

**MANY KILLED
BY EXPLOSION
IN HAMBURG**

Victims Number 27

The Explosion of Two Gas Tanks
Yesterday Afternoon Was Fol-
lowed by a Large Fire and Loss
of Many Lives.

WAS LARGEST GASOMETER

Hamburg, Dec. 8.—The explosion
of two gas tanks in the so-called
Kleines Grasbrook, on the Elbe front,
this afternoon, was followed by an
extensive fire and the loss of many
lives.

The explosion was due to a leak in
a new gasometer. Escaping gas en-
tered the retort house, where it came
in contact with the fire, causing a
terrible explosion. A large number
of workmen were engaged in rebuild-
ing and enlarging the plant. Twen-
ty-five of the men were employed
near the gasometer. They disappeared
in a mass of flames which shot up
to a great height.

Firemen with apparatus appeared
quickly on the scene, but they were
unable to approach in a large force,
owing to the isolated situation of the
establishment.

Up to a late hour tonight ten men
are reported dead and 17 missing. It
is almost certain that all of those are
dead. Forty men were dangerously
injured, of whom several cannot re-
cover.

The fire gained rapid headway and
threatened the old gasometer, con-
taining 50,000 cubic metres. So in-
tense was the heat and so dangerous
their position the firemen were com-
pelled to withdraw to a safe distance.
A terrifying explosion soon occurred
and the tower became a mass of
flames, which leaped hundreds of
feet in the air, sent fragments of
glowing coke far and wide over the
city and harbor.

After strenuous efforts the fire was
not under control and the rescue
work was carried on vigorously.
There is little hope of finding the
bodies of the missing, if they have
been killed, as they would undoubt-
edly have been incinerated.

The new gasometer which explod-
ed, was the largest in the world, hav-
ing a capacity of 200,000 cubic me-
ters. The city appropriated 11,000,-
000 marks, (\$3,500,000) for its con-
struction.

BATH TO HAVE**A TOURNAMENT**Also a Coronation Ball De-
cember 28th.

The historic town of Bath will
have a tournament and coronation
ball in that place on Tuesday, De-
cember 28, to which everyone is cor-
dially invited to attend.

Elaborate preparations are being
made for this auspicious event. On
similar occasions of this character
the citizens of Bath have always
measured up to great things as enter-
tainers. The tournament and ball
this year promises to excel all others.

FORMER TOWNSMAN HONORED.

In the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of
yesterday appears on the front page
a double-column cut of Dr. Armistead
K. Taylor, the secretary of the So-
board Medical Association, now hold-
ing its fifteenth annual session in
Norfolk. The association embraces
the States of Virginia and North Car-
olina. Not only is Dr. Taylor the sec-
retary of the association, but he had
the honor to respond to the address
of welcome on the part of this State.
This paper feels that our young and
talented former townsman proved
equal to the occasion as he always
does. Dr. Taylor is at present prac-
ticing his profession at Belhaven,
this county.

**Carrie Nation in
Washington, D. C.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Carrie
Nation, who came here to keep her
eye on Congress, went into the bu-
dget of the Union Station this afternoon,
and taking out her hatchet wielded
indiscriminately, smashing about \$50
worth of bottled whiskey. She was
at once arrested and taken to the
house of detention, charged with de-
stroying private property. A large
crowd of persons in the station was
attracted by the commotion in the
budget and equipment was high.

**HOME IS NOW
ASSURED FOR
THE CONGRESS**

Will Cost 1,000,000

Dream of Southern Commercial
Congress Realized Through Sub-
scriptions of 100 Men, Who
Subscribe \$1,000 Each.

FEATURES OF THE SESSION

Washington, Dec. 9.—The South-
ern Commercial Congress closed its
sessions here last night with its new
\$1,000,000 home in Washington no
longer a dream, but an organized
project, financially assured. Just 100
men of the South have made this
possible. Each has subscribed \$1,000
worth of stock in the Southern build-
ing corporation, which is formed to
build a magnificent revenue produc-
ing structure, which will be the per-
manent home of the congress.

Financial Plan Adopted.
This subscription paves the way to
a \$1,000,000 bond issue bearing in-
terest at 5 per cent and an issue of
second mortgage bonds bearing inter-
est at 6 per cent.

The plan provides for a total issue
of preferred stock bearing interest at
6 per cent, amounting to \$350,000.
Later preferred stock will be issued
to retire the second mortgage bonds.
The architects assure the officers of
the congress that the new home
should provide sufficient revenue to
meet all fixed charges and pay 10 per
cent on the common stock after the
project is well under way. By the
financial plan, the Southern Commer-
cial Congress will always be in com-
plete control of the building corpo-
ration. Just before the congress ad-
journed these officers were elected:

President, John M. Parker, New
Orleans.

First Vice President, J. Taylor El-
lyson, Lieutenant Governor of Vir-
ginia.

Second Vice President, Julian S.
Carr, of North Carolina.

Managing Director, G. Grosvenor
Dawe, Washington, D. C.

Secretary, Edwin L. Quarles, Vir-
ginia.

Just before the congress adjourned
it passed a resolution against in-
discriminate immigration to the
South. The sense of the resolution
was to the effect that only immi-
grants who can be depended upon to
maintain the standards of civilization
are desirable. Another resolution en-
dorsing the aims and purposes of the
National Rivers and Harbors Con-
gress was unanimously passed. An-
other commends Secretary of the
Navy Meyer for his business-like ad-
ministration, and protests against
any proposition to sweep out of ex-
istence the navy yards or repair sta-
tions south of Norfolk.

Cotton is Mainstay.
That the cotton crop of the South
is the mainstay of all the financial
institutions of this country, and is in
no wise involved as a sectional ques-
tion, was the declaration of Harvie
Jordan, president of the Southern
Cotton Association, who opened the
first session as its chairman. He re-
viewed the history of cotton produc-
tion for the past thirty-five years and
spoke of the future prospects for the
South relative to cotton production,
incidentally introducing some statis-
tics.

"If more of the farmers of the
South would redouble their efforts
the product could be greatly in-
creased."

"With this statement G. W. Koin-
er, Commissioner of Agriculture of
Virginia, made a plea for increased
energy on the part of agriculturists
of the South. He said that no sec-
tion of the globe offered greater op-
portunities for investment than the
South, and spoke particularly of his
own State."

The South has a monopoly on yellow
pine, the great structural timber,
and its hickory is the best vehicle
with wood ever produced, declared
Assistant Forester Kellogg of the
United States Forest Service. He also
stated that timber had been cut in a
wasteful fashion.

THE NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A practical demonstration of illu-
minating engineering will be given at
Dr. Taylor's Drug Store on Main
street every evening between the
hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

The municipal electric plant has
engaged the services of Mr. J. Mor-
ton Hall, of the Westinghouse Co.,
to carry on these demonstrations for
the benefit of our citizens, and by
means of the use of certain electric
lamps their bills for general illumina-
tion will be greatly reduced.

**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE READ
IN BOTH HOUSES**

Pleases Republicans

Document Contained Over 17,-
000 Words—It Was Subjected
to the Most Careful Scrutiny in
Both Houses.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—In his
message, which bulks some 17,000
words, Mr. Taft reports the country
to be "in a high state of prosperity"
and he adds that "there is every rea-
son to believe that we are on the eve
of a substantial business expansion,
and we have just garnered a harvest
unexampled in the market value of
our agricultural products."

The President expresses entire con-
fidence that the duty imposed upon
the Executive, of enforcing the max-
imum rates of the new tariff law
against nations unduly discriminat-
ing against the United States will not
provide any tariff war, and he favors
no further tariff tinkering at least
until the new tariff commission shall
have completed its work of gather-
ing information as to the relative
cost of producing dutiable articles in
this country and abroad. This task
he expects will occupy two or three
years.

Projects Recommended.
Projects recommended by the
President, in addition to those men-
tioned above, include:

A ship subsidy to encourage Amer-
ican shipping.

Publication of political contributions
in elections of members of Congress.
Civil pensions.

A higher rate of postage on period-
icals and magazines.

A fund of \$50,000 to aid in sup-
pressing the "white slave" trade.

A commission to evolve a plan to
expedite legal procedure and mitigate
the "law's delays."

Construction of an artificial island
and fortification in the entrance to
Chesapeake Bay, two battleships and
one repair ship for the navy and the
establishment of an extensive naval
base at Pearl Island, Hawaii.

A national bureau of health.
Statehood for New Mexico and

Arizona, and an appointive govern-
or and executive council for Alaska.

Civil control of the light house
beard and reparation of the national
astronomical observatory from naval
control.

Celebration in 1912 of the semi-
centennial of negro emancipation,
and reimbursement of the depositors
of the defunct Freedman's Trust and
Savings Company.

Consolidation of the bureau of
manufactures and statistics in the
Department of Commerce and Labor.
Appropriation for the remodeling
of the District of Columbia jail.

Central American Affairs.

Calling attention to the crisis in
Central American affairs brought
about by the summary execution in
Nicaragua of two Americans, the
President announces that this govern-
ment has terminated diplomatic rela-
tions with the Zelayan administra-
tion in Nicaragua and intends to
take such further steps as may be
found most "consistent with its dig-
nity, its moral obligations to Cen-
tral America and to civilization."

In opposing any immediate investi-
gation of the New York custom house
scandal, the President takes the
ground that such investigation
"might, by giving immunity and other-
wise, prove an embarrassment in
securing conviction of the guilty par-
ties."

A proposal submitted by the Sec-
retary of the Treasury that the ex-
ecutive department's deficit for the
current fiscal year—estimated at
\$73,075,620—be met by the issuance
of Panama bonds authorized by Con-
gress, is approved by the President.
He explains that in order to avoid
a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year
ending June 30, 1911, estimates have
been cut to the bone and instead of a
deficit there will be a surplus of \$35,-
991,000, excluding payments on the
Panama canal which are expected to
be taken care of by bonds.

The President records with pleas-
ure the satisfactory arrangement
made for the arbitration of the im-
portant North American fisheries is-
sue with Canada and the successful
prosecution of the work of the com-
missions adjusting other boundary is-
sues and the lake fisheries. He urges
an international conference to devise
measures for the protection of fur-
seals. He is hopeful of a happy ad-
justment of the Congo question and
expresses his desire to afford a larger
measure of protection to the little
negro State of Liberia.

**SEES SURGEONS
OPERATE ON HER;
HAS NO PAIN**

New Anaesthetics.

Woman, 68 Years Old, Watches
Work and Discusses With At-
tendants Methods Used and
What Each Step Means.

PATIENT EVER CONSCIOUS

New York, Dec. 9.—When it was
announced a few days ago that Prof.
Thomas Jonnesco, dean of the Uni-
versity of Bucharest, who is now visit-
ing this country, would operate on a
patient without the patient losing
consciousness, it was supposed this
would be the first time such a feat
had been accomplished in America.

Dr. Leo Berger and Dr. Benjamin
Jablons of Har Moriah Hospital,
however, have taken the laurels away
from the Roumanian practitioner,
who has become known the world
over as the "painless surgeon." On
Sunday afternoon they operated on a
woman for intestinal trouble while
the patient alternately read a prayer-
book, chatted calmly with the doctors
and nurses and discussed the progress
of the operation, without feeling
pain.

The subject of this interesting op-
eration is Mrs. Ida Moskowitz, No.
130 East Second street, 78 years old.

Operation Found Necessary.
Saturday morning Drs. Berger and
Jablons examined her and it was
found she would have to undergo an
operation within a few hours if she
was to live. It also was revealed that
the woman had heart trouble and
that if she was put under the influ-
ence of ether she surely would die,
no matter how successful the opera-
tion.

Dr. Jablons and Dr. Berger had
been experimenting for months with an
anesthetic—novocaine—discovered
four years ago but seldom used, and
never in an important operation. In
this emergency novocaine was decid-
ed on and one of the surgeons broach-
ed the subject of its use to Mrs. Mos-
kowitz. When she realized the dan-
ger of using ether and the chances of
success if novocaine was used the
woman consented to have it admin-
istered on condition that she be al-
lowed a Hebrew prayerbook to read
while the operation was in progress,
preferring so she said, not to see the
cutting. Shortly afterwards Sunday
she was taken to the operating room.

When the physicians began to in-
ject the novocaine Mrs. Moskowitz
opened her prayerbook and began
reading.

She did not feel any pain and
having the prayerbook in front of
her eyes, she came to the conclusion
that the surgeons had not yet begun
to cut.

She laid down the book to
ask why they did not proceed when
she discovered that an incision sev-
eral inches long had been made and
the operation was in progress.

The woman was astonished that
such a thing could be done without
her knowing it, although conscious
and in full possession of her mental
faculties. She became interested
and made the surgeons explain every
step of the operation.

Then the surgeons had to explain
to Mrs. Moskowitz that novocaine
was the basis and she wanted to know
if she would become a "coked" fiend
as a result of its use. When assured
there was no danger she was much
relieved.

Dr. Jonnesco, who is to demon-
strate his methods at the Rockefeller
Institute tomorrow, uses novocaine,
another new anesthetic which he dis-
covered.

Mrs. Small Entertains

Mrs. John H. Small entertained
the bridge whist club last night at
her beautiful home on West Main
street. Cards were played from 8 to
11, and then the guests were invited
to the dining room where a most de-
licious five course supper was served.
Some high scores were made by these
adept bridge players and the evening
was one of great pleasure to the
guests of this gracious hostess, whose
hospitality is always perfection. Sev-
eral outside the club were invited, be-
ing Mrs. Marie Leary, Misses Sallie
Myers, Mattie Laughinghouse and
Mary H. Hoyt.

OFFERS BURIAL LOTS.

Inasmuch as the offer to the city
was not accepted, Mr. N. H. Blount
offers for sale private lots for bury-
ing purposes situated outside the city
limits, provided 50 can be disposed of
by January 1.

**IS THIS MAN
WALTER BINGHAM
STILL LIVING**

Sensational Murder

West Virginia Officer Telegraphs
Sheriff of Wake County Ask-
ing for Information About Cel-
ebrated Deaf Mute.

TOOK LIFE WAS SURMISE

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—The sheriff
of this county received a telegram to-
day from a place in the West Virginia
mountains asking him about the deaf
mute, Walter Bingham, who a little
before Christmas, 1886, murdered his
sweetheart, who was also a deaf mute
and who was a pupil in the State
school here. Her name was Miss Tur-
rington and she was from New Han-
over county.

Your correspondent and hundreds
of other persons joined in the search
for her day after day, and the body
was found in a piece of woods half a
mile west of Cary. Bingham who
had driven from Raleigh in a buggy
he hired, left it at Durham, took the
train and went to New York State, to
a school for deaf mutes he had at-
tended, and left there, telling the
people he was going West.

He had an insane desire to kill
Prof. E. McK. Goodwin, then in
charge of the school for deaf mutes
of Council Bluffs, but for many years
in charge of the school at Baltimore.
The police were on the lookout for
Bingham half across the continent,
but the general belief is he com-
mitted suicide by jumping in the Nira-
ra river from a train. The New
York Herald, which made a very
careful investigation of this case,
reached that conclusion. In a good
many respects it was the most sensa-
tional murder ever committed in
North Carolina. Such was the inter-
est in the effort to discover the body
of the murdered young woman that
the Seaboard Air Line Railway fur-
nished a special train from Raleigh,
on which over 200 persons went to
Cary and made the search, there be-
ing the belief, one to the left and the
other to the right of the railway.
This afternoon the body was found.

**WORSTED MAN
SOON TO APPEAR**Given by Local Talent for Bene-
fit M. E. Church.

Local talent will put on the boards
at the opera house at an early day,
possibly some night next week, "The
Worsted Man," a two act comedy, for
the benefit of the First Methodist
Church.

For several weeks these compos-
ing the cast have been rehearsing
the play and those who have wit-
nessed it say that it promises to be
one of the best attractions yet pre-
sented by home talent. The exact
date of the performance will be an-
nounced later through the columns of
the Daily News.

WAITING FOR SAFE.

Just as soon as the new iron safe
arrives for the city and placed in the
new part of the city hall, the city
clerk and the superintendent of the
electric light plant will be ready to
occupy their new quarters. With the
exception of installing the safe, the
offices are practically completed.

**3 Strange Men Attempt
to Rob Mutual Machine
Company Employees**

On Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock
three employees of the Mutual Ma-
chine Company were held up for
money at the works on Water street
by three strange men.

Mr. Charles R. Mitchell was sitting
in the office leaning back in desk
chair half asleep when some noise at-
tracted his attention and looking up
through the window to the street
above he saw three men pass at a
trot, and in a moment they came to
the office door and entered. Sur-
rounding Mr. Mitchell they asked him
if he was asleep, and if he had any
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negative, they then asked where one could
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**MORE THAN
ONE THIRD
INFECTED**

Danger in Milk Supply

15 Per Cent of Deaths in Dis-
trict of Columbia From Tuber-
culosis Treated to Milk—Cows
Being Inspected.

RESULT OF WEEK'S WORK

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—That
15 per cent of the people dying in
the District of Columbia of tuber-
culosis are infected by milk furnish-
ed by dairies in and around the District
of Columbia, was admitted by Dr. W.
C. Woodward, health officer for the
District, yesterday, after it had be-
come known that Federal inspectors
of the Department of Agriculture had
discovered that whole herds of cows
in the District were affected by the
dread disease and after these officers
had predicted that the same condi-
tion would be found in other herds
yet to be tested with the tuberculin
serum.

Notwithstanding the assertions of
the United States authorities, how-
ever, the sale of milk which may be
infected cannot be stopped until an
inspector has declared a cow is infest-
ed. United States and District au-
thorities alike say that in the mean-
time the only sure way to prevent any
further spread of tuberculosis is to
obtain milk from herds which have
stood the tuberculin test, or to use
pasteurized milk. Dr. Woodward
said that the milk is working most
harm among the poorer classes who
use unpasteurized, or the cheapest
milk they can buy.

Inspectors at Work One Week.
The United States inspectors have
been at work just one week, begin-
ning under the new regulation promul-
gated by the District of Columbia
relating to bovine tuberculosis. The
ordinance was adopted November 27
and the inspectors of the Department
of Agriculture went to work Novem-
ber 29. Since that time they have
inspected just 42 farms on which
dairy cows were herded and tested
174 animals. Of this number, they
found 52 suffering from the disease.
The inspectors immediately killed 29
of the animals, and the others are to
be slaughtered today and tomorrow.

The inspectors also caught a farmer
bringing six animals which were sus-
pected from the disease, into the Dis-
trict from Montgomery county, Md.,
and seized them. These animals are
to be killed this morning.

This is the shocking truth at the
very beginning of the work, and with
practically the whole of the District
yet to be inspected. The dairies so
far visited by the inspectors are in-
cluded in Annapolis and one on the
Potomac river, but the names of the
proprietors are withheld by both the
Federal and District authorities.

**Ellison Brothers
Growing Firm**

The wholesale firm of Ellison Bros.
Company, in order to meet the de-
mands of their growing business,
have rented the building opposite the
county courthouse from Mr. Thomas
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**BAPTIST WORK
AND PROGRESS
IS GRATIFYING**

Hold State Convention

The Different Reports Are Read
Before Convention All of Which
Show Substantial Progress for
the Past Year.

HOME FOR AGED MINISTERS

Wadesboro, Dec. 8.—The Baptist
State Convention assembled again
this morning at 9:30 with President
Dowd in the chair.

The report of the board of missions
and Sunday schools was read and
showed substantial progress during
the year.

The report of the board of educa-
tion was to the effect that it is ad-
ding 45 young ministers at Wake For-
est.

Reporting on Sunday schools, J.
W. Bailey urged the preparation of
special text books for the use of ad-
vanced Sunday school classes.

Dr. Van Ness, of Nashville, Tenn.,
spoke on the work of the Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary. He
was followed by Prof. B. H. Dement,
of that institution, who, after an able
speech raised by subscription \$1,500,
with which to assist young ministers
studying in the seminary.

A large number of new ministers
were recognized and welcomed to the
body.

The report on the relief of old
ministers stated that there are 55
beneficiaries and indicated that their
relief is inadequate to their needs.

The matter of building a home for
old ministers was deemed not advis-
able at this time. It was recommend-
ed that a special Christmas offering
be taken for these old veterans.

Dr. W. C. Tree spoke, commend-
ing the method of ministerial relief
and pleading for a more liberal sup-
port for it.

Dr. J. D. Huffman spoke on this
topic with his old time energy and
eloquence.

The report on woman's work was
read by Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of
Wake Forest, showing gratifying
progress.

A committee was appointed to per-
fect a state organization of the Bap-
tist Young People's Union.

The evening session was given up
to the consideration of foreign mis-
sions. Rev. A. J. Moore, of RAP-
id, read the report of the Southern Bap-
tist Convention held in London, Eng-
land, last year. In 1909, 1909, 1909,
there were nearly three thousand con-
verts on pagan and heathen lands. There
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There are eight theological seminaries
and four printing plants.

**R. B. RANEY
— PASSES AWAY**

One of Raleigh's Most Promi-
nent Citizens.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The news of the
death of Richard Beverly Raney,
which occurred at his home in this
city yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock,
will be received with sorrow, not only
by the citizens of Raleigh but of the
entire State. He had only been ill
since last Saturday, when he went
home suffering with a slight cold.
Tuesday he had a stroke of paralysis,
from which he never rallied, death
coming peacefully yesterday after-
noon. He leaves a widow, who was
Miss Kate Whiting Denson, and three
children, Margaret Denson Raney,
aged 5; Richard Beverly Raney, Jr.,
aged 3; and Catherine Balford Raney,
aged 2 months.

New Advertisements

in Today's News

- Gem Theater.
- Gaiety Theater.
- Frank Miller—Pure Whiskies.
- MI-o-na.
- Doan's Kidney Pills.
- Rubright Liniment.
- Mrs. Sumner's Remedies.
- J. K. Hoyt—Holiday Goods.
- Russ Bros. Co.—Picture Mould-
ing.
- Jas. E. Clark Co.—Christmas
Goods.
- The Hub—Christmas Sug-
gestions.
- Knight Shoe Company—Shoes
for Gifts.
- A. C. Hathaway—Real Estate.
- Jefferson Furniture Co.—Furni-
ture for Gifts.