

SIX BURNED TO A CRISP

EXPLOSION AT BLAST FURNACE

Without a Moment's Warning Molten Iron Spurred From Furnace Sweeping Down Upon Workmen of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company—Twelve Are Fatally Injured, Ten More or Less Seriously Injured and Twenty-Four Others Had Miraculous Escapes From Death—Fragments of Four Blackened Bodies Had Been Recovered at Midnight—Bodies of Other Two Will Probably Never Be Found—All the Men Are Foreigners.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 9.—Six men literally burned to a crisp, twelve fatally injured and ten more or less seriously injured are the results of an explosion to-night at the Martin's Ferry, Ohio, blast furnace of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company. Twenty-four others had miraculous escapes from horrible death or injury.

At midnight fragments of four blackened bodies had been recovered. The other two victims will probably never be found. The twenty injured men, some with arms and legs burned off and their bodies terribly burned, are being attended at a hospital at Martin's Ferry.

Some of the injured, after being showered with the molten iron, ran screaming to the Ohio nearby, and plunged into the cool water. They were quickly rescued and sent to a hospital.

The accident is the first to occur at this furnace. Shortly after 8 o'clock a "slip" occurred in the furnace. A force of workmen, numbering fifty, were gathered about the furnace making ready to drill in for the 9 o'clock cast. Without a moment's warning there was a terrific roar. Great masses of molten iron spurted from the furnace, sweeping down the workmen.

Those of the workmen, who were not injured, rushed from the furnace into the streets and up to late to-night efforts to account for all of them have been futile. While there are now twenty known victims, how many men escaped cannot be ascertained, as it may be possible that others perished. All the men were foreigners.

Frederick Zimmerman, manager of the furnace, was seriously burned in attempting to save some of the men from death. As one man was swept past him in the stream of molten iron, he reached forth and grasped the poor fellow's arm which parted from the body, and the victim sank to a fiery death. What caused the accident has not been definitely decided.

JOINT MEETING IN NORFOLK.

Hotel Men of North Carolina and Virginia Vote to Hold Joint Meeting of the Associations in Norfolk, Next January—New Members Elected—Banquet at Battery Park.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, June 9.—The Hotel Men's Associations of Virginia and North Carolina held separate meetings this morning and endorsed the invitation of the hotel men of Virginia and Norfolk to hold their joint meeting at Norfolk next January.

At the meeting of the Virginia association, P. S. Brine of Richmond, was elected secretary of that association, to fill a vacancy. The new members elected to the Virginia association are R. C. Norman, proprietor of Hotel Grand, South Boston; S. E. Purvis of Pulaski; Tate F. Cheney, Henry Clay Inn, Ashland; J. C. Woolen, Hotel Beverly, Stanton; Lucas Alexander, Hotel Bowling Green, Warrenton.

A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions on the death of John Murphy, Jr., of Hotel Richmond. Richmond. A vote of thanks was extended the North Carolina Hotel Men's Association and the hotel men of Asheville for their royal entertainment of the Virginia association.

The members elected by the North Carolina Hotel Men's Association are: Joseph E. Johnson, Spartan Inn of Spartanburg; S. C. J. Cook, of Panama Springs; C. D. Cherry, of Weldon; Mrs. R. H. Young, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. Carmichael, of Marion. S. C. The matter of enlarging the association and extending it to include the States of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia was brought up this morning in the meeting of the North Carolina association and it was resolved to bring the matter up for final settlement at the January meeting at Norfolk.

To-night a banquet was given the hotel men at the Battery Park Hotel, after which dancing was indulged in.

To-morrow morning the delegates, many of them, will go to Lake Toxaway for an outing.

ON TRIAL FOR SMUGGLING.

Defendants in One of the Greatest Conspiracies the Government Has Ever Dealt With Enter Pleas of Not Guilty.

Chicago, June 9.—Defendants in one of the greatest conspiracies to smuggle Chinese into this country across the Mexican border, with which the government ever has dealt, were placed on trial to-day before United States District Judge Landis. Eight men were indicted as the result of the activity of government agents. Three recently pleaded guilty, sentence being deferred, one is a fugitive, the bonds of another were declared forfeited to-day, and the remaining three entered pleas of not guilty.

Those placed on trial to-day were Bob Leung, a Chinese merchant of El Paso, and Jose Parra and Carlos Severda, Mexicans. John M. Yanner, a dining car cook who assisted in transporting the aliens, will be a witness for the prosecution.

Assistant United States District Attorney Seward S. Shiner declared the alleged conspiracy had embraced many men besides those indicted, and that they had brought hundreds of Chinese into this country. For each Chinese thus smuggled the conspirators received \$500, he said.

Engineers to Hold Memorial Services at Spencer Sunday. Special to The Observer.

Spencer, June 9.—Extensive preparations have been made for the annual memorial services of the Old Dominion Division No. 375 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which will be held in Spencer Methodist church next Sunday afternoon. The memorial address will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. R. D. Sherrill. All engineers in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina are invited to attend. Officials of the Southern have also been invited and it is expected that attendance will be very large. The memorial this year is held in honor of eighteen dead engineers, many of whom were well known before being killed.

REJECT MONUMENT DESIGN.

Confederate Veterans Didn't Like Militant Woman That Sculptor Had Created—Notes of the Reunion.

Memphis, Tenn., June 9.—The Confederate veterans rejected the design for the monument to the women of the Confederacy because the sculptor had created a militant woman, armed, belted and waving a flag. It was unanimously agreed that this was in no sense a fitting memorial to the gentle, tender and devoted women of the South.

The memorial services in honor of Jefferson Davis were held early in the afternoon. These were principally the reading of Scriptures, prayers and eulogistic addresses. The splendid, Confederate choir, composed of 100 beautiful Southern girls attired in the Confederate uniform and led by dainty Mrs. J. Griffith Edwards, of Norfolk, Va. furnished the music. The services closed with the rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" by the choir and the invocation by Dr. N. M. Long.

There were many prostrations during last night. Ambulances were kept at central and easily accessible points, doing splendid service to those who fell from the heat.

Amusing features were not lacking during the evening. One of the negroes, a white-bearded, almost blind and crippled man was found crying in a corner. He had taken a few drinks too many, after a long experience of drought in Mississippi. Then he proceeded to squander his cash balance upon souvenir badges. He must have had a hundred of them pinned all over him, when he realized that he was "broke." Sympathetic white comrades took care of the old chap, even to buying him "nother drink," which he wanted.

A white veteran from Georgia, confined by the mysterious of a Pullman car, which he entered for the first time, threw his trousers, containing \$5 in money out of the window, thinking he was throwing them into "another room."

ROOSEVELT IS THANKED.

Southern Memorial Association Approves Restoration of Jefferson Davis' Name to Cabin John Bridge.

Memphis, Tenn., June 9.—At the concluding session to-night of the Southern Memorial Association, resolutions were adopted expressing the thanks of the association to former President Roosevelt and General Luke P. Wright, former Secretary of War, because of their restoration of the name of Jefferson Davis to Cabin John bridge and urging that September 27, the centenary of the birth of Admiral Raphael Semmes be observed by all Confederate organizations.

The officers elected follow: President, Mrs. W. J. Bellan, New Orleans; recording secretary, Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, New Orleans; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Richmond, Va.; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Mlynton, Memphis.

Other presidents include Florida, Mrs. W. D. Chipley; Georgia, Mrs. R. M. Nesbit; North Carolina, Mrs. R. H. Jones; South Carolina, Mrs. W. R. Bachman; Virginia, Mrs. Shelton Cheves.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

Fourth Annual Meeting Comes to a Close at Greensboro With a Reception by the Local Chapter—New Officers Elected and Installed.

Observer Bureau. The Bevil Building, Greensboro, June 9.

The business sessions of the fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star came to a close this afternoon and to-night the visiting delegates were tendered a reception by the members of the local chapter. It was decided to hold next year's meeting in Asheville. Before adjourning the following officers were elected and installed: Mrs. Jennie G. Travis, of Halifax, worthy grand matron; George R. Calvert, of Asheville, worthy grand patron; Mrs. W. R. Daniels, of Winston, associate grand matron; R. P. Edwards, of Trap Hill, associate grand patron; L. M. Clymer, of Greensboro, grand secretary; Mrs. Emma B. Siler, of Siler City, grand treasurer; Miss Kate Houston, of Ore Hill, grand conductor; Mrs. Annie V. Wyrick, of Greensboro, associate grand conductor.

DROWNED IN GREEN RIVER.

Young Lady Loses Her Life While Out Boating Near Cox's Place, Polk County.

A traveling man who spent yesterday at Rutherfordton brought word to the city last night of the drowning of a Miss Lynch in Green river near the Cox's place, twelve miles from Rutherfordton, Tuesday afternoon.

The Observer was unable to get Rutherfordton last night as the telephone and telephone offices closed at 8 o'clock, but the gentleman who brought the news was informed that the young lady with a party of friends was out on the river when the boat capsized throwing the occupants into the water. After a few minutes Miss Lynch, unable to swim, went down while four other members of the party were rescued with great difficulty.

Features at the Alamo This Week.

Mr. Don Richardson, who is looking after the Alamo temporarily, announces that he has decided to play the "water" costume. "Almost Persuaded" and "Nearer My God to Thee" to-morrow night. He postponed it in order to sound ministerial opinion, thinking some might consider the rendition of the selections in a place of entertainment sacrilegious, but has been assured otherwise. Rendered by Mr. Richardson on the violin they cannot but be effective.

Strike on Mount Airy & Eastern Continues.

Winston-Salem, June 9.—The strike on the Mount Airy & Eastern Railroad continues. Trains are being operated with new forces. The men, who stopped work, say they will wait with patience until paid due wages are paid, when they will offer to return to work. No attempt has been made to interfere with the strike-breakers.

Steel Mill Will Resume Operations.

Birmingham Ala., June 9.—Announcement was made tonight by officials of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company that the steel mill of the company at Bessemer will resume operations to-morrow morning. The mill had been shut down for several weeks. About 1,600 men will be put to work to-morrow morning.

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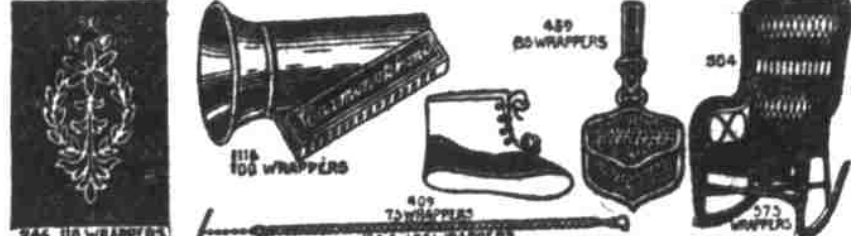
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BLACK HAND DISCOVERED

STARTLING REVELATIONS MADE

Postoffice Inspectors Have Conclusive Evidence That Gang in Ohio Towns Was Organized Along the Same Lines as the Old Mafia, But With a Better System For Concealing Other Members. Inspector Holmes Says That Outrages Were Committed by a Well-Organized Society—Nine Arrests Have Been Made Thus Far—Federal Grand Jury May Indict Prisoners on Charge of Conspiracy to Extort.

Cincinnati, June 9.—Revelations in the extortion plotting and murder by the black hand, as uncovered by the postoffice inspectors from the Cincinnati office, show conclusively that the gang in Columbus, Marion, Dennison and Bellefontaine and other Ohio towns was organized along the same lines as the old Mafia, but with a better system for concealing their movements.

It is now known that the Ohio black hand, or the Society of the Bananas, as its members style themselves, had a branch in Cincinnati and one in Chicago and a line that extended to South Dakota. Regular meetings were held and the money obtained by extortion was distributed to various divisions in this country and sent to relatives in Italy for safe keeping.

"We have found what I believe to be a certain proof that the black hand outrages were committed by a well-organized society," said Chief Postoffice Inspector Holmes to an Associated Press representative to-day. "It has taken Inspector Oldfield and four other men and one and a half months to run down the leaders."

"We have no evidence so far that the American black hand in the West is connected with the foreign organization that killed Lieutenant Petrosino in Sicily."

Nine arrests have been made thus far in Columbus, Marion, Dennison and Bellefontaine and government officers here and in Cincinnati are looking for Antonio Lima, brother of Salvatore Lima, who was arrested in Marion. Antonio Lima is held to be one of the chief ring-leaders.

An effort will be made to have the prisoners indicted by a Federal grand jury at Cleveland on the charge of conspiracy to commit extortion.

Winston-Salem to Organize Boosters' Club.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, June 9.—A "Hundred Thousand Club" will be organized in Winston-Salem shortly with the object to let the world know what this city has done, is doing and will do. It will advertise the city, will bring more and more manufacturing enterprises here and will work for the increase of the population to 100,000. Prominent men are back of the movement and it undoubtedly will be a success. A handsome publication will be issued.

Duma Accepts Interpellation.

St. Petersburg, June 9.—The Duma to-night by a large majority adopted the interpellation charging Dr. Dunrovin, president of league of Russian people, with organizing political murders. Deputy Protvopoff in urging its adoption, stated that this was not the desire of one party or another, but of the whole country, which was awaiting an official explanation of the activity of the league of Russian people.

Charge Modified to One of Trespass.

Henry Frazier, colored, was tried before the recorder yesterday. He was charged with the theft of a quantity of tomatoes. The rightful owner of these is Mr. C. C. Bates. The latter runs a store at No. 205 South Graham street. The recorder, having heard the evidence, changed the charge to one of trespassing. He then sentenced the defendant to serve 30 days on the roads.

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Colored Collector of Customs Dead.

Savannah, Ga., June 9.—John H. Devaux, colored, holdover collector of customs for the port of Savannah, died to-night. He had been in the customs service upwards of forty years, and was one of the best-known negroes in the South. At one time he was the ranking military officer in Georgia and was at the head of the State central Republican committee. He was wealthy. His death leaves vacant the office of collector of customs here, and it is probable that no negro will be appointed. Mr. W. H. Leaken, of Savannah, will probably get the appointment.

WOMEN WHO ARE ENVIED.

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