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SUFFOCATED, NINE DIE IN THE VAULT

Thirty or More Young School Girls Precipitated by Floor's Breaking into a Death Trap.

SHRIEKS REND THE AIR

These Bring Rescuers Quickly on the Scene, but Several of the Children Narrowly Escaped the Horrible Fate That Befalls Their Nine Companions. The Calamity Charged to Official Negligence.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—School closed today at Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, with the first quarter of the session when nine, possibly ten school girls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoon recess, an ad score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death. During the rest of the day this suburb was writhing with mingled excitement, sorrow and indignation and tonight those open recharging the calamity to official negligence are making serious threats, among them being many women.

The large building is used for a high school as well as for all lower departments. All of the victims were from primary grades.

On opposite sides of the spacious ground in the rear of the school building are two outhouses. When recess was given about thirty of the smaller girls were in the outhouse assigned to them, when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into the vault below. This vault is twelve feet deep and walled up with stone like a well. There was in it four feet of water that would have been over the heads of the children falling in it singly, but those falling foremost filled up the vault partially, so that the others were not entirely submerged.

The girls fell eight feet from the flooring, and the struggles of those who were on top kept at least nine underneath until they were dead. The frame sheds of these vaults were about twenty feet square without windows and only one narrow doorway, so that the only one girl escaped from the door. She ran into the school building and told the teachers what had happened.

The principal and other teachers rushed to the rescue. The screams of the girls were faintly heard while within the vault, and they were most of them unable to speak when rescued. The teachers were soon reinforced by the entire population of the town, the police and fire department rendering most effective service.

Among the first to come to the relief of Principal Simmerman were Rev. I. D. Lambert, of the Presbyterian Church, and Frank S. Johnson, of the Herald, and Presbyter of Cincinnati.

James Smith, aged fourteen, one of the pupils, climbed to the roof of the school house, untied the flag and ran to the vault. By means of this impromptu rope several were rescued.

PRELATE IN WRECK

The Archbishop of Canterbury is Considerably Shaken.

(By the Associated Press.)
East Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 23.—A special train conveying the Archbishop of Canterbury from Bar Harbor, Me., to Washington, was wrecked on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central Railroad near the station here today. The Archbishop was not injured, although considerably shaken up. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, who was also on the train, accompanying the Archbishop, was shaken up but not hurt. Several trainmen were slightly injured.

The special, running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, was 3 p. m. The special sighted a danger signal, but owing to the high speed of the train and the slippery condition of the rails due to the mist of early morning he found it impossible to stop. The engine, which was pulling the special, but he had not time to move out of the way. The Archbishop's train struck the North Brookfield engine with a terrific crash and demolished it. The other locomotive was thrown from the rails and landed across the Eastbound track, near the wreck of the North Brookfield engine. The cars did not leave the track.

Soon after the cars came to a standstill, Mr. Morgan hurried into the East Brookfield station and sent several messages. When asked as to the effect of the collision on those in the cars, he said:

"There was an accident and no one was injured. Get this over the wires as soon as possible—that no one was injured."

The Archbishop's special train, with a new engine, resumed its trip to Washington just before 10 o'clock.

IT IS VENI, VIDI, VICI IN SWAIN

Roosevelt Buttons Fall Before Glenn.

FIRST SPEECH THERE

The Candidate Says this is One of the Three Counties in Which He Has Not Spoken Before, Yet Victory Seems His.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 23.—A large audience in the court house here tonight witnessed the opening of the campaign of the Democratic party in Guilford county. Amid a whirlwind of applause, General Cullen A. Battle, formerly of Alabama, introduced ex-Governor Joseph F. Johnson, of Alabama, who made a short and forceful speech. He referred to the fact that his grandfather was one of the members of the Hillsboro convention who refused to sign the Constitution without guarantees of State sovereignty, and of local self government, and said he was proud to be able to say that ever since that day North Carolina had proven true to the teaching, the faith and the sacrifices of the fathers, and to-day stood by the Constitution, and presented any effort by rough riders, whether on the battlefield or in the executive chair, to destroy it. He challenged North Carolina to match Alabama in November with a majority of one for Parker and Davis.

Mr. Frank S. Spruill, Democratic candidate for elector for the State at large, followed in a magnificent speech of an hour's length, which greatly pleased his hearers, and evoked continued and enthusiastic applause.

GUILFORD AROUSED

Ex-Governor Johnson of Alabama and Hon. Frank Spruill Speak.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Democratic county executive committee held a few days ago the Republicans were challenged for joint canvass of the county. A reply to this challenge has been received, and it was rejected. In refusing a joint canvass the Republican committee say that it will be impossible, because Mr. B. L. Duke, the Republican nominee for the legislature, will be out of the city most of the time from now until election.

The Republican committee, however, is sending out literature in which they announce speakers for the campaign and say that they are going to expose incompetency and other things against the Democrats. It is learned that the Democrats will reply in kind and from the outlook now it may be reasonably inferred that there will be more or less dirt in the campaign in this county before the end is reached. A warm time is the outlook now.

No man can ever gain a knowledge of the world by pursuing his studies in a rocking-chair.

The knife one girl gives another will not cut friendship—and the odds are that it won't cut melted butter; either.

BOILER FLASHES

DEATH FOR FOUR

A Rending Explosion in the Gin Department of Erwin Mill No. 2 Wrecks the Engine Room.

was telegraphed for after going to Patterson's Creek on a hand-car.

Seven doctors went from here by special train. Engineer Pike was held under iron scraps on top of the boiler while being slowly cooked to death. It required four men to extricate him. The explosion knocked nearly every person in the neighborhood down, hurled Hunter Bowen through a roof, but did not hurt him, and threw Bartlett of engine two hundred yards. Slack telegraph wires were snapped midway between poles by the concussion.

CRUSHED IN A PRESS.

A Young Man Receives Probably Fatal Injuries at a Gin.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Dunn, N. C., Sept. 23.—A terrible accident occurred near here this morning, and the death of a young man in the very flower of his youth is expected to follow as the immediate result.

The name of the injured youth is Ellis Wilson, son of a prominent farmer of this section. He was at his father's gin, when approaching the cotton press, he stumbled over some movable and was caught in the press. His right shoulder, neck and chest were fearfully crushed before he could be extricated from his position of deadly peril, and the injuries are of such a character that no hope is entertained of saving his life.

Dr. McLean is in attendance upon the sufferer.

Republicans Reject Challenge.

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MEN BLOWN TO PIECES

Among the Killed is Henry C. Fowler Superintendent of the Mill. A Fifth Man is so Terribly Scalded by the Escaping Steam That He Will Die.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Dukes, N. C., Sept. 23.—At 7:15 o'clock this morning the boiler in the gin department of the mammoth cotton mill, Erwin No. 2, at Dukes, on the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad, about twenty-five miles from Raleigh, exploded with terrific violence wrecking the engine room, instantly killing three white men, one of whom was the superintendent of the mill, and one negro. Another negro was scalded so badly that he will die. Several persons were thrown down by the shock of the explosion, but their injuries are not serious.

The dead:
Henry C. Fowler, of Burlington, general superintendent of the mill.
Lee Hersh, foreman.
H. G. Brasswell.
Geo. McLean (colored).
Fatally scalded: Henry Wall (col).
Both the latter were employes of the mill.

From the best information obtainable it seems that the old fireman of the mill having just been discharged, the new man, not thoroughly understanding the engine, had gotten up too much steam. The engine refused to work, and the fireman went after the superintendent. As they entered the engine room together, there was a rending roar, and the men were blown to pieces.

Though horribly mangled the body of Superintendent Fowler was still recognizable, and this afternoon it was borne to his home in Burlington, accompanied by his wife and two children.

The remains of the other men will be buried at Dukes.

When running at its full capacity the mill there employs 1,000 people. It is not yet fully equipped, and the present force is about 200.

KUROKI'S FORCES

PUSHING FORWARD

His Van Moves Toward Fushan and Fu Pass.

THE OTHER ARMIES

Two Japanese Columns are Reported as Occupying With Their Advance the Villages of Zentai and Sandenu. Trying to Flank Kuropatkin.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—A dispatch received here from Mukden gives details of the Japanese positions as follows:

General Kuroki has concentrated one army with Bentziapetz and Bentshu as its radius and his advance is pushing forward along the road leading to Fushan and Fu Pass.

The advance forces of two other armies occupy the Tentai mines, the village of Zentai and Sandenu. The front of these three armies is protected by an outpost serene, which Chinese are not allowed to pass. A small Japanese detachment is moving along the left bank of the Liao River in order to protect junks.

The same dispatch reports that Chinese bandits are openly siding with the Japanese.

The weather at Mukden is rainy and windy and cold has prematurely set in.

DYNAMITE BLOWS

A TRAIN TO PIECES

Two People Killed and Nine Injured.

DASHED INTO WAGON

This Being Loaded With Dynamite Explosion Followed. Engine Stripped, Cars Torn Up and Rails Broken Like Pipe Stems.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cumberland, Md., Sept. 23.—Fast freight Number 94 on the Baltimore and Ohio struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite at the crossing at North Branch, W. Va., four miles east of here this afternoon. Two persons were killed and nine were injured. Three of them seriously.

The dead are:
C. Walter Whitehair, front brakeman, Brunswick.
Nelson Pike, Martinsburg, veteran engineer, scalded all over and internally, lived two hours.

The injured are:
A. B. Sanders, fireman, North Mountain, W. Va., scalded on face, body and hands; Charles Hamilton, Baltimore and Ohio operator and postmaster at North Branch, cuts on face and body; Scott Hamilton, of Little Orleans, Md., cuts in face and body at least fifty in number; James Ashkettle, Little Orleans, cut in face; Raymond Hamilton, cut in face; Maud Seibert, cut in face; James Laing, aged 21, who was driving the dynamite wagon, cut on leg and ear drum fractured.

The Baltimore and Ohio tower was wrecked, as were also several residences nearby. The commissary of Mike Elmore, Washab sub-contractor, and the Washab temporary hospital, with other small buildings, were demolished. The windows of the school house and of the residence of G. A. Zimmerman on the mountain, half a mile away, were all broken out. No house escaped damage.

James Laing, who drove the wagon, escaped with only trivial injury, as did the two horses, although the latter was blown fifty yards into a field. According to eye-witnesses, Laing, hearing the train, became terrified and stopped on the track. The wagon was three feet of clearing it when the engine struck the rear end, carrying it fifty feet before the explosion.

Laing deserted the wagon and ran down from the track and into a ditch. He was knocked down and rendered unconscious for a time, but the force of the explosion passed over him.

The engine was overturned and stripped and seven cars following, loaded with high grade merchandise, were broken, several being demolished. The tracks were thrown out of the bed and twisted like serpentine, while rails were snapped like pipestems. The wires were torn down an drelief

FOUST IS ELECTED.

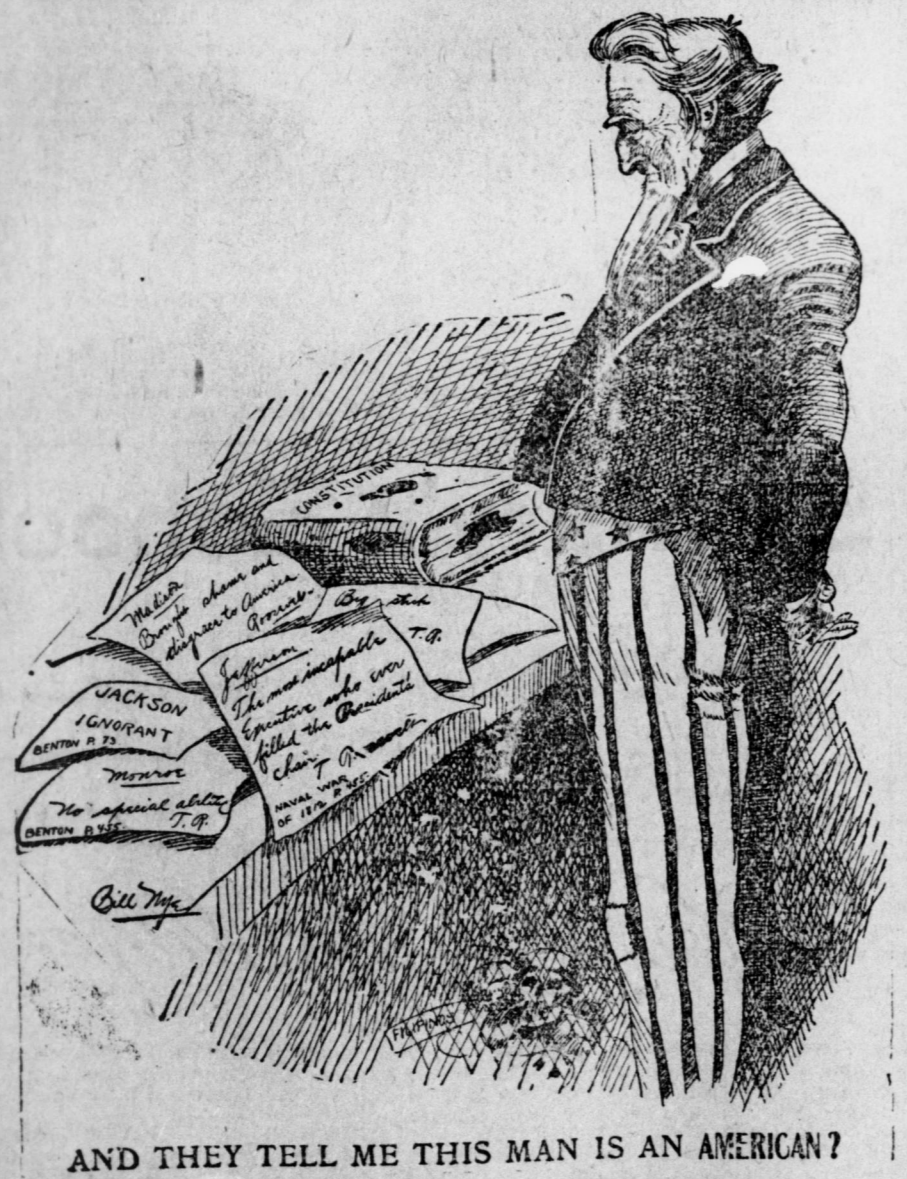
Thomas A. Sharpe Having Resigned as Superintendent of Guilford Public Schools.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 23.—Thomas A. Sharpe, superintendent of Guilford county public schools, has resigned to accept a position with the Cone Export and Commission Company, and Thomas Foust, superintendent of Goldsboro graded schools, has been elected to the vacancy and accepted the offer.

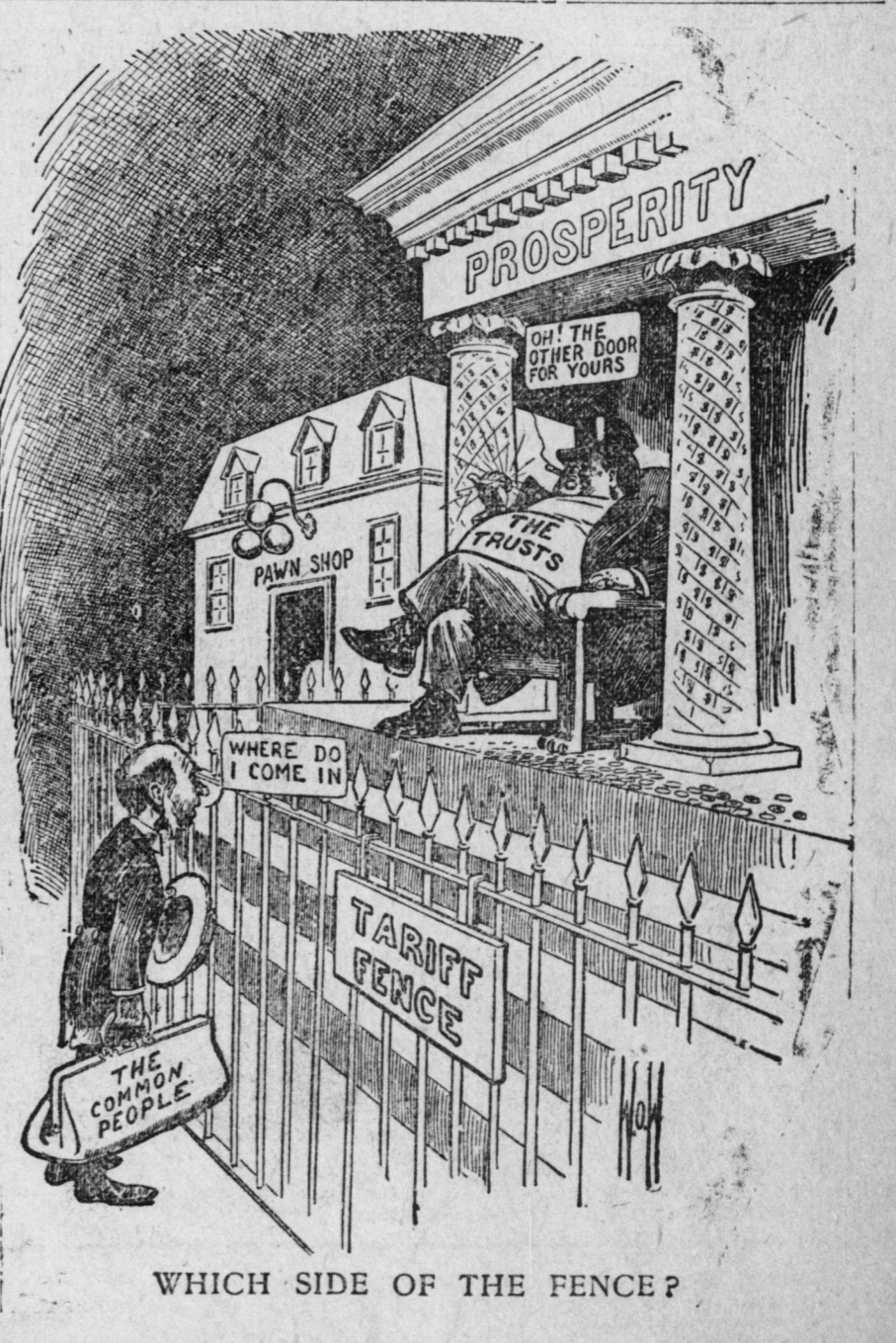
MAY BUILD CRATE FACTORY.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Sept. 23.—The Messrs. Reynolds from the upper part of New York State are in this city, looking over the ground with a view to considering the advisability of locating a crate factory here. It is understood that the gentlemen are much pleased with Fayetteville.



AND THEY TELL ME THIS MAN IS AN AMERICAN?



WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE?