

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION DEALS DEATH

WHOLE SEVENTH AVENUE BLOCK COLLAPSES.

Trolley Car Drops Fifteen Feet With 78 Passengers; Over Half of Injured Are Women and Girls; Police Reserves, Fifteen Ambulances, Thirty Surgeons, and Mayor Mitchell Rush to Scene.

New York, Sept. 22.—Seven persons were reported by police to have been killed and more than fifty others seriously injured today when a dynamite explosion in the excavation of the new Seventh avenue subway caused a cave in which engulfed a surface car and numerous pedestrians.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 o'clock and more than half the injured were women and girls on their way to business.

There were 78 passengers on the trolley car which dropped fifteen feet into the subway excavation when the entire block on Seventh avenue between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth streets collapsed. Although the car remained upright, it was partly buried under an avalanche of concrete, rails timbers and earth, and many of the passengers were crushed.

Persons who were in a large office building nearby said there was a great roar as the pavement and portions of the sidewalks sank. This was followed a moment later by the cries of the partly entombed passengers and of pedestrians who were either thrown into the excavation or knocked down.

Men and women smashed the car windows with their bare hands in an effort to escape, eye witnesses said, while pedestrians who had been thrown into the hole struggled to avoid the falling debris and regain the street level.

Police reserves were called out, two fire alarms were turned in, and fifteen ambulances with thirty surgeons were rushed to the scene. The hospital corps of a large cloak and suit house nearby turned out.

The cave-in broke water and gas mains and within a few minutes heavy flows of gas and water threatened the lives of the 100 or more persons in the excavation. Prompt work by city employes in shutting off the flow in the broken mains put an end to this danger.

Fire ladders and ropes were lowered and police and firemen began carrying out the dead and injured, while contractors, employes and others worked furiously clearing away the timbers and debris that imprisoned many persons.

Within an hour more than fifty injured had been removed. Two, a man and woman, died on the way to hospitals and another woman was reported dying. A short time later the rescuers reached the worst part of the wreckage and the first body was recovered. Police and firemen later reported taking five dead from the cave-in.

Much Dynamite Found.

Rescuers found numerous sticks of dynamite scattered about in the excavation and a foreman said much blasting had been done this morning between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets under Seventh Avenue.

E. A. Little, general superintendent of contractors, said:

"The disaster was due to a small explosion of dynamite which caused a number of street props or shoring in this section to give way. The charge which actually caused the accident was a regulation dynamite charge and the cave-in was not due to any carelessness on the part of our employes. Rather, it was due to crude, loose formation of the dirt which we unexpectedly came across."

Mayor to Scene.

Mayor Mitchell drove to the scene early. There he found Police Commissioner Woods, Fire Commissioner Adams, officials of other city departments, and Edward E. McCall, chairman of the public service commission. After an inspection of the cave-in Mayor Mitchell said there had been seventy-eight persons injured as he knew, only one passenger had been killed in the car. He added that it was too early to suggest criminal responsibility, but that all

subway construction work in the city would be inspected at once.

There were between seventy and eighty laborers in the excavation, although most of them had withdrawn some distance, the others were reported to have been buried in the cave. Five of the dead were said to have been laborers.

The dead:
Louis Krugman, 22 years old, a passenger on the car.

An unidentified woman about 60 years old, a passenger who was apparently on her way to work.

Four laborers.
It was announced the number of injured would total between 85 and 100.

SEABOARD DENTAL SOCIETY.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick Entertains Society and Friends at Big Barbecue.

On last Saturday it was the pleasure of the members of the Seaboard Dental Society and about one hundred friends of the host, to attend a most enjoyable barbecue by Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick at their beautiful country home just across the road from Corinth church, about six miles from town. Long before time the crowd began to gather and enjoyed the social feature of the occasion under the shade of the huge historic elms.

About one o'clock the many present were invited to assemble around a table heavily laden with the finest kind of barbecued pig, pickles etc., making a dinner fit for anyone but as the general doctor says "was none too good for his friends," at least it was enjoyed beyond the means of expressing by those present. After partaking of this bountiful feast Attorney General Bickett responded to an invitation with a witty and humorous little address, as did also Rev. A. D. Wilcox, Mr. A. J. Harris, of Henderson, and Mr. E. N. Williams, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

At this point Dr. Smithwick announced that the occasion was given in part to the Seaboard Dental Society and that this Society would then go into session during which time the guests were free to be at home and enjoy a day on the farm, which was generously engaged in.

The Society then met in regular session and elected officers as follows:

President—Dr. F. A. Macon, of Henderson.
Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. Henderson, of Henderson.

Several interesting talks were made by the members after which a constitution and By-Laws were adopted. No special business being taken up it was decided to hold the next meeting in Henderson after which adjournment was taken.

Auto Goes Down Steep Embankment, None Hurt.

Mr. S. S. Meadows and family, of this city, had a very narrow escape Sunday afternoon on their way from Oxford to Henderson. Just after crossing a bridge Mr. Meadows car ran into a hole in the road bed, which broke a spring of his car, throwing the body of the car on the axle. The steering gear having been put out of commission, the car proceeded to take a plunge down a steep embankment of some ten or fifteen feet. Fortunately it did not overturn, and beyond being badly shaken up and terribly frightened the occupants of the car were unhurt. Considerable damage was done to the car. Those in the car were Mr. S. S. Meadows, his wife, daughter, Miss Susie, mother, Mrs. Dr. Meadows, of Savannah, Ga., sister Miss Ruth Meadows, of Savannah, and brother, Boyd Meadows, of Rocky Mount.

LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET.

Prices Steadily Advancing and More Weed Being Marketed.

The past week has witnessed a steady advance in the price of tobacco on the local market and an increase in the amount of the weed offered. The bidding is becoming more lively and in earnest and produces the necessary smiles on the faces of the many farmers who patronize this market.

Mr. J. J. Hickey, of Richmond, representing the Imperial Tobacco Co., was a visitor to the market the past week.

AMONG THE VISITORS FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. H. E. Hight returned Sunday from a visit to Durham.

Mrs. Dora Meadows, Savannah, Ga., is visiting her son, Mr. S. S. Meadows.

Mrs. C. R. Burnette, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. B. Massemburg.

Mr. O. N. Harris, wife and daughter returned Monday from a visit to friends at New Hill.

Mr. Boyd Meadows, of Rocky Mount, who has been visiting his brother here returned home Tuesday.

Mr. R. H. Strickland left Tuesday for Raleigh, where he had been called to the bed-side of his aunt, who is critically ill.

Mr. W. R. Taylor left the past week for Cambridge, Mass., where he will take a post graduate course in English at Harvard University.

Mrs. J. A. Hodges, Misses Margaret Hicks, Katie Furman, Grace Hall, Messrs. C. T. Stokes and E. T. Hall spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Misses Kittle Foster and Lucy Smithwick, who have been on an extended visit to friends and relatives at Bridgport, Conn., returned home the past week.

Robinson's Circus.

Ever anxious to offer the most newest and novel acts, regardless of cost or trouble, the management this season presents among the grand profusion of awe-inspiring marvels of the Robinson Famous Shows the incomparable Aerial Lamonts. Each and every member of this matchless troupe seemingly controls the law of gravitation in each of their many death-defying deeds of daring.

Of them it may be truthfully said that they begin where all other aerialists stop, working on apparatus at the uppermost top of the huge canvas dome, and without a net or safeguard of any kind to meet them, those venturesome men and women execute their hair-raising stunts with the same unconcern the average person partakes of a dinner. Wherever seen they are proclaimed by press and public premiers of their dangerous profession.

The Robinson Famous Shows will exhibit at Raleigh afternoon and evening on September 27th, at which time show-goers of this vicinity will be afforded an opportunity of seeing this wonderful troupe. It is however, only one of the several mighty feature acts to be placed on view by these shows, which do not now have nor never have had room for threadbare and worn-out numbers; imitations are never tolerated, and as a result every name upon the program of these shows is that of an originator in his or her respective line. It is because of all this that the Robinson Famous Shows are today alone and unrivaled.

Revival at Baptist Church.

The series of evangelistic meetings now in progress at the Baptist church of this place are attracting deep and widespread interest. Evangelist J. W. Hickerson and his wife are doing very faithful and effective work. Large crowds are attending the meetings and already much good has been accomplished.

Besides conducting the junior and senior choruses, Mrs. Hickerson is leading a class in soul winning every afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Hickerson is a man of personal magnetism and preaches the word with unusual clearness and power.

He will preach Sunday 11 a. m., 3:30 p. m., and 7:45 p. m. meetings daily during the week at 3:30 and 7:45 p. m., the junior chorus beginning their exercises at 7:15 each evening.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

At Randell's Chapel.

Mr. Kenneth A. Pittman, who recently obtained his license to practice law, will preach at Randell's Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mr. Pittman is a very forceful speaker and a most excellent young man.

ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS OFF

Dr. Fleming to Durham to Secure Attractions—Work on Grounds Nearing Completion.

That the Franklin county Fair is going to be a success is now an assured fact is conceded by all. The stables and fencing have been completed and the Main building is almost ready. Work is being pushed rapidly and everything will be in readiness before the time for the opening. Dr. A. H. Fleming, who was elected Secretary on last Saturday to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. G. Dickens, left yesterday for Durham where he will engage several attractions now at the Durham county Fair.

It is only about two weeks now till the time for the Fair to open and everybody is urged to get their exhibits in readiness and have them here on time.

Below will be found an additional list of premiums that have been offered for the Girls' Canning Clubs:

1. For the largest and most profitable yield on 1-10th acre, including written report and record book. 3. piece illuminum cooking set.
2. To the Club making the best exhibit in glass. 1 illuminum preserving set.
3. Best single glass jars, any fruit; girl one year experience, Ladies' Home Journal. Girl two years, God-house Keeping.
4. Best single jar any vegetable, girl one year experience, subscription to Ladies' Home Journal. Girl two years experience Woman's Home Companion.
5. Best glass of jelly any variety, one double illuminum boiler.
6. Best bottle of catsup, one roaster.
7. Best jar of preserves, subscription to Woman's Home Companion.
8. Best jar of preserves, subscription Ladies' Home Journal.
9. Best history of season's work (a pretty booklet made by the girl herself to tell the story of her work) subscription to the Ladies' Home Journal.
10. Neatest and most accurate record book, subscription to the Delineator.

The following are premiums to the married women in the Club:

1. Best six glass containers of jellies, jars or preserves or assorted, subscription to Good Housekeeping.
 2. Best six jars of vegetables or fruits, one hand clothes washer.
 3. Best jar of catsup, one roaster.
- All containers must be labeled under the jar, not on the sides or tops. All goods must be sent to Prof. E. L. Best's office by Saturday October 2nd. The remainder of the premium list can be found on another page in this issue.

The following letter from Dr. Fleming the new Secretary will explain itself.

Having been elected the permanent Secretary of the Franklin county Fair Association. I want to ask every one interested in the good county of Franklin to help make our Fair a grand success. We want exhibits from every section of the county and I want to ask all who have something they want to put on exhibit to please write me at once so I can reserve space for you. We want to make this an educational Fair from start to finish and you can help by sending something that you have raised or made so that the thousands of people in other parts of the county may be benefited by your skill. Somebody else may have something you want to see.

Get your exhibits ready and write me at once about it. With the cooperation of the people who are interested in Franklin county we will make this Fair the best in any part of the State.

A. H. FLEMING,
Secretary Franklin County Fair.

The Methodist Church.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. conducted by the pastor. Special music by the choir. No services at night on account of the revival in the Baptist church, except the Epworth League

service which will be held at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Lesson for Business Men's Bible Class is the 7th Chapter of Second Corinthians.

R. E. Prince First Pres. Conference

A large number of Raleigh people attended the Sunday school meeting in the Raleigh district in Franklinton Monday and Tuesday many of them going through the country by automobile. The meeting closed Tuesday night, a permanent organization having been effected to be known as the Raleigh District Sunday School Conference. Mr. R. E. Prince of Raleigh was elected president, the other officers being Rev. G. W. Starling, of Zebulon, vice-president; Capt. E. J. Cheatham of Franklinton, secretary and treasurer; Mr. T. B. Elbridge, of Raleigh, teacher training superintendent; Mr. F. B. McKinne, Louisville, home department organizer, and Miss Bessie T. Brown of Raleigh, organizer of primary work.

The following compose the executive committee and will select the next-place of meeting and form a nominating committee; Revs. M. T. Plyler, chairman; J. H. McCracken, Messrs. J. G. Brown, F. B. McKinne and E. J. Cheatham.

There were about 200 in attendance, 110 delegates being registered. The Methodist church at Franklinton was the host and delightful entertainment was furnished the visitors.

A Sad Accident.

Possible one of the saddest accidents that has happened in Louisburg in many years was that on Thursday evening of last week when the horse of Mr. J. S. Place stepped on his little three-year-old daughter, Annie Newell, inflicting injuries from which it died a few hours later. It seems that Mrs. Place had been to ride and on returning home the little child ran out to meet her and stepped in between the wheels when the horse made a step forward. Mrs. Place spoke to the horse and at the same time took hold of the reins, which caused the animal to step backward the front axle knocked the child down and the horse stepped on the body of the little girl.

The accident occurred at about 6 o'clock and the child died about 9.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. W. M. Gilmore, of the Baptist church, and the interment was made at Oak Lawn cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The grief-stricken family has the sympathy of the entire town.

Mr. L. M. Johnson Weds Miss Lottie K. Kerr.

A wedding of local interest yesterday was that of Miss Lottie Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kerr, of the Acorn Branch section, to Mr. Leslie M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnson. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in the presence of only a few friends by Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of Bladen street Methodist church. Mr. J. T. Kerr, father of the bride, is a member of the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county. Mrs. Johnson is an attractive and accomplished young woman, having recently graduated from Louisburg Female College. The groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and is superintendent of the Carolina Trucking and Development Company, at Van Enden, where the happy young couple will make their home.—Wilmington Star.

MASS MEETINGS.

At Baptist and Methodist Churches. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Evangelist J. W. Hickerson will address a mass meeting of men only at the Baptist church on the subject, "The Fellow Who Got There," at the same hour at the Methodist church Mrs. Hickerson will speak to a meeting for ladies only on the subject, "Woman, Thou Mystery." An interesting and profitable time is promised all who attend these meetings.

When a man admits that he is a sinner you may begin to place some confidence in his word.

GERMANY MUST ACT QUICKLY

BULGARIA ON BRINK OF ENTERING.

Military Authorities Take Possession of Railways—Bulgaria Delayed Acceptance of Ceded Turkish Territory Because Notified By Allies That Such Would Be Unfriendly—Acting King Ferdinand Says Entente "Not Sure of Winning."

Sofia, Bulgaria, Monday, Sept. 20 (via London, Sept. 22).—Bulgaria. The people generally believe hostilities are imminent. The military authorities have taken possession of the railways and ordinary traffic has been suspended.

Diplomatic representatives of the entente powers generally recognize that their cause is a lost one, and that Bulgaria is manifesting clearly a tendency toward the central powers. This is due to the dissatisfaction of the government at Serbia's reply in the negotiations for territorial concessions in Macedonia and at the conduct at Greece in this connection.

To Join Germany.

None of the allies representatives cherishes longer the hope that Bulgaria can be prevented from joining with Germany, Austria, and Turkey.

In government circles the statement was made today that all the military measures taken are of a preventive nature, designed solely to guard against circumstances which might threaten Bulgaria's position in the present situation, which is developing with extraordinary rapidity. These measures consist in turning over the railroads to the military authorities and suspending ordinary traffic.

People For War.

Reports from many parts of Bulgaria tell of enthusiastic demonstrations in favor of the government. This is considered symptomatic of public feeling.

The formal cession by Turkey of the territory along the Dedeagatch railroad has been delayed by the action of the entente powers in notifying Bulgaria that acceptance would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

It was learned today that King Ferdinand, replying last Friday to the assertions of leaders of the opposition parties that the allies would be victorious, said:

Doubts An Entente Victory.

"The entente is not sure of winning. Nothing indicates at this moment that such will be the case. If Bulgarian's chances of obtaining Macedonia depend thereon they may never be realized. My government is following a policy which is positive in action and certain of good results."

Rumors that Premier Radoslavoff in competent quarters as unfounded. The premier on several occasions during the war was ready to vacate his office, but his principal supporters prevailed upon him to remain in power, fearing a repetition of the catastrophe of 1913, at the time of the second Balkan war. M. Radoslavoff himself feared he might be accused of conduct similar to that of J. S. Guehoff, who resigned the premiership in 1913 when the country was in the midst of a crisis. M. Radoslavoff accordingly consented to continue at the head of the government.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Special dispatches from Petrograd agree that the Russians have withdrawn safely from the Vilna salient, the strategic value of which was considered so great that the Russian staff felt justified in risking some of the best troops to defend it to the last possible moment.

In their withdrawal the Russians are said to have destroyed everything of military utility. Although the main army probably is safe, it is hardly likely the whole Russian force will withdraw without heavy losses in men and guns. Von Hindenburg's cavalry, which was expected to complete the encircling movement, is still held up between Smorgon and Molodechno. On the Vilna-Lida-Slonim banks, the German advance is proceeding steadily but Prince Leopold's progress is slower, while Field Marshal Von