

BOY IS BURNED TO DEATH
LIFE LOST IN OBSERVER FIRE

George Wilson, a Deaf and Dumb Lad, Perishes Trying to Exit to a Window—Had Stolen to Quiet Place on Third Floor of Observer Building for a Night's Sleep—At 1:30 O'clock Fire broke Out in the Composing Room of the Job Department and Burned the Third and Fourth Floors—The Paper Had to Be Completed at The News Office—It is Believed That Fire Caused From a Match Dropped by Wilson.

This morning at 1:30 o'clock fire broke out in the matrix room, on the third floor of the Observer Building, and destroyed the third and fourth stories of that, the rear section, of the building. Some one in the Southern Manufacturers' Club discovered the fire and before the alarm could be given the top part of the building was full of flames. The men in the composing room on the second floor were hurrying to get the first edition of the paper to press when the fire was discovered. Immediately after the alarm was given the linotype men had to quit their machines, grab their coats and fly for their lives. The firemen responded quickly and began to fight with all their might, but it was some time after 2 o'clock when they got the flames checked.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed that George Wilson, the deaf and dumb boy who had been in the habit of slipping up to the matrix room and sleeping, dropped a match and it started from that. Wilson had been run out of there several different times, but it is believed that he went up there last night early. When it became generally known that he was in the habit of going there an effort was made to find him after the fire had got under way, but the smoke was so dense that a thorough search was impossible. There is a bare possibility that he perished in the building.

The printers crossed from The Observer Building over to The News plant, which Mr. W. C. Dowd opened up, and turned over, and continued their work, putting into type the matter not already handled.

The press and other machinery in the basement of the Observer Building was covered with oil cloths so that they would not be seriously damaged by the flood of water and the linotype machines on the second floor were treated in the same way. The damage has been great, but at the hour of the morning at which this is written no one can tell what it is. The front section of the building, which includes the editorial rooms, the city editor's room, the business office and the Southern Manufacturers' Club, was not touched except with water.

By 3 o'clock the fire was out. It was then estimated that the damage done to the building and machinery would amount to at least \$15,000. After the flames had been quenched and the smoke had cleared the boys made a final search for George Wilson, but could not find him. If he is in the building he is under a pile of rubbish. The fire, coming at the time of morning that it did and being in the heart of the city, brought out hundreds of people from all sections of the city. Men and women swarmed on the streets.

Early after the fire commenced the electric light wires were burned and the lights in the composing room where the printers were at work went out. It was then that every fellow struck out for himself.

The fourth floor of the Observer contains the bindery of the printing house. That was completely ruined. At 3:30 o'clock the dead body of George Wilson was found some distance from where the fire originated. He had evidently tried to escape from the building and was suffocated. His body was found in the southwest corner lying between some type cases and the wall close to the window which he must have been trying to reach. In the northwest corner his shoes and hat were found. Messrs. Paul H. Brown and R. C. White discovered the boy.

George Wilson was born in Crab Orchard township. He was about 15 years old and was a bright, smart boy. He had spent a year at the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton and was going back this year. Everybody in the Observer Building liked him. If he was the cause of the fire, he did not intend to be, and it seems impossible for him to have caused it.

No Abatement in Smallpox Epidemic in Vienna.

Vienna, Sept. 8.—There are no signs of abatement in the smallpox epidemic. During the last few days 16,000 persons have been vaccinated. Public meetings and processions have been forbidden.

OCCUPATION OF MOROCCO
FRANCE SUGGESTS IT TO SPAIN

Rumored in Military Circles That France Has Proposed to Spain that the Two Countries Send a Combined Army to Occupy Moroccan Ports—Minister of War Rivera Supports the Proposition—Heralded Moorish Peace Delegation Fails to Appear and Military Operations Will Be Resumed To-Day If Negotiations Are Not Resolved in Evening—Spain Bombers—All the Ports at the Front Are Ordinarily.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The Echo de Paris' Madrid correspondent says it is rumored in military circles that France has proposed to Spain to send a Franco-Spanish army of 50,000 men to occupy the Moroccan ports and to go as far as Fez, if necessary. The correspondent says it is stated that Premier Maury and General Martell, chief of the headquarters staff, are opposed to this plan, but that the Minister of War, General Primo Rivera, supports it.

The Echo's Madrid correspondent says that Great Britain's influence contributed to a modification of Spain's attitude toward Morocco, Great Britain persuading her to cooperate effectively with French action and to conform to her rights and obligations as recognized by the treaty of Algiers.

The correspondent at Madrid of the Daily Express says it is believed Spain will decide to send 5,000 infantry and 500 cavalry to occupy Tangier, Tetuan and Larache and establish a police force there.

PEACE CONGRESS PLANS

At the invitation of Assistant Secretary of State Adee the ministers from Central American countries to Washington will meet at the Capitol on Monday to discuss events for the holding of a Central American peace congress.

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The committee of 45 representing the striking telegraphers will meet in New York Monday in anticipation of the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Western Union, which is scheduled for the following day. The strike leaders have said that they have a very hopeful feeling regarding the outcome of the committee's visit to the city. The company officials, however, have not a little doubt as to the result.

Mr. W. P. Jacobs will enter the department of medicine at the University. Mr. Jacobs has heretofore been employed as a teacher in the Bingham School, at Asheville.

Mr. J. B. Nicholls will return to the University Monday where he will complete his course in medicine.

Miss Pauline Bridgers left yesterday to attend for another year the Baptist University for Women.

The graded school will begin about the first of October. The new building will not be completed before next year and this will necessitate the school being taught in two or three places because the town has no vacant building large enough to accommodate the whole school.

The dispensary continues to be a big improvement over the open bars.

Miss Helen Gilliam, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Virginia and has taken in the sight at the exposition, has returned home. Miss Gilliam will teach in the graded school this year. She has been assistant principal to her mother of the celebrated Benedict Academy for several years, which has done such excellent work in preparing boys and girls for college.

Court begins to-morrow. Judge W. R. Allen presides. This term will be held in a grand old building.

Crops are looking very well, but in some parts of the county rain is very much needed.

Mrs. St. Leon Scull is visiting her parents at Arcola, Warren county.

Miss Mary Smith has accepted a position in the Falkland High School as music teacher.

A Methodist revival has been in session this week at Cashie church. Rev. W. C. Merritt has been assisted by Rev. Charles Jones, of Asheville. Much good has been the result.

President's Appreciation. He Will Personally Receive and Congratulate the Winners of the Palma Trophy.

FORECAST OF WEEK'S NEWS
COMING EVENTS FORESHADOWED

The White-Winged Dove of Peace to Be Courted by Men and Nations—Secretary Taft to Start on His World Junket Wednesday—International Peace Conference at Munich Monday—Striking Telegraphers Hope for the Best as Outcome of Meeting of Union Directors—Special Tariff Commission Will Go Abroad Saturday—Dominican Congress to Meet September 10th—Milk Congress at Brussels the 12th.

Many meetings which have for their object the establishment and preservation of peace, both industrial and political, will be held during the present week. While the sixteenth international peace congress is in session at Munich, Bavaria, from Monday until Saturday, representatives of all the Central American republics will meet in Washington to arrange for a Central American peace congress. Monday a delegation of 45 representatives of the striking telegraph operators from various sections of the country will meet in New York in an effort to reach some sort of a peace agreement with the employing companies.

The board of directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company, one of the companies against which the strike was directed, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday.

TAFT'S SAIL

Secretary Taft will sail for Seattle next Wednesday for the Orient on a journey which will not end until he has made a complete circuit of the globe. On Saturday a special commission of tariff experts will meet in New York for England. The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will open at Saratoga on Monday and continue throughout the week.

Preparations for the international peace congress at Munich already have been completed by a committee of 200, chosen from among the most distinguished residents of the city.

The president of the committee is Dr. Heinrich Harburger, counsellor of the Supreme Court and a professor of International Law at the University of Munich. An international honorary commission also has been formed with Baron von Podewils, the Bavarian premier, as honorary president. The American peace society will be represented at the congress by its secretary, Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood and a number of delegates from Boston, New York and other American cities.

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SEMON CAUSES COMMENT.
SPENCER PASTOR SPEAKS ON THE POOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF THAT PLACE—CHARLOTTE LADY ATTRACTS ATTENTION BY HER SINGING UNUSUAL EXERCISES OF HUSBAND, WHOSE WIFE—NEGRO'S LEG MASHED OFF.

Spencer, Sept. 8.—Rev. J. E. Gay, pastor of the Spencer Methodist church, preached a sermon to-day which caused considerable comment, his theme being education of the sermon was not the least sensational but contained a large amount of data as to the patronage of the Spencer graded school, deploring the fact that the records of the past year show that only about one-half of the 450 children of school age were enrolled and that the average attendance was only about 50 per cent. of the enrollment. Mr. Gay declared that education and religion, the school and the church, must go hand in hand. He called attention to the excellent school facilities now to be had in Spencer and urged his hearers to use the same.

An enjoyable feature of this service at the Methodist church here to-day was the singing of Miss Nellie Van Stewart, first violin teacher in the Presbyterian College at Charlotte. In the forenoon she sang with splendid effect "He Leadeth Me," which was heard by a large audience. To-night she sang "Hold Thy Hand" with much fulness of expression and feeling. The accompaniments were played by Miss Stewart's mother, Mrs. Ida L. Stewart, who for several years has been a member of the faculty of the Presbyterian College. Her daughter graduated last year. Both are visiting Mrs. A. W. Hicks in Spencer. Miss Stewart recently returned from Lake Chautauque, N. Y., where she took a series of special courses at the college. She is a pianist, a singer and a violinist. She rendered several violin selections and accompaniments here to-day which were highly complimented, reflecting the work of an artist.

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CLEVELAND CAMPAIGN ON PRESIDENT BOOSTING BURTON.
BOTH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE SECRETARY OF WAR MAY MAKE SPEECHES FAVORING THE CONGRESSMAN FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE OHIO CITY—MAYOR JOHNSON HAS ASSURED THE NEBRASKAN AN OCCASION THAT THE NEBRASKAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WILL RALLY TO HIS SUPPORT—CONTEST PROMISED TO BE THE MOST EXCITING IN CLEVELAND'S HISTORY—CANDIDACY FOR FURBER'S SEAT IN NO WAY AFFECTED.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 8.—The contest between Mayor Tom H. Johnson and Congressman Theodore E. Burton, as the Democratic and Republican nominees respectively for mayor of Cleveland, promises to be the most exciting political event in the history of the city, not excepting campaigns some years ago, in which the late Senator Hanna was the central figure.

The endorsement of Mr. Burton's candidacy by President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft. It is expected that both will speak here by both later on in the campaign. The President is to start from Cleveland on the coming trip if the inland waterways commission is in issue of the city and investigation on the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi river, and Republican leaders believe that while here he may be induced to make a speech urging Burton's election. The Democratic executive committee has called the city convention at which Mayor Johnson and the ticket with him is to be named, for September 19th. Mayor Johnson has declined to discuss the matter since the endorsement of Burton is a candidate, but it is said he has assurances from W. J. Bryan and other leading Democrats from various parts of the country will come here to make speeches in his behalf.

CLEVELAND NORMALLY REPUBLICAN. Cleveland normally is a normal Republican city by from 7 to 10,000 majority in national elections and up to the advent of Mayor Johnson six years ago the Republicans had ruled the city and county for years. In the election of Mayor Furber, following the defeat of the McKelston administration and the rehabilitation of the faction led by Senator Hanna. In the last two campaigns made by Johnson he succeeded in increasing the plurality which he gained in his election six years ago and in his last race which was two years ago he piled up a plurality of nearly 15,000. The city administration is a result of the Johnson leadership, becomes nearly solidly Democratic.

In selecting Mr. Burton to oppose Mr. Johnson, the Democratic leadership has admitted that Johnson is forward their strongest man and while they claim Johnson will win they concede that it is anybody's race.

Johnson's Ancient Foe. It was Burton who defeated Johnson after the latter had served two terms in Congress, having been previously elected as a Democrat in a district which was largely Republican. Since that campaign Mr. Burton has continued to represent the district in Congress and has been re-elected by Johnson's opponent in his own party and either unopposed by the Democrats or with only perfunctory opposition.

Mr. Burton's political managers assert that his probable candidacy for the seat of Furber is in no way affected by his race for mayor whatever the result of the election in November may be, and that he will retain his seat in Congress and the chairmanship of the rivers and harbors committee at least until after the majority election.

A BIG RUN ON STAMPS. Baltimore Postoffice, for the First Time, Finds Itself Short of the Popular Denominations.

Baltimore, Sept. 8.—For the first time in its history, it is said, the Baltimore postoffice to-day ran out of popular denominations. By some overnight, doubtless, no provision was made for the extra demand due to the sending of Hebrew New Year cards, of which an immense number were to-day offered for mailing. The great bulk of these were to be mailed under one-cent stamps, the supply of which was quite exhausted early in the day. Then the call was for two-cent stamps until these, too, became so scarce that only the most limited quantities could be purchased. Even the supply of the branch offices and drug stores were requisitioned by the central postoffice in the effort to supply the demand.

ENCAMPMENT OF G. A. R.

Fifty Thousand Veterans Expected at Annual Reunion of Wearing of the Blue at Saratoga.

Saratoga, Sept. 8.—Amid gaily decorated tents, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic have been arriving all day for the forty-first national encampment which will be held here this week.

Fifty thousand veterans are expected to be here this week. It is probably the largest encampment held elsewhere than Washington, D. C. At the business session of the organization a resolution probably will be introduced fixing that place as the permanent meeting place of the organization hereafter. It is probable that within a few years the annual encampment will become one of the great meetings of the veterans are, it was stated by G. A. R. officials to-night, becoming too feeble to attend these meetings in a body and to take part in the annual parade.

Statistics made public to-night give the membership of the national Grand Army of the Republic as 202,000. Of these the organization loses annually 3 per cent. As the average age of the members is 49 years, the organization will exist, it is estimated, for 20 years more.

Situation Calm at Antwerp.

Antwerp, Sept. 8.—Mr. Hertlet, the British consul general here, has formally protested against the inadequate protection given British ships during the strike movement.

The situation is calm. Foreigners suspected of being fomenters of disorder are being expelled from Belgium.

Woman Killed in a Runaway Accident.

Bridgewater, N. S., Sept. 1.—Mrs. T. Rutledge, wife of a Mr. Rutledge, colonel of the United States army, was killed and her daughter, Mrs. Philip Moore, and the latter's child were badly injured in a runaway accident here to-day.

BOOM FOR MR. CHANLER
LOOKED UPON AS ARTIFICIAL

Washington Politicians Regard the New York Lieutenant Governor's Presidential Boosting as Mere Bubble of Air—The War-Time Question "Where is Doko?" Revisited—Hearst Believes By the Man Behind Mr. Chanler—The Work of the Press Bureau in the Boom Business—This the Launching Season of the Year, Washingtonians Having No Other Way to Pass Away the Time.

Observer Bureau, 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, Sept. 8.

The circumstances surrounding the launching of the Chanler boom for the presidency in Washington indicate that it is purely an artificial boom; a kind of soap bubble, in fact, and no really astute political students here take it seriously. While Chanler was elected Lieutenant Governor of New York on the Democratic ticket, having been the running mate of William Randolph Hearst, Hearst himself being defeated, since the cry of "elect Chanler" in New York last year, nobody hereabouts has thought of all of Chanler. He has been entirely forgotten and to resurrect him now as a prospective candidate for the presidency is scarcely worthy of a place among the jokes.

It is something like this. Old inhabitants in South Carolina recall that in the year 1860, some time prior to the calling of the secession convention, the newspapers throughout the country announced that the citizens of Doko had met and formally passed resolutions declaring for the secession of the Southern States. Editorial comment was made upon it throughout the length and breadth of the land. In the North the citizens of Doko were condemned while the papers throughout the South rang with the praises of their courage and patriotism. It was Doko this and Doko that. Finally one of the papers, I do not recall which, came out with a short editorial commending the people of Doko in the most laudatory terms for their heroic action but wound up with this tag: "But where in the hell is Doko?"

And this is the way with the Chanler boom. Chanler may be all right. He may be the very man for the democracy, but who is Chanler? That is about the way it is looked upon.

MAN BEHIND CHANLER. From the source of some of the Chanler propagation literature around Washington and New York, there is reason to believe that most of this talk is inspired by Mr. Hearst, Hearst, Hearst himself, of course, does not want Chanler to be President. He wants to be President himself. He does not expect Chanler to be nominated. Hearst is in the identification of Chanler with the influence which are trying to dissipate the Bryan sentiment in the South and what little there is in the East, by bringing out some candidate for the presidency to think about.

The Chanler press agency seems to be getting organized very much as the Parker press agency was three years ago. Very few people outside of New York knew anything about Judge Parker or had ever heard of him. He was nominated by the delegates all fixed for him before the convention, and these delegates were fixed by the power of advertisement. The Parker press bureau worked the people of the United States as they have never been worked before. They sent out all sorts of newspaper "hand-outs," stories boosting Parker, stories telling who Parker was, stories telling how the country was all for Parker, how this State and that State were all for Chanler, and the people in the South began to believe that as the whole country was for Parker they too must fall in line; and they fell in line. Now the same kind of scheme is started for the boosting of Chanler. The Chanler press agency is not starting by telling anything about Chanler, who he is or what he has done, or what he can do. The agency starts out by telling the people that there is a great sentiment in other parts of the country for Chanler. People naturally do not wish to expose their ignorance by asking who he is, so they just get up on a stump, wave their hats in the air and holler, "Hurrah for Chanler!"

FROM BRYAN TO CHANLER. It will be noticed that in all the press agency stories sent out announcing what wonderful strides the Chanler boom is making, it is always stated that the people are turning to Chanler in those States in which the Bryan sentiment is being dissipated. The Bryan sentiment may be on the wane and it may not be. But it is evident that the fact is upon the wane. The evidence presents itself every few days in some such propaganda as this new one of Chanler.

This is a good season of the year for the launching of booms in Washington. The President is away, and every member of the Cabinet, except Farmer Jim Wilson, the Secretary of Agriculture, and a member of Congress is such a novelty that when one comes to town he is at once pounced upon by every newspaper man in the city to see if there is any "copy" in him. There is literally nothing going on of national interest, except of course, the moving of the fleet to the Pacific, and that has about petered out. And yet there are some 150 newspaper correspondents here with heads for political gossip, with papers at home expecting them to send them something interesting, especially in the line of political gossip; so it is the easiest thing in the world to start a boom for the presidency. Some enterprising newspaper man with a typewriter which can make manifold copies can sit down any day and launch somebody's boom in a dozen States. He just simply writes a story and gives copies to his friends. That is one of the secrets of the profession which is not supposed to be told; but the public will find it out anyhow if it keeps up; so what is the difference?

The reason that the public will find it out is because of the launching of booms of fellows who have never been heard of except that their names have occurred in the papers in the mist of the work of the day. They are tagged on to the name of somebody else; in this case, Mr. Hearst.

None of this is meant as disrespect or disparagement of Mr. Chanler, or commendation of Doko; but "Where in the hell is Doko?"

NEWS FROM THE TWIN
CIVIL TERM OF COURT RECORDED

The Number of Cases on Docket of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Property of Men Who Were With Necessity Attracted to the World, Who Tried to Kill John Salvo, Salvation Army Convention of Firemen Not Held, the Odds Being Against West Salem—Freight Train Caught a Level Chime After Passenger Train Rocks—The High Court Caught, However, and Sent Whipped.

Special to The Observer, Sept. 8.—The term of the Fourth county court for Court will convene to-morrow with Judge Fred Moore, as presiding. Judge Moore is very well remembered here, having held the last term of Superior Court. He is one of the ablest judges on the bench and made a most favorable impression on the members of the local bar.

The term will be for two weeks for the trial of civil cases. There are on the docket for trial 343 cases, but only about one-third of this number is set for trial. As usual there are more cases on the calendar than can be reached at this term. There are several important cases to come however.

Several attachment suits have recently been instituted against property of Charles C. Self, convicted felon, who after being convicted of the murder of W. H. Hames, who was presumably by the negro who was yesterday morning two such cases were heard in Squire Lehman's court. One of the suits was instituted by Norman & Co., for \$131 and the other by J. H. Hames, for \$137. The magistrate gave judgment for the amounts asked for. Calvin Westmoreland, who came from the State convict farm 20 days ago, was carried to Raleigh by train last night and arrived upon the morning train. He turned him over to the temporary authorities. WOULD-BE SUICIDE CONVENTION. Luce Satterfield, the man who last week attempted to take his own life by swallowing two ounces of cyanide, is again well and sound and enjoying his freedom. The recorder's court yesterday morning a judgment was suspended until October when Satterfield is to appear before the recorder and show that he has been living an industrious and useful life since he was freed from this action. In the opinion of many people, was the proper course Satterfield, through the efforts of the local post of the Salvation Army had been converted and was now as now at piece with his God and man, and promises to henceforth lead a different life. At the open air services of the Salvation Army last night Satterfield proclaimed the fact that he had been converted and was now a new man. He renewed his promise to lead a better life. He said, however, for his action about the same ago when he attempted to end his life by taking cyanide.

This demonstrates clearly the power of the Word of God and the influence of the Salvation Army. This is only one case of hundreds where it does immeasurable service to humanity.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION LOST. Winston-Salem loses the next annual meeting of the National Firemen's Association. This information was received last night in an Associated Press dispatch from Oklahoma City, Okla. The meeting was to be held next year in Chicago, Ill.

Chief of the Winston Fire Department held a meeting at the city hall, the convention, went armed with an invitation to the convention to meet in this city next year. In addition the invitation from the city was read to any consequence in the future. The meeting was a success and firemen to select Winston-Salem as the next place of meeting. But the odds were against this city, first, because the association met recently at Roanoke, Va., and second, because the meeting was to be held in Chicago, Ill. It is presumed that the firemen themselves would be best to divide honors. Chief Taylor is expected home some to-morrow or Tuesday.

A TRAIN ROCKER CAUGHT. As a freight train from Moore, N. C., stopped this morning at Winston-Salem, a small party standing on the side of the railway threw a missile at the caboose, missing Fireman Johnson's head. Capt. J. W. Joiner, who was on duty, stopped the train and arrested the offender. He was taken to the station and held until this morning.

When the train stopped a boy standing on the bank started through the woods. Captain Joiner started pursuit and finally overtook the boy. He carried the boy back to the train and handed him over to the conductor. The train and told the conductor the name of the boy who committed the mischievous act. He was robbed by two other boys.

By this time the father of the boy had arrived upon the train and Captain Joiner suggested to the conductor that if the boy was whipped would drop the case. The father agreed and the boy got a severe thrashing—one that he will remember for some time.

WORK OF FLEET GOOD.

Members of Naval War College Witnessed Manoeuvres of Admiral Evans' Fleet Laid in Their Preparation.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 8.—Members of the naval war college who arrived here to-day after several days