

SEVEN MEN PERISH IN A FIERCE FIRE

Lumber Camp on Otter Creek Destroyed.

CAUGHT IN TRAP OF FLAME

Mad Rush to Small Windows and Narrow Stairs.

SAW COMPANIONS IN BLINDING FLAMES

Those Who Escaped Lost Their Clothing and Had to Travel Almost Naked Through

Eight Inches of Snow to Another Camp.

(By the Associated Press.)

Hambleton, W. Va., Jan. 21.—About 4 o'clock this morning the camp of the Otter Creek Boom and Lumber Company, several miles from here, caught fire and was destroyed.

Following is the list of the dead:

- JOHN MORRISSEY. JOHN RILEY. GEORGE VANHORN. ARTHUR HEDRICKS. THOMAS HICKEY. MIKE CANNON. FORBES MANARD. BUD WELSH.

It was not more than five minutes from the time when the alarm was given until there was no chance of escape.

Two very small windows and the narrow stairs afforded the only ways of escape, and of those who went to the windows, a dozen or more had to jump twelve or fifteen feet, the others rushing down the steps like sheep, pushing and tumbling and falling over each other.

After they were out, some of the men inside could be seen in the flames, but not a cry came from the building.

The dead were almost entirely cremated. There were scarcely forty pounds of the flesh and bones of the seven brought here tonight in a little box.

The men who escaped lost their clothing and were compelled to travel through eight inches of snow almost naked to another camp a mile away.

IDENTIFIES HER ASSAILANT

The Roanoke Blues Under Arms to Protect the Negro Higginbotham

(By the Associated Press.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Ralph Webber, who was criminally assaulted by a negro, who then cut her throat and left her for dead near Lynchburg, on the 11th instant, was brought here tonight and taken to the jail where Joe Higginbotham, who is charged with the crime, has been confined for the past week.

The Roanoke Blues, a military company, are in their armory tonight under arms, and it is said several out of town military organizations will arrive here tomorrow to escort Higginbotham to Lynchburg.

Tillman and Landis in Joint Debate.

Fredonia, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Benjamin R. Tillman, United States Senator from South Carolina, and Charles B. Landis, representative in Congress from Indiana, engaged in a spirited joint debate in Dunkirk tonight on the question of "Democracy vs. Republicanism."

Arrested for "Raising" Notes. (By the Associated Press.) Houston, Tex., Jan. 21.—United States court officials report the arrest at Gainesville of T. H. Reagan, against whom fifteen indictments have been found by the Federal grand jury now in session at Dallas.

Marconi Releases His Fiancee.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 21.—Mrs. H. B. Holman, of this city, announced today that her daughter Josephine had asked William Marconi, the developer of wireless telegraphy to release her from her engagement to marry him and that Mr. Marconi had complied with her request.

Norfolk Peanut Market.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Peanuts dull; old stock and machines 2 1/2. New—Fancy 3 1/2; strictly prime 3c; prime 2 1/2. Spanish 7 1/2.

DR AND MRS. F. H. TAYLOR.

Say Good-bye and Speak Most Pleasantly of Raleigh.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Taylor, whose sermons on the Inland China Mission have created so much interest in Raleigh, accompanied by Miss Margaret Cut-

ter, who is with them, left yesterday for Danville, Va., where they will preach Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Saturday they go to Richmond for a week.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Taylor spoke in strong terms to the people of Raleigh. Speaking of results Dr. Taylor said: "We've certainly aroused much interest in foreign missions and in Inland Mission Work in China. Besides this we have been able to put in circulation some of our literature, about \$80 worth, and better still we have two or three parties, who are talking to us of becoming missionaries and entering on the work in China."

As Dr. and Mrs. Taylor were shaking hands with friends Dr. Taylor said: "Please say to the people of Raleigh from both of us that we desire to express a deep appreciation of the hospitality and courtesy shown us in Raleigh. Our treatment was so pleasant that we can never forget the week spent here."

"SCHLEY AND SANTIAGO"

A Book of Which the Admiral Says the Facts Are Correct.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The first copy of "Schley and Santiago" left the presses of the W. B. Conkey Company today. The book contains many striking historical events, including fac-similes of autograph letters. The following letter bearing the Admiral's signature and dated Hotel Richmond, Washington, January 1, 1902, referring to the author, says: "Mr. Graham served with me on the Brooklyn from the beginning to the end of the campaign against Cervera's fleet. He was in a position in the open to know the facts of all the operations against it, and has given them as he saw them. The personal views and criticisms of the author I do not endorse, though the facts of the story of the movements and operations of the Flying Squadron as he tells them in the book, are correct, so far as I can remember."

(Signed.) "W. S. SCHLEY, "Rear Admiral, U. S. N."

The publishers will send to President Roosevelt, a copy of the edition de luxe and within a few days will start a special messenger to Europe, where he will first deliver to the American Ambassador, in London, two copies of the book, one of them to be presented to King Edward VII.

NOTHING IN IT.

Mr. R. E. L. Bunch Remains With Seaboard Supt. Barger Starts in at Once.

Seaboard Air Line officials in Raleigh and friends of Mr. R. E. L. Bunch, the General Passenger Agent of the road, all deny that Mr. Bunch is either to resign or to lose his position with that road.

"There's nothing in it at all," said a Seaboard man yesterday. "Who started the rumor no one knows, but the relations between Mr. Bunch and the road are as pleasant as ever, and he will continue to hold his position. He has stated this himself."

Major P. K. Huger, who resigned his position as superintendent of the Second division of the Seaboard Air Line, will leave for his old home in Charleston on Friday with Mrs. Huger. His resignation goes into effect on the 25th, when his successor, Mr. D. H. Barger, who was lately with the Norfolk and Western, takes hold of things. He is an experienced railroader and a man of ability. His headquarters will be in Raleigh.

THE NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN.

Official Statement Regarding Merger to Control N. C. Shore Industries.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 21.—An official statement issued by the Norfolk and Southern Company, says the company, which was formed to acquire the stock of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and the bonds and stock of the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company will issue \$1,300,000 of stock and \$3,500,000 of five per cent fifty year gold bonds.

This merger places under one direction the two properties which control the shore industries of North Carolina. The Norfolk and Southern has 174 miles of road and owns thirty steamers. The canal, which was re-opened a year ago after extensive improvements costing \$1,150,000 has developed a large traffic and the fleet of steamers and barges obtained through the purchase of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company becomes immediately available for the canal.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION.

General B. S. Royster Elected One of the Vice Presidents.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The draft of the bill providing for a general re-organization of the National Guard in the various States and placing them on a uniform footing was submitted today to the National Guards Association which the Adjutant General of many States are attending. The bill which was approved looks to the greater efficiency of the National Guard, particularly in the matter of equipment.

Charles F. Dick, of Ohio, was elected president of the association and B. S. Royster, of North Carolina, one of the vice-presidents.

Tobacco Trust to Invade Mexico.

(By the Associated Press.)

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 21.—A Monterey, Mexico, special says: That the American Tobacco Company is preparing to invade Mexico for the purpose of securing control of the tobacco industry is practically admitted by Wells Baldwin, of New York, one of the general representatives of the company.

Mr. Baldwin said he was not at liberty at present to talk about any plans that the company have in reference to Mexico.

Mr. Baldwin left tonight for the City of Mexico, and from there will travel through the Southern tobacco country. The control of the Mexican tobacco situation by the American Tobacco Company is said to be only a matter of a short time.

At Discretion of County Board.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in deciding the Buncombe county school matter, holds that a county shall reserve what funds are necessary to pay expenses, including those on school houses, before making the apportionment.

CAUGHT NAPPING.

Story of How a Drowsy Drund Helped the Ends of Justice.

A sportiferous jag caused the capture of "Steeple Climber Clark" here yesterday morning. He was wanted in Henderson for pulling an overcoat and a pair of gloves, but might have got off had he not yielded to the alluring charms of a good old drunk. He was picked up here yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, where he had carelessly retired for the rest of the night in the street. At the station house he gave his name as C. F. Clark, and was consigned to a cell to sleep it off. Being a stranger in the city, he would have been discharged when he awoke, but in the meantime a telegram was received by Chief Mullins from Henderson saying that Stephen Chase Clark was wanted there for larceny of an overcoat and pair of gloves.

Noticing a similarity in the description given, Chief Mullins straight away visited his slumbering prisoner and completed the identification. Chief of Police Tom Ansbey came after the convivial larcenist and took him back to Henderson on the freight last night.

TO SUCCEED HUGER

The Official Announcement of Barger's Appointment is Made.

(By the Associated Press.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 21.—It was officially announced tonight that D. H. Barger, for the past five years general claim agent of the Norfolk and Western railway with offices in this city, will, on February 1st, become superintendent of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C., relieving F. K. Huger, who has resigned to become Superintendent of the Charleston, S. C., division of the Southern Railway with headquarters at Charleston. Mr. Barger has been connected with the Norfolk and Western system for twenty-seven years.

Burglars at Work.

Burglars got in their work at Mr. Benjamin Sasser's, on North Person street, Saturday morning about four o'clock.

Managing to get into the house they stole from Mr. Sasser's clothes about \$3.00 and two silk handkerchiefs. On getting up Mr. Sasser found part of his clothing under the house.

Mr. S. R. House also had an experience. He lives on Smithfield street, and was awakened a few nights ago by a noise. He got his pistol and, as he opened the door of the adjoining room he heard some one drop to the ground and run. He followed but they were out of sight. Mr. House's awakening prevented the robbers from accomplishing their purpose.

Crocker Sails For Europe Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 21.—Richard Crocker was given a dinner and a silver service tonight by the honorary staff of the First Battery, New York National Guard. In reply to the speech of Andrew Freedman in presenting the service, Mr. Crocker said he had retired from politics for good.

Mr. Crocker frequently referred to Lewis Nixon, his successor, as leader of Tammany Hall and then astonished all by announcing that he was to sail for England tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. He closed by saying that his stay abroad would be but for a short time.

He Sues Fayetteville.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 21.—W. T. Hughes has entered suit against the city for damages. He bases his suit on the conviction of Policeman J. W. Mautsby, in the Superior court last week, who was charged with assaulting him while he was in custody. Mautsby appealed to the Supreme Court, and is now under a \$200 bond. He is bonded to the city to the amount of \$500 and the suit may not ask for more than that.

In the 'Squire's Court.

George Brice, colored, was sent to the roads for thirty days by Magistrate Yearby, in default of a fine of \$2.50. Brice was charged with assault on Jane Young, also colored.

At Ferrell, who charged Mamie Bell with assault and battery, yesterday submitted the case before Justice Reid, and defendant was discharged on payment of costs.

Att mpts to Burn Shinnston.

(By the Associated Press.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn the town of Shinnston, in Harrison county, Ohio, today. Several houses were set on fire at the same time, but prompt discovery saved the town. Trouble over illegal liquor traffic is said to be the cause, but there is no clue to the miscreants.

The Mule Walked In

A mule in a restaurant was an event Sunday when one of the "haw haws" walked in the cook shop of Emma Stark, a colored woman on Martin street. The colored men who were eating, after some persuasion induced his muleship to leave. Whether it was a "hoodoo" or good luck the crowd has not yet decided.

To Build Catholic Church.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Hendersonville, Jan. 21.—A trade has been closed by Father Marion, of Nashville, with Dr. G. H. P. Cole, for the purchase of a lot here on which it is said a Catholic church will be built.

IMPROVE PASSENGER SERVICE TO THE NORTHWEST, VIA S. A. L. R. R.

Leave Raleigh 10:20 a. m. Arrive Washington 6:35 p. m. Leave Washington 7:45 p. m. Arrive Harrisburg 11:40 p. m. Arrive Buffalo 10:15 a. m. Arrive Pittsburg 7:15 a. m. Arrive Cleveland 6:30 p. m. Arrive Toledo 3:30 p. m. Arrive Detroit 8:25 p. m. Arrive Columbus 9:45 a. m. Arrive Chicago 5:00 p. m.

Through Pullman and day coaches between Raleigh and Washington, where close connection is made in Union Station with Pennsylvania Railroad trains, No. 7 and 19, for all principal points West. For tickets, Pullman reservation, or any information, apply to C. H. GATTIS, C. P. & T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

THREE CHICAGO DOCTORS

Failed to Do for Miss Mabelle L. LaMonte, What Was Accomplished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was in an awful state for nearly three years with a complication of female troubles which three physicians called by different names, but the pains were all the same. I dreaded the time of my



MABELLE L. LAMONTE.

monthly periods for it meant a couple of days in bed in awful agony. I finally made up my mind that the good doctors were guessing; and hearing from different friends of the good reports of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I tried that. I bless the day I did, for it was the dawning of a new life for me. I used five bottles before I was cured, but when they were taken I was a well woman once more. Your Compound is certainly wonderful. Several of my friends have used it since, and nothing but the best do I ever hear from its use."—Yours, MABELLE L. LAMONTE, 222 E. 31st St., Chicago, Ill.—\$6000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

If Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound could cure Miss LaMonte—why not you? Try it and see for yourself.

Mrs. Pinkham advises sick women free. Address, Lynn, Mass.

On Sunday night, at the Caledonia State farm, on the Roanoke, the cotton gin was burned. There was not much cotton in it at the time and the loss is not very great, the gin itself being the main part.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES.

Seaboard Air Line Railway to Florida, Cuba, Savannah, Camden, Southern Pine and Pinehurst, N. C.

Winter excursion tickets were placed on sale October 15th to the principal winter resorts in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Cuba and will remain on sale during the season, with final return limit May 31, 1902. Following are the rates to-wit:

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Rate. Includes Southern Pines, N. C. (\$3.50), Pinehurst, N. C. (\$3.75), Camden, S. C. (\$3.75), Jacksonville, Fla. (\$2.45), St. Augustine, Fla. (\$3.35), Tampa, Fla. (\$3.05), Tallahassee, Fla. (\$2.45), Thomasville, Ga. (\$2.35), Havana, Cuba (\$8.55).

To reach any of these points the service of the Seaboard Air Line Railway "Capital City Route" will be found the best and most attractive. In addition to the superior service now operated, Cafe Cars were placed in service on the Hamlet and Atlanta and Hamlet, Jacksonville, Florida and Metropolitan Limited will be inaugurated about January 15, 1902, with sumptuous apartments and superb equipment, including dining and club cars.

See that your Winter Tourist Tickets read via the Florida and West India Short Line, Seaboard Air Line Railway. For further particulars regarding dates, schedules, sleeping car reservations or pamphlets of winter resorts, address, C. H. GATTIS, C. P. & T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

H. S. LEARD, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

SPECIAL RATES TO CHARLESTON, S. C., EXPOSITION VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE R. Y.

\$5.65—Limited seven (7) days from date of sale, route via Cheraw.

\$7.00—Limited seven (7) days from date of sale, route via Columbia.

\$8.35—Limited ten (10) days from date of sale, route via Columbia.

\$12.25—Limited until June 3rd, 1902, route via Columbia.

Following is schedules between Raleigh and Charleston, only twelve hours via Seaboard Air Line Railway, changing cars at Columbia only:

Table with 2 columns: Direction and Time. Lv. Raleigh 3:32 a.m. 7:35 p.m. Ar. Columbia 9:35 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Lv. Columbia 11:40 a.m. 2:00 a.m. Ar. Charleston 3:35 p.m. 11:15 a.m.

For further information call at City Ticket Office, Telephone Nos. 117.

C. H. GATTIS, C. P. & T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

Dated January 13th, 1901.

Table with 4 columns: No., No., STATIONS, No., No. Includes Lv. Norfolk Ar. 5:55 10:20, Pinner's Point 5:30 10:03, Drivers 5:05 9:64, Suffolk 4:50 9:19, Gates 4:20 8:43, Tuis 4:00 8:23, Aholcker 3:41 8:05, Aulander 3:27 7:50, Hobgood 2:53 7:02, Ar. Tarboro Lv. 2:31 6:44.

Ar. Rocky Mount 1:55 6:45 P. M. [P. M.]

*Daily. *Daily except Sunday. Trains No. 49 and 48 solid trains between Pinner's Point and Wilmington. Train No. 49 connects at Rocky Mount with train 23 for all points South and No. 78 train for all points North.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager. T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. W. M. EMERSON, General Passenger Agent.

Retail Clerks' Union.

Raleigh now has a full-fledged Retail Clerks' Union, Local Branch No. 487 of the National Association of Retail Clerks.

The organization was completed just before Christmas, with Mr. R. P. Dixon, who is employed by the firm of Lee & Broughton, as President.

At the last meeting, held on Monday night, a resolution was adopted to the effect that all ladies employed in the different stores be admitted to membership without initiation fee, and that the first quarter's dues be waived, so that it will cost the ladies absolutely nothing for the first quarter.

Goes to U. S. Supreme Court.

Application has been made to the Supreme court of the United States for a writ of certiorari in order that the Dare county matter may be reviewed by that court, as the findings of the Circuit Court of Appeals sustained Judge Purnell's order for the sale of 185,000 acres of land in Dare county.

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W. M. P. ROSE, Architect, Raleigh, N. C.

SOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company will be held at their office in this city on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1902, at 12 o'clock m.

CHAS. ROOT, Secretary.

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IN EFFECT DECEMBER 1, 1901.

SOUTHWARD.

Table with 4 columns: Daily, Daily, No. 31, No. 27. Includes Lv. Raleigh, S. A. L. 3:32 am 7:35 pm, Ar. Hamlet, S. A. L. 6:20 am 10:25 am, Ar. Wilmington, S. A. L. 8:25 am 1:00 pm, Ar. Savannah, S. A. L. 12:05 pm 4:40 am, Ar. Jacksonville, S. A. L. 3:50 pm 9:05 am, Ar. Tampa, S. A. L. 5:00 pm 5:04 pm, No. 31, No. 27.

NORTHWARD.

Table with 4 columns: Daily, Daily, No. 28, No. 32. Includes Lv. Raleigh, S. A. L. 2:50 am 3:55 pm, Ar. Hamlet, S. A. L. 5:55 am 7:30 pm, Ar. Wilmington, S. A. L. 8:25 am 3:05 pm, Ar. Charlotte, S. A. L. 9:25 am 10:20 pm, Ar. Atlanta, S. A. L. 3:55 pm 7:50 am, Ar. Augusta, C. & W. G. 5:40 pm 10:00 am, Ar. Washington, P. R. R. 7:30 pm 6:30 am, Ar. Montgomery, A. & W. P. 9:20 pm 6:30 pm, Ar. Mobile, L. & N. 2:55 am 10:00 am, Ar. N. Orleans, L. & N. 7:25 am 6:30 am, Ar. Nashville, N. C. & S. L. 3:00 am 6:55 pm, Ar. Memphis, N. C. & S. L. 4:10 pm 8:25 am.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

Trains Going South.

Table with 4 columns: DATED, Dec. 22nd, 1901. Includes Lv. Rocky Mt. 11:50 9:38, Ar. Weldon 1:00 10:22, Ar. Rocky Mt. 1:00 10:22, Ar. Weldon 1:00 10:22, Ar. Weldon 1:00 10:22, Ar. Weldon 1:00 10:22.

Trains Going North.