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CAROLINA BEACH SWEPT BY STORM

The Hotel Oceanic Razed to the Ground.

THIRTEEN GUESTS HURT

Communication With Wilmington Cut Off Seven Hours.

NONE OF THE INJURED FATALLY HURT

Further Reports of Damage Wrought by Wind in the State at Greensboro, Durham, Goldsboro, High Point and Other Places.

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilmington, N. C., August 7.—During a terrific wind storm which passed over Carolina Beach, twenty miles from Wilmington at 9 o'clock last night, the Hotel Oceanic was raised to the ground and thirteen guests were more or less injured, none perhaps fatally. The injured are:

MRS. REBECCA EILERS, proprietor of the hotel, laceration of scalp, contusion of left shoulder, back and ankle.

MISS NETTIE EILERS, broken ankle, nose and suffering from severe shock.

MISS ALICE PHILLIPS, broken ankle, contused back.

CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY, sprain of both ankles.

MRS. JOHN BARRY, injury to the left leg and fracture of ankle; also suffering from nervous shock.

CAPTAIN JOHN FITZGERALD, of Richmond, Va., contusion of left shoulder and chest; several ribs perhaps broken.

MIKE H. KELLY, laceration of forehead.

MRS. OWEN MARTINDALE, contusion and laceration of face and head; injury to spinal column and ankle. Her three months' old baby was uninjured.

HAMPTON SMITH, of Fayetteville, N. C., laceration of scalp and face; severe contusion of left shoulder, chest and back and laceration of entire left leg; also suffering from concussion of the brain and may die.

TOBE HOWARD, laceration of scalp and contusion of both arms, jaw and shoulders.

J. E. HAYWOOD, of McCall, S. C., right ankle sprained; left leg broken and dislocation of ankle and severe contusion of spine.

J. M. RUMLEY, Beaufort, N. C., injury to back, left hip and knee.

As telephonic communication was cut off by the storm and the roads were piled up with trees and debris, news did not reach the city of the occurrence until 4 o'clock this morning, when medical aid and nurses were sent down on a special boat, bringing the injured ones to this city. The storm at Wrightsville Beach was of no consequence.

The Storm at Greensboro.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 7.—The storm yesterday did no serious damage in Greensboro, save blowing down a few old trees and tangling up the telephone wires for a while. The edge of it struck here in the county a great deal of damage was done to corn, tobacco and growing crops. At Pomona the nurseries and orchards were greatly damaged. Pear trees loaded with nearly ripe fruit were stripped bare and much damage done other fruit. At Pleasant Garden the fine corn was literally destroyed and great quantities of valuable timber destroyed. At Tabernacle church a tree was blown down in the church yard, and a horse belonging to Mr. Tom Coble instantly killed and several huggies were smashed. Reports from all sections have not yet been received, but enough is known to place the estimate of damage to property as very serious.

The Storm Strikes Goldsboro.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Goldsboro, N. C., August 7.—The rain and wind storm which struck here yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock did considerable damage to shade trees. In some places the streets and sidewalks were impassable on account of the fallen limbs from the trees. No damage to property or loss of life has been reported. The roar of the wind and rain was heard here several minutes before the storm struck the city.

The Losses at Durham.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Aug. 7.—The amount of damage wrought in this section by the storm yesterday afternoon is now known to be considerable. A brick house occupied by J. H. Crabtree, at Hickstown, was blown down. Loss about \$300.

The steeple of the Methodist church in East Durham was blown down. A portion of it struck H. R. Burgess' residence, damaging it. Loss about \$100; covered by tornado insurance. Other losses in East Durham were: C. T. Driver's carriage house demolished; a negro church blown down, and other damage of less serious nature. Trees were blown down in several sec-

tions of the city, and in some instances branches were twisted off by the wind. In the New Hope section, between here and Chapel Hill, trees nearly as large as a man's body were twisted off. Corn was blown down in some neighborhoods, and several tobacco barns were unroofed.

The shed over the engine at Bowling's wood yard was carried into the street and the engine damaged. Loss about \$75.00.

Telephone, electric light and fire alarm wires suffered.

The Damage at High Point.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Aug. 7.—The storm here yesterday played havoc with the trees, fences and houses. Mr. A. E. Tate's modern residence was in the direct path of the storm, and suffered considerably. Several houses were moved around on the foundations. At least one hundred trees were blown down and many fences demolished. In one ward I counted five large oak trees twisted off and thrown on the house and porches in some places. At one place the entrance was nearly cut off by falling trees. Windows panes and blinds were torn out at several places. It was the worst storm ever seen here, with probably one exception, about fifteen years ago.

Lexington Hit by the Wind.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lexington, N. C., Aug. 7.—We had a severe wind storm yesterday evening, but not much damage was done. Two trees were blown down, the big Crusaders' tent was lifted and torn to shreds. Slight damage was done to the court house roof, and the dwelling of the clerk of the Superior court, H. T. Phillips, about two miles from town, was damaged about fifty dollars.

THE KING GRATEFUL

Edward Writes a Loving Message to the British People.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 7.—The following message from King Edward to his people was made public tonight:

"To My People:—On the eve of my coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most solemn and important of my life, I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the colonies and in India, my heartfelt appreciation of the deep sympathy they have manifested toward me during a time in my life of such imminent danger. The postponement of the coronation ceremony, owing to my illness, has caused, I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to all who intended to celebrate it. But their disappointment has been borne by them with admirable patience and temper."

"The prayers of my people for my recovery were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to Divine Providence for having preserved my life and given me strength to fulfill the important duties which devolve upon me as sovereign of this great empire."

(Signed) "EDWARD R. AND I."

"Buckingham Palace, August 8." King Edward's proclamation is a personal and spontaneous expression of His Majesty's feelings. It was conceived and written by himself in an autograph letter to the home secretary, C. T. Ritchie. In addressing this communication to the home secretary the King is following the traditions observed by the late Queen Victoria when she addressed personal messages to the nation.

It had been expected that His Majesty would visit Westminster Abbey today, but he did not do so. He was busily engaged with his secretary, Lord Knollys.

An official bulletin issued today says: King Edward bore the journey to London yesterday without the least fatigue. His Majesty had a good night and is in excellent health. The wound practically is healed.

Good Breaks at Wilson.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., Aug. 7.—There were good breaks of tobacco here today at most satisfactory prices. The new brick warehouse had its first sale. There are five houses here now. Wilson expects to sell two million pounds more than last season.

New furniture is being placed in the First National Bank. It will be one of the best equipped banking houses in the State.

The new Briggs Hotel is having an annex of twenty-five rooms built.

Slow Schedule Suspended.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Aug. 7.—The ordinance in regard to regulating the speed of the street cars to six and eight miles per hour in this city, has been suspended until the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The company was notified that they could run their cars on Main street, between Five Points and Dillard street at ten miles an hour, and on other streets of the city at fifteen miles an hour. The suspension of the ordinance gives pretty general satisfaction.

Griggs Renominated For Congress.

(By the Associated Press.)

Albany, Ga., Aug. 7.—The Democrats of the Second district, in convention today re-nominated Congressman J. M. Griggs for Congress.

AS ONE VAST FAMILY

Close Union of the Friends Beautifully Showed.

Epistles and Reports. Membership of Yearly Meeting. Prof. Moon's Letter. Dr. Benbow's Message.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Aug. 7.—One of the greatest annual gatherings in the State, both in number and attendance, is the yearly meeting held at this place, and this year proves the assertion beyond a doubt. This is a long looked for week among the Friends of North Carolina.

This morning's session of the yearly meeting consisted of the reading of epistles from New England, New York, Baltimore and Western yearly meetings, and also a very impressive and sympathetic letter from Prof. Josephus Moon, of Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., who for four years was connected with the Friends' institution of Guilford College, and who was one of the first educators to introduce normal schools in North Carolina, the first normal school being conducted by him at Archdale, formerly Bush Hill, in Randolph county, in 1856 or 1857.

The remainder of the morning session was given to consideration of the condition of the various meetings throughout the State, of which the yearly meeting is composed. This was done by reading the answers to queries sent down by the yearly meeting to be answered by the subordinate meetings throughout the State. In addition to these, a statistical report of the membership was read. This showed the number of members of yearly meeting to be between five and six thousand, and it showed also the number of members under 21 years of age to be over 700. Other interesting details of the membership were shown by this statistical table.

In the afternoon a meeting of the board of the trustees of Guilford College was held, at which they discussed the endowments of the college and received the report of President L. L. Hobbs concerning this work recently in behalf of the increased endowment of the college. There were present at the meeting of the board E. E. Mendenhall, John Van Lindley, J. Elwood Cox, Dr. J. J. Cox, Verius C. English, J. S. Cox, J. A. Hodgkin and Josiah Nicholson. Their report of the college will be read on Saturday afternoon.

The afternoon session was given to reports of what is called the Home Mission Committee, which committee is interested with the special evangelistic work of the yearly meeting throughout the year. A subscription was made for this work for the coming year, an appropriation will be made by the yearly meeting for the same purpose.

A message of love was presented to the meeting from Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, who is now lying ill at Atlantic City. The yearly meeting responded to his message and directed a letter of sympathy sent to him by the clerk, expressing the appreciation of Friends in North Carolina, the valued service which Dr. Benbow has rendered the church in former days. The meeting was largely attended today and much interest was manifested.

At last night's service able addresses were made on the subject of peace among nations by Rev. Thos. Newlin, of Guilford College, and Rev. Allen Jay, of Earlham College, Ind. Also addresses were made on the subject of Bible schools by Amos Harvey and others. The meeting tonight was given to a gospel service in connection with Christian Endeavor work.

The morning session tomorrow will be given in part to the consideration of a constitution and uniform discipline for the American yearly meetings, this has been before the yearly meeting for two years, and it is believed that it will be adopted this year.

The Valley Iron Company Organized.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chattanooga, Aug. 7.—Stockholders of the Valley Iron Company, recently formed for the purpose of developing iron interests in this section, organized today and elected the following officers:

President, James W. Bowden, Baltimore; Vice-president, W. G. McCannick, Nashville, Tenn.; Secretary and Treasurer, Erskine Ramsey, Nashville, Tenn. It is understood that Colonel William Nixon, formerly general manager of the Cumberland Coal and Coke Company, will be general manager.

The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and will erect iron and steel plants in the central portion of the mineral districts along the lines of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad.

Dr. Hatcher is Acquitted.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 7.—Dr. T. R. Hatcher, a prominent physician of Rose Hill, Duplin county, was given a preliminary hearing here today before United States Commissioner S. P. Collier and was found not guilty of retailing liquor as charged. He was represented by L. V. Grady, Esq., and introduced no evidence in his own behalf. The government placed three witnesses on the stand, but failed utterly to make out its case.

Working For Causey's Pardon.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Aug. 7.—Steps are being taken by parties here to secure a pardon for Ernest Causey, who it is claimed is now an invalid in the county jail, having not been able to do any work on the roads for some months.

AGED WOMAN SUICIDE

Strangled to Death Hanging From a Bed Post.

Between Method and Cary Miss Alice Holderfield Dies in Hearing of Her Blind Mother Without a Moan.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Dead from strangulation, hanging to a bed post, the body of an aged woman was found yesterday morning. It was a suicide, the details and cause of which tell a sad story.

Fifty-one years old, wearied and despondent, with failing health and failing mind, Miss Alice Holderfield, who lived between Method and Cary, west of Raleigh, ended her life by her own hands while suffering from an attack of temporary insanity.

She lived with her mother and one sister in a small house and for years had been the constant companion and nurse of her mother, who is now ninety-two years old, entirely blind and bed-ridden, and who has been an invalid for years. The constant burden had told on Miss Alice Holderfield, who has been unceasing in her care for her mother, but the strain was too much and the fatal tragedy was enacted.

Wednesday night she retired as usual, and it is known that she was in her bed till near day. At an early hour yesterday morning she went into an adjoining room, and when the room was entered later she was found dead.

The body of the unfortunate woman was found hanging by a strap from the tall post of an old-fashioned bedstead, and the indications were that she had been dead an hour or more. About her neck a handkerchief had been firmly tied and in this a trunk strap fastened. She must have stood on the bed, slipped the trunk strap over the post and then stopped off. Her death came from strangulation as the neck was not broken.

THEIR BEST TOBACCO OPENING.

Peanut Crop Shot. A Farmer Creating a Furore as a Hypnotizer.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Scotland Neck, N. C., Aug. 7.—The fifth season of Scotland Neck tobacco market opened yesterday. It was the best and most satisfactory opening in the history of the market. The sales amounted to about 25,000 pounds. Prices were good and the farmers were all highly pleased with the sales. The tobacco men feel greatly encouraged with the prospects for a successful season. There is much more tobacco in this region than there was last year.

It has been observed that the peanut crop here is much shorter than last year. The acreage was considerably reduced, and the drought has cut the crop.

There is somewhat a wonderful development in the art of hypnotism with Mr. N. D. Parks, a quiet farmer of this community. He has been studying it for some time and his exhibitions given in private were so fine he was induced to give a public performance in the opera house a few nights ago. He had a good audience, made some money and gave one of the most successful performances of the kind ever seen in this section. He outlasted Hart, the laugh king, and many intelligent persons who saw it declared it the finest they had ever seen. Mr. Parks may give much of his time to the work.

Miss Lula Howard died here yesterday morning of fever, after an illness of two weeks, aged about 25 years. Her remains were interred in the Baptist cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. M. L. Kesler conducting the services.

Big Tobacco Sale at Mount Olive.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Aug. 7.—The opening sale of the Mt. Olive Tobacco Warehouse Company took place Tuesday, and there were about forty thousand pounds of tobacco on the floor of the warehouse, and every pound sold at satisfactory prices. The warehouse is under the management of Messrs. Townsend and Martin.

Mt. Olive Lodge No. 104, I. O. O. F., picnicked at Kelly Springs yesterday, and they had a most enjoyable occasion.

The Methodist Sunday school are picnicking at Kelly Springs today.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company are here with their force of hands putting in their line from Wilmington to Raleigh.

Mrs. I. H. Cobb is visiting relatives at Goldsboro and Beston.

Americans Win at Tennis.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, August 7.—The team of the American Lawn Tennis experts successfully defended the Dwight Davis International Challenge Cup today on the courts of the Crescent Athletic Club, Bay Ridge. They defeated the challenging Englishmen in the four matches of the singles by three victories and suffered one defeat.

To Instal a New Union.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 7.—Tomorrow afternoon General Organizer Eugene S. Odell, of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union of America, will accompany local union No. 899, of this city, to Southport on a specially chartered steamer, the occasion being the installation of a new union in Southport, where hundreds of carpenters are employed on the improvements going on at Fort Caswell.

A negro who came on the Gibson excursion yesterday fell from the cars as the train was departing last night and re-

ceived several ugly wounds, one of them which bled freely, having been in the neck. He was sent to the hospital but was unable to give a better account of himself than that his name was "Mudd" and that he was cut to the "goozle" and didn't give a cuss.

George W. Phillips, the young Wilmington boy who was recently taken back to Petersburg, Va., to answer a charge of the larceny of money and jewelry from a lady with whom he boarded, was acquitted in the Virginia court. The prosecutor withdrew the warrant, saying she had secured it under a misapprehension.

A joint committee of arrangements from the four lodges of Odd Fellows in the city is preparing for the annual visit of the children of the Goldsboro (I. O. O. F.) Orphanage to this city next week. The children will come for a week and will be entertained free of cost by the loyal wearers of the three links in Wilmington.

Struck Down by Lightning.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Rockingham, N. C., Aug. 7.—Yesterday at about 3 p. m. Oliver H. Kinney, a good citizen of the town, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was at the time in the office of the clerk of the Superior court. There was a terrific explosion of lightning near the court house. Mr. Kinney was sitting in the clerk's office with his head leaning back against the wall just under the telephone. He was also directly in a draft between two windows. Capt. W. L. Everett and Mr. Dan Morrison were sitting just a few feet away. Mr. Kinney's death was almost instantaneous. Captain Everett was slightly stunned. He and Mr. Morrison took Mr. Kinney out into the fresh air and a doctor was immediately summoned, but in a few minutes Mr. Kinney died.

THE NUNS EXPELLED

Scene of Wild Excitement at the Closing of the School at Landernau.

(By the Associated Press.)

Brest, France, Aug. 7.—Exciting scenes occurred today at the expulsion of a number of Sisters from their school at Landernau, near here. A special train conveyed detachments of soldiers to Landernau, where a body of gendarmes had been mobilized already.

A large crowd assembled at the school and surrounded the soldiers in the square in front of the school. When the commissary of police arrived, accompanied by a locksmith, the people protested vigorously, shouting: "Long live the Sisters and liberty!" "Down with the ministry!" Women threw themselves to the ground in front of the horses of the gendarmes.

The commissary ordered the Sisters to open the school door. They refused and the locksmith picked the locks and broke windows amid the denunciations of the crowds. The commissary ordered the Sisters to leave the school, which they did, leaning on the arms of the towns-women, and accompanied by the priests—thousands of people immediately marched to church, where they sang a hymn. A large crowd followed the gendarmes to the railroad station, shouting "Death to the locksmith!" the man was protected by the military.

The soldiers and gendarmes reached Landernau at 4 o'clock in the morning, but watchers had already given the alarm. The whole population of the town was intensely excited and hurried to the school. At one time when the crowd broke the military cordon, the commissary ordered the drums to be beaten three as a preliminary to charging the willers, and bloodshed was feared.

Emile Villiers, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Finistere, who is a conservative, intervened and appealed to the people to be calm. Vicomte Lagatinal, leader of the opposition, cried: "You can arrest me; my ancestors died on the scaffold and I deem it an honor to be arrested for this noble cause!"

After the expulsion of the Sisters the crowd again became so threatening that the commissary ordered the troops to charge, but the intervention of M. Villiers induced the people to disperse. A few women were hurt in the disorder.

The commissary at Grozon tried to expel the Sisters from a school, but the gendarmes were unable to force their way through the crowd and the attempt was abandoned.

Death-Stricken on the Street.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Reidsville, N. C., Aug. 7.—Mr. George Smiley died last night at about ten o'clock. He was walking with a woman and feeling bad had taken a seat in the woman's grove on East Market street. The woman, seeing that Mr. Smiley was ill, took his head in her lap and in a few minutes he was dead. Death was caused from heart disease.

Texas Wars on the Trusts.

(By the Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Aug. 7.—The Attorney General has been furnished with a list of about 200 domestic and foreign corporations which have failed to make affidavits that they are not members of trusts, and suits to forfeit their permits to do business in the State will be entered as soon as possible.

The various oyster canning and packing companies in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama will, it is said, combine under one head with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, financed by the Hibernal Investment Company, of New Orleans.

NEGRO'S RELIGIOUS LIFE IS DISCUSSED

Gardner Warns the Race Against Emotionalism.

LYON DEFENDS NEGRO

Friend of Law and Order, Neither Socialist Nor Anarchist.

ROOSEVELT SENDS LETTER OF REGRET

Unable, He Says, to Attend the Congress. 'Pegues of Raleigh and Sanders of Charlotte Speak. Throngs of Delegates Increase.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 7.—Strong addresses delivered by prominent leaders of the race made interesting today's session of the Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress, and from the sunrise prayer meetings until the close of the grand concert at night, in which five hundred voices took part, the day's programme was complete.

The following letter of regret from President Roosevelt was read:

"Corresponding Secretary, Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress. "My Dear Sir: Your letter of recent date referring to the proposed Negro Young People's Congress to be held in Atlanta, August 6 to 11th, 1902, has been received. I very much regret that it will not be possible for me to attend, but I take pleasure in sending to the Congress, through you, greetings and best wishes for its success in inculcating in the young people of your race principles of right thinking, of unswerving integrity, and of thoroughness in whatever part they may take in the world's work."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, presided over the morning session, and eight thousand delegates were present when the gathering was called to order.

The general subject for discussion during the morning was the religious life of the race. The first paper read was on the religious status of the negro race in the United States, by Rev. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore. Dr. Lyon claimed for the negro what he termed the six elements of religion: Humility, patience, endurance, forgiveness, charity and brotherly love. Measured by these standards the negro was religious.

Speaking of lynchings he said: "The negro has been lynched and his body used as fagots for bonfires, but there is no record in the courts of the law charging the negro with leading a mob against his persecutors, or with putting a torch even to the homes of his enemies. The negro," he said, "is a friend of law and order. He is neither a striker, a socialist nor an anarchist."

In an original poem, Dr. Webster Davis, of Richmond, Va., declared that the negro must fight his own ignorance and sin more than the hate and prejudice without.

In a paper on "True and false in revival methods of the race," Rev. C. A. Gardner, of Washington, D. C., stated that most of the negroes' troubles grow out of emotionalism. Emotionalism has some virtue, but it must not be the only result of a revival.

"In some of our churches the chief evidence of conversion is found in excitements, visions, strange phenomena and great physical agitation. The temperament and mental calibre of pastor and people make this both possible and agreeable, but this is not spiritual power."

"The need of a properly trained ministry," was explained by President D. J. Sanders, of Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C. Prof. A. W. Pegues, of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., talked on the same subject.

The evening session of the Congress was devoted to music and elocution. The musical program included selections from Handel, Rossini, Verdi and others. Prof. Charles G. Harris, of Tuskegee, led the chorus of five hundred voices.

Delegates are still arriving in the city and the attendance is expected to reach 10,000 by tomorrow night.

Contract For L. & N. Extension.

(By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., August 7.—The contract for the construction of the Knoxville, LaFollette and Jellico Railroad, into Louisville and Nashville extension, into Louisville from LaFollette to Beaver Ridge, near Knoxville, twenty-eight miles, was let today to Mason and Hoge, of Lexington, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo., and Walton and Company, of Roanoke, Va. It involves about one million dollars.

What Does it Mean?

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, N. C., Aug. 7.—It has just been learned that there was a second attempt made Monday night to wreck engine No. 4, pulling the southbound passenger train into Washington. The matter has been kept quiet to give the railroad detectives time to work it up. The scene of this latest attempt is near Hinson, the scene of the former wreck.