Dr. C. F. Wil-
liams, disclosing interesting facts,
some encouraging and some that ought
to be guarded against in the future. The
report directs attention to the fact that
there is no law compelling physicians to
report infectious diseases to the board,
and on the strength of this the board
adopted a resolution "requesting the
physicians to report such cases, particu-
larly cases of tuberculosis, so that the
premises might be looked after so
as to prevent the spread of the disease.
The report says the town "has been
exceptionally free from typhoid fever"
because of our new water plant is com-
pleted," says the report, "I feel safe
in saying to you that we need no longer
fear typhoid from our water. In my
opinion, it is as pure and wholesome
as water can be, and with the proper
management plant up-to-date plant,
we have, I see no reason why it should
not always be."

Mayor James Thompson, of Wallaha,
brother of H. E. Thompson, of Columbia,
died last night in Wallaha, after a
three-day illness of typhoid pneumo-
nia. Mr. Thompson was a Knight of
Pythias, an Odd Fellow and a Heptasoph.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mr. Geo. C. Justice, of Rutherfordton.
Special to The Observer.
Rutherfordton, Feb. 22.—Mr. Geo.
C. Justice, one of Rutherfordton's best
and most prominent citizens, died at
his home in this town very suddenly
at about 8:30 o'clock last evening. He
had not been feeling well for a few
days and remained at his home al-
most the entire day yesterday. About
dark he laid down on the bed for a
rest and expired almost immediately
without a sound or struggle.

Mr. Justice was just 37 years of age
and was one of the ablest young
lawyers in this part of the State. He
was a graduate of Rutherford Col-
lege, and shortly after finishing his
education at that institution, he be-
gan teaching school and was very
successful. Later he gave up teaching
and secured license before the Su-
preme Court of the State for the prac-
tice of law. In this undertaking he
was also as successful and at the time
of his death was considered one of our
foremost and brilliant attorneys. Dur-
ing the last campaign he was the
nominee on the Republican ticket for
collector of this district. He was a
member of the Masonic Order, Knights
of Pythias and Junior Order of United
American Mechanics. He is survived
by a wife, who was Miss Ella Geer,
one child and four brothers—Messrs.
Bid Justice, a twin brother, of Marion;
Leon and Zeb Justice, of Spartanburg;
B. C. and Will Justice, of this coun-
ty.

The funeral will take place at
Mountain Creek Baptist church, seven
miles north of this town, this after-
noon, under the auspices of the local
fraternal orders of which he was a
valued member.
Mr. F. O. London, of Atlanta, Ga.
Special to The Observer.
Rock Hill, S. C., Feb. 22.—The re-
mains of Mr. Frank O. London, who
died in Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday
night, were brought to Rock Hill for
interment this morning.
Mr. London was a former citizen of
Rock Hill; was a brother of the late
John R. London, and an uncle of
Messrs. R. M. and John London. The
deceased is survived by a wife and a
son, and the following named brothers
and sisters: H. A. London,
of Pittsboro, N. C.; Mr. W.
L. London, Mrs. A. M. Haugh-
ton, Mrs. Lillian Snowden, of
Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. M. C.
James, of Wilmington.

Mr. London was born in Pittsboro,
North Carolina, June 28, 1857. He
moved to Rock Hill from Pittsboro
and made this his home for 10 years
or more, being engaged in the grocery
business. For the past few years the
deceased had conducted a hotel in
Atlanta.
The funeral services were con-
ducted at the church of our Savior at 4
o'clock this evening by Rev. R. M.
Marshall, and interment was made in
Lowwood. The pall bearers were
Messrs. J. B. Johnson, C. W. Frew,
M. H. Sandifer, B. T. Powell, A. C.
Leard and W. C. Hutchison.
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Friends arrived here to-day to attend
the funeral.
Mrs. Thos. R. Sharpe, of Spray.
Special to The Observer.
Spray, Feb. 21.—The community
was deeply shocked this morning to
hear of the death of Mrs. Gettrude
Sharpe, which occurred at 5 o'clock
last evening, from an acute attack of
pneumonia. Mrs. Sharpe was an active
worker in the Episcopal Church
and her loss will be keenly felt. Her re-
mains will be interred in the Episco-
pal cemetery in Lexington to-mor-
row afternoon, Rev. Lawton Melli-
chompe officiating.

Mrs. Sharpe is survived by her
husband, Col. Thomas R. Sharpe,
Messrs. Thomas and George Sharpe,
her sons, and her two daughters, Mrs.
Meyers, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss
L. A. Sharpe, of Spray.
Lad Stabbed to Death in a Boyish
Quarrel.
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Follow-
ing a boyish quarrel between Arthur
Lorraine and Walter Taylor, aged 14
and 15 years, respectively, the former
was stabbed to death late to-day.
Taylor has been arrested.

THE WEATHER.
Washington, Feb. 2.—Weather con-
ditions and general forecast for Saturday
and Sunday:
Virginia, fair Saturday and Sunday,
not so cold Sunday, fresh north to north-
east winds.
North and South Carolina, partly
cloudy Saturday; Sunday rain; fresh
northwest wind, break of Hatteras.
Georgia, partly cloudy Saturday; Sun-
day rain; fresh northeast wind.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER
BUREAU.
Charlotte, Feb. 22.—Sunrise 7:01 a. m.;
sunset 5:12 p. m.
TEMPERATURE (in degrees).
Highest temperature . . . . . 42
Lowest temperature . . . . . 28
Mean temperature . . . . . 36
Deficiency for the day . . . . . 5
Accumulated deficiency for month . . . . . 28
Accumulated excess for year . . . . . 204

PRECIPITATION (in inches).
Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. . . . . 3.24
Total for the month . . . . . 1.21
Accumulated deficiency for month . . . . . 1.21
Total for the year . . . . . 2.78
Accumulated deficiency for month . . . . . 2.78
Prevailing wind direction . . . . . N. E.
W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

While wailed and Winnie wheezed,
while Winny winds whined weirdly,
while wiggled whines Winnie wheezed
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