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DEATH'S AWFUL TOLL.

One Hundred and Fifty Girls Crushed, Smothered or Burned in New York Factory Holocaust—Jump to Death in a Horrible Stream.

New York Dispatch, 25th.

One hundred and fifty souls—nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements smothered by smoke, or shriveled crisp this afternoon in the worst fire New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brothers island in 1904.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Shirtwaist Company on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing, fur and millinery district. The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN.

How the fire started, will perhaps never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept. On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found; sixty-three or more persons were crushed to death by jumping and more than thirty clogged the elevator shafts. The loss to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington Place to Washington square at ten o'clock, were scattered by the whiz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible plop on the pavement and the body flattened on the flags. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. There were no fire escapes.

Don't jump! yelled the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to drop to the sidewalk in a terrible rain of flesh and blood.

Four alarms were rung within fifteen minutes. Before the engines could respond, before the nets could be stretched or the ladders raised, five girls had fallen from the eighth and ninth floors so heavily that they broke through the glass and iron roofs of the sub-cellars and crashed through the very streets into the vaults below. In an hour the fire was out; in half an hour it had done its worst; probably the death list was full in twenty minutes.

The building stands tonight with shell intact and barely scarred—rather only smudged; the partitions of architectural tiling between floor and floor are sound, and it is impossible for one who did not see it to imagine how the flames in so short space could have wrought such havoc. Seven hundred hands, 500 of them women, were employed by the shirtwaist company. They sat in rows at their whirring machines, the tables before them piled with flimsy cloth, the floors littered with lint, the air itself full of flying, inflammable dust. The first rush of flame was almost an explosion. Operators died in their chairs, their lungs seared by inhaling flame. Others were crowded into the elevator shafts after the cars had made their last trip. Still others were pushed off in the inadequate interior fire escape.

In such a horrible stream did the bodies overflow from the windows that the fire nets, stretched by the first companies to arrive, were soon gorged beyond capacity. Twelve bodies weighted one net to the bursting point, but the bodies kept on thumping to the pavement through meshes that could no longer support them.

A revised count last night showed 141 dead, with 12 women and girls at death's door in the hospitals.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Supt. J. P. Russell let the contract last week for repainting the passenger coaches on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad.

—There will be a meeting of Unity Lodge No. 202, K. of P., this evening at 8 o'clock for the installation of officers and a full attendance is desired.

—Orum Weekly Record: The chain-gang has made a great deal of improvement on the road to Boardman. It has graded a new road back of the school building.

—Mr. A. T. McLean is making quite an improvement in the appearance of things on the corner of Eighth and Water streets by moving his house back some 15 or 20 feet. Other changes also will be made.

—Dr. A. C. Tebeau, osteopath, arrived Friday from Savannah and has decided to locate here for the practice of his profession. He has rented rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, but has not decided yet just where he will have an office.

—Mr. A. Weinstein, "the king clothier," returned Thursday night from a business trip to New York and Baltimore. He was away about two weeks and says that he has bought the goods about which he expects to tell Robesonian readers in a page advertisement within the next few days.

—Maxton Chief: We were delighted Tuesday by a call from our friend County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, of Lumberton, former owner and editor of The Scottish Chief. A chat with this genial gentleman is worth more than a page of patent medicine advertisements to a weary newspaper man.

—Supt. J. P. Russell ran a special train of one coach from Lumberton to Elizabethtown yesterday in order to carry home Mrs. C. C. Lyon, who had been under treatment for some time in a hospital in Raleigh, from which place she was brought yesterday morning by her husband, Judge C. C. Lyon, and son-in-law, Sheriff Clark of Elizabethtown.

—Maxton Chief: A monument to the memory of the late Mr. Leach Sinclair will be unveiled by the Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member, at Mt. Moriah church, on Sunday, April 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m. He was a popular man and there will doubtless be a large crowd present. Some of the grand officers will participate in the unveiling ceremonies.

—Prof. Roumain Callender, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. W. C. Greenwood, of Charlotte, met here Saturday as appraisers to adjust the damages done the pipe organ in the Presbyterian church during the recent fire when Mr. W. I. Linkhaw's stables were burned. The damage allowed was \$125. The work of repairing the church will be started at once.

—A new switch board has been ordered for the local Bell telephone office and it will probably be installed within the next few days, the invoice already having been received. The board now in use is a two-section board and accommodates only 230 subscribers. The new one is a three-section board—local, toll and farmer—and it will accommodate 350 subscribers. Messrs. J. B. Maxwell, district commercial manager, and L. H. Couch, district traffic chief, both of Hamlet, were in town Friday looking into proposed changes for the local office, which will mean better service.

—Mr. Earl A. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson of Back Swamp, has been appointed by Register of Deeds T. N. Highley as deputy register of deeds and he began work in that capacity this morning. Mr. Thompson has been working in Mr. Highley's office since he was elected more than two years ago and is familiar with the work. Mr. A. T. Parmele, whom he succeeds and who has been deputy register of deeds for the past 7 or 8 years, is taking a rest this week preparatory to entering next Monday upon the duties of county auditor, to which office he was appointed by the recent Legislature.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Sleeping Passengers Carried to Death—Eight Passengers Killed and Many Injured.

Tifton, Ga., Dispatch, 25th.

In one of the worst railroad disasters ever known in the South Atlantic States, eight persons were killed and more than a dozen injured when train No. 95, known as the "Dixie flyer" on the Atlantic Coast Line and running between Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla., went through a trestle over the Alapha river eighteen miles east of here early this morning. Tonight but one body, that of John J. Watson of Lander, Wyo., remained in the cars in the river. Had it not been for the wreck Watson would have been a bridegroom today. His sweetheart, Miss Elsie Shipley of Pasadena, Cal., who was on the train with him, and to whom he was to have been married in Jacksonville tomorrow, remained at the wreck throughout the day and night watching the efforts of the rescuers to recover Watson's body.

Late tonight it was said that the wreck had been thoroughly examined and that the death toll will not be increased as all passengers had been accounted for. All the wounded have been removed to the Atlantic Coast Line hospital at Waycross. The bodies of the dead were removed to Tifton, from which point they will be shipped to their former homes.

The cars plunged into the river without a moment's warning to the sleeping passengers when an axle on the engine suddenly snapped when midway of the trestle. The locomotive left the track but the tender was derailed and the tank tumbled to the bank of the stream. The trestle is about a half mile long but the river was low and at the point of the accident was not more than fifty yards across. The express and baggage cars, two day coaches and one pullman were piled in an indescribable mass in the center of the stream but fortunately few of the passengers were carried beneath the water.

A later dispatch reports the death of the baggagemaster, bringing the death list to 9.

Minor Court Cases.

Aaron Powell, colored, was tried before Mayor Rowland Thursday afternoon on the charge of simple assault on Florence Thompson, colored, and was taxed \$5 and costs, a total of \$7.35.

Dock Harden was locked up Saturday afternoon by Policeman Strange for being drunk and later in the afternoon was brought before the mayor, submitted, and was taxed \$2.50 and costs, a total of \$4.45.

Billy Smith, who lives in the country and who has been wanted for being drunk and disorderly on the streets Christmas, came in Saturday and submitted and was taxed \$2.50 and costs, a total of \$4.45.

BUILDING AND LOAN.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Robeson Building and Loan Association—First Year's Work Very Successful and Prospects Bright—How to Build a Home With Rent Money.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Building and Loan Association was held in the directors' room of the Bank of Lumberton Thursday afternoon. The directors were re-elected, as follows: S. McIntyre, A. W. McLean, R. D. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, K. M. Biggs, A. E. White, A. W. Peace. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the officers were re-elected: S. McIntyre, president; A. E. White, vice-president; A. W. Peace, secretary-treasurer.

The report of the president of the progress made by the association for the year ending December 31 last the first year's work, was most satisfactory. The association was organized in January last year and this was therefore an adjourned meeting that would have been held some time ago but for other matters which made it necessary to postpone. Up to December 31, 345 shares of stock, par value \$34,500, of the first series, and 139 shares, par value \$13,900, of the second series, were placed, making a total of 484 shares, par value \$48,400, of stock outstanding. As the working plans of the association are not yet thoroughly understood by many who would otherwise have taken stock, this is a most remarkable showing.

Four houses already have been built by the association and several other applications for loans have been approved. The taxable property of the town has therefore been increased. When a new house is built practically every citizen of the town is directly or indirectly benefited. The association is supplying a long-felt want in the life of the town and should receive hearty patronage and support.

Perhaps it is not generally understood that one can build a home through this association with rent money. The plan is this: The stock is divided into series, new series beginning on the first of January and July each year. Any person can take stock in any of these series at the par value of \$100 per share, paying for the stock in weekly installments of 25 cents per share. The association, by having a large number of shareholders and by receiving these weekly installments, is enabled to lend money to those who propose to build and occupy their own homes. When the payments on the stock and the interest earned on the installments paid amount to \$100 per share the stock and the loan both will be cancelled. Payments are thus extended over a long period. Those subscribing for stock and making the weekly payment and securing a loan are not called on to make payments faster than stated above, and in this way almost

Mr. L. E. Tyner's Store at Lowe Robbed—Kitchen at Mr. W. R. Tyner's House Also Entered.

Mr. L. E. Tyner & Son's store at Lowe was robbed some time after midnight Saturday night and the kitchen at Mr. W. R. Tyner's home near by was also entered, the robber or robbers helping himself or themselves liberally to things to eat. A showcase at the store was broken and the stock of goods was torn up and rummaged through, but Mr. Tyner has not yet been able to determine just how much was taken. He thinks perhaps not more than \$100 worth of goods were taken. Entrance was effected through the front door, the door being prized open with an axe, which was left there after it had served its purpose. Some knives, underwear, shoes, etc., were taken. The boxes of two pairs of shoes were left, one pair No. 9, Americus, and one pair No. 7½, Oxfords, Morris shoe.

Entrance to the kitchen was effected through a window. Here the robber or robbers seem to have eaten heartily and with deliberation. From the number of match-stems scattered about on the floor and tables it seems that a box of matches must have been struck, and there were splinters that had been used for lighting scattered about in the kitchen and also in the store. Some canned goods were taken from the kitchen, besides what was eaten. Mr. Tyner did not leave the store until after 11 o'clock. Mrs. Tyner was at the house sick, and it is thought that perhaps the kitchen was entered first, while the marauders were waiting for Mr. Tyner to leave the store.

There is no clue as to who the robbers were. Mr. Tyner made an unsuccessful effort yesterday to get bloodhounds.

Steamer Turns Turtle, Passengers and Crew Drown.

Victoria, B. C., Dispatch, 25th.

The British Columbia Shipping Company's little wooden steamer Sechtel, build for passenger service on the inland lake turned turtle off Beeche Head, Vancouver island, late yesterday and went down with all on board, twenty-two passengers and the crew of four men. Thirteen passengers had landed at William head just before the steamer went out to destruction.

any person can build a home and pay for it with rent money. Even to those who do not care to build the investment is a profitable one.

The officers are giving their time and attention to the work of the association without compensation. The success so far attained is due largely to the efforts of Mr. A. W. Peace, secretary-treasurer, who has taken great interest in the work and has devoted much time to it absolutely without pay. The prospect for future usefulness is bright.

RESIDENCE BURNED.

Fire of Perhaps Incendiary Origin Destroys Mr. A. H. Hinds' Residence—Will Rebuild.

Mr. A. H. Hinds' residence, about 200 yards south of the Seaboard depot, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning about 3 o'clock. Practically all the bedclothes were saved, but no furniture. The loss is about \$2,500, with \$1,000 insurance on the house and \$400 on furniture.

Mr. Hinds and Mr. D. D. Hilburn, who roomed there, were the only occupants of the house at the time, Mrs. Hinds and two of the children having gone Thursday to Mallory, S. C., to visit at the home of Mrs. Hinds' father, Mr. Whittington, and the other child, Master Boyd, being at the home of Mr. A. E. Boney, a near neighbor, for the night. The fire started in the kitchen, which, with the dining room, stood at the end of an ell, in which there were two rooms and which stretched from the dining room to the two large front rooms. Mr. Hinds, who occupied one of the front rooms, was waked by the breaking of glass in the dining room, and when he waked Mr. Hilburn, who occupied the room next to the dining room, the flames were sweeping at intervals past Mr. Hilburn's door. Mr. Hilburn saved his trunk and part of his clothing but lost many valuable books and other things of great value to him because of association.

The alarm was turned in about 2:45 from box 14, at Mr. C. M. Fuller's sales stables, and quite a large crowd of people gathered, but nothing could be done. The nearest hydrant is at Mr. Fuller's stables, too far removed to be of use, but the fire had gained such headway by the time it was discovered that nothing could have been done if the house had been near a hydrant. Many people slept through the long and vigorous blowing of the fire whistle and knew nothing of the fire until later in the day.

Mr. Hinds will rebuild at once. In the meantime he will occupy the house on Fourth street recently vacated by Mr. A. Pedneau. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin as no fire had been in the kitchen since about 6 o'clock the evening before.

Last and Best.

The Robesonian has received, in a route 1 from Fairmont envelop, with nothing to indicate by whom it was sent and with no comment, the following:

"Result of division question? Back-woods school teacher: 'Name some of the most important cities of our country?' Pupils: 'Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, New York, Lumberton and —.' Teacher: 'That's enough.'" Wise teacher—Having reached the best town of all she did not want the answer spoiled by a blunder with the name of another town.