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THE PLANT DESTROYED

THE FINISHED PRODUCTS THE CHAMBER AND BUILDINGS OF CRAMER COMPANY ARE SWIFT BY FIRE AT LEAST 500 OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Thomasville, Dec. 21.—This afternoon at 5:20 p.m. was discovered in the machine room of the Cramer Furniture Company.

The alarm was quickly given and every possible effort was used to save the plant but the wind was blowing a gale and the flames soon engulfed the entire building, destroying the machine department, boiler room, two dry bins also filled with lumber, nearly 200,000 feet of lumber in rough and in course of manufacture on the yard and in the plant. From the main building the finishing room a building nearly 100 feet long caught fire.

The building was half brick and half wood and every part was filled with finished chairs ready for shipment; the wooden part with contents was destroyed but the brick part was saved.

The flames spread so fast and surrounded and burned the hydrant houses thus cutting off completely the water supply and everything was left at the mercy of the flames and everything was reduced to ashes in less than two hours.

Nearly \$200,000 worth of property is destroyed and 500 employes are thrown out of employment. The origin of the fire is unknown. The plant had only closed down for the day less than an hour before flames were discovered.

The property was not half covered by insurance, making a total loss of approximately \$100,000. The plant is owned by Stuart W. Cramer, Charlotte; J. T. Cramer, John R. Myers, Thomasville and the Whitin Company, Winton, Mass. It was the most disastrous fire in the history of Thomasville and will take years to regain the loss.

The plant's weekly pay roll was about \$2,000. The machine room was two stories, four hundred by sixty feet in size, and was by far the largest plant here.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Cotton Market. Cotton seed, per ton, \$9.06. List Cotton, 14.50. Seed cotton, 1.60.

REMEMBER THE POOR SLOGAN

The Christmas entertainment for the Christian church Sunday school will take place some night next week. The school has decided to give instead of receive this Christmas as the church will be open tomorrow afternoon and night for the purpose of receiving any gifts for the benefit of the poor of that congregation. The presents and gifts will be distributed on next Saturday. This is something unusual and the act of the Sunday school is to be commended.

Already a large number of gifts have been promised for distribution. All having something for this purpose, are requested to carry them to the Christian church either tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow night.

CHRISTMAS CANDY HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Christmas Entertainment

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church will have their annual Christmas entertainment at Brown's Opera house on Friday evening of this week. All the students of the school are looking forward to the occasion with much pleasure.

CHRISTMAS CANDY HARDY'S DRUG STORE

To Attend Marriage

Miss Lillian Baker of Winterville, N. C., is in the city the guest of Mrs. George Elliott on Main street. She here to attend the Baker-Stokes marriage on December 27.

CHRISTMAS GOODS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Dance at Vanceboro

Several of our citizens left today for Vanceboro to attend a dance given there this evening.

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Dance at Vanceboro

ENTIRE FORCE IS KILLED

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—News of the practical destruction of the entire Mexican regular force fighting the revolutionists in Chihuahua was received here from the capital of that state today.

The report said that General Navarro's entire command had been wiped out at Federales and that 1,000 regulars had been killed.

The last report received before this was that Navarro's forces were cooped up in the Mexican town of Pedernales and the General himself was a prisoner.

CHRISTMAS CANDY HARDY'S DRUG STORE

BALL GIVEN AT AURORA

There is to be a coquettish ball given in the town of Aurora at Mrs. Thompson Hall on December 27. Quite a number will attend from this city. The following invitation has been issued:

You are cordially invited to attend the Coronation Ball at Thompson's Hall, December 27, 1910, Aurora, N. C. Hours: 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Committee: H. W. Hudnell, C. B. Whitehurst, F. T. Gullford, F. C. Hooker and T. Litchfield.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Closed on Yesterday.

The Washington Public schools closed on yesterday for a two weeks holiday. Several interesting and unique entertainments were given in the different grades. That of the kindergarten was more than interesting. Quite a number of visitors were present and enjoyed the occasion immensely.

The schools will open again for the spring session on Thursday January 5.

Several of the teachers expect to leave for different parts of the state to spend their vacation.

CHRISTMAS GOODS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

WHOLE CREW, DRIVEN MAD

TWO OF CREW OF THE BOAT DORIS DRIVEN MAD BY HUNGER — THE COXSWAIN DROWNED AND TWO MEN KILLED THEMSELVES — TOWED INTO PORT

Puerto Cortes, Honduras, Dec. 21.—With two of her crew driven mad by hunger and thirst, her command washed overboard and drowned and two sailors suicided, the American three-masted schooner Doris, a veritable ship of death, was towed in to port today by the United States cruiser Tacoma which picked up the vessel two days ago while it was drifting in the teeth of the gale.

The remainder of the crew, numbering ten men, have been sent to hospitals. They are suffering terribly from exposure and starvation and told harrowing stories of their frightful experience.

The schooner sailed from Pensacola for Balise, Honduras, three weeks ago and was long overdue. It was feared she had been lost in the gale which raged three days and lasted until yesterday.

The cruiser Tacoma steamed forth in the midst of the gale to look for missing vessels and came upon the schooner drifting helplessly and with her crew unable to move hand or foot.

When the Tacoma neared the schooner it was seen that the decks were piled with wreckage of the deck load which had been of lumber.

No answer came from the hall sent from the Tacoma, but officers on the cruiser thought they could discern the figures of some men on board.

At the risk of being swamped a life boat was launched from the cruiser manned by eight men and an officer and after battling with the sea for half an hour managed to get alongside the schooner.

When they climbed on board they found ten of the crew lying on the decks too weak to stand on their feet.

The waves that had broken over the ship had soaked all the stores and ruined the fresh water supply. For nearly three days the men had been without food and drink and were in a pitiable condition. The life boat was put back to the cruiser and supplies put on board. The Tacoma's surgeon also visited the schooner and gave the stricken men all the aid he could.

When the storm first broke, Captain Axerson, commander of the schooner, was struck by a big wave while he stood at the wheel. The water poured over the vessel carrying away one of her masts and knocking the captain into the sea. One of the sailors tried to throw him a life line but he sank out of sight before the rope reached him.

Then followed two days and nights of torture as the men, who were suffering greatly from exposure, and being without food and drink.

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Yesterday the ship hove in sight of this port but the men were too weak to trim sail so no progress could be made. Finally two of the sailors went out of their minds and leaped into the sea. Two others were about to commit suicide in the same way when the Tacoma rescued them.

They were found to be violently insane and may not recover their reason.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS SHOPPING BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The time for your Christmas shopping is short. Better do it now. Saturday will be a mighty busy day with the merchants of Washington without having to wait on you. Watch the Daily News advertising columns for bargains and then trade in the stores where you know before hand what you are expected to see. The columns of this paper are interesting these Christmas times.

MANY MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

THE SPREAD OF FLAMES MAKES WORK OF RESCUE DIFFICULT — CROWDS THROB ABOUT THE PIT BEGGING TO BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN WORK

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 21.—The worst disaster in the history of English mining in the last decade occurred today when the Hulton colliery, near here, when a terrific explosion trapped the entire force within the shaft, 700 feet below the surface. More than 150 of the miners were killed and probably more than 300 are dead. There were 437 men in the colliery at the time of the explosion and 8 hours later only 15 survivors had been taken out. At that time three of the dead had also been removed from the mine.

Fire broke out in the mine, following the explosion and prevented rescue work, vast volumes of smoke mingling with the fatal fire damp. Great billows of fire spurted from pit hundreds of feet in the air and pockets of gas exploded from time to time with tremendous detonations. Within a few minutes after the first blast occurred the mouth of the mine was surrounded with relatives and friends of the miners. When these learned that the mine officials were considering sealing the mouth of the pit rioting broke out.

The mine officials were attacked by the infuriated mobs and a detachment of soldiers was summoned to protect the representatives of the owners to prevent the men in the crowds from rushing to their doom in the shaft in the futile hope of rescuing some of the imprisoned miners.

The local authorities were powerless to restore order.

The municipal authorities deputized armed guards to patrol the mine company's property.

Members of the early rescue parties which were able to penetrate a short distance into the shaft before the fire passed beyond control, declared that more than 350 miners were undoubtedly dead, as they were working in a section of the mine completely cut off by falls of slate and a seething furnace of flames. Even if they escaped death from the raging holocaust the rescuers declared that the poisonous fumes and lack of fresh air would kill them. The machinery connecting the shaft with the fans was disconnected by the force of the explosion.

CHRISTMAS CANDY HARDY'S DRUG STORE

In the City.

Hon. J. C. Meekins, Sr., of Columbia, N. C., is in the city. Mr. Meekins is one of Tyrrell county's largest farmers and most influential citizens. He is the father of Hon. Isaac M. Meekins, assistant United States District Attorney of Elizabeth City and also the son of Mr. Nat Meekins a rising young member of the bar of Columbia. He is here to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Three days to Xmas

Dec. 22

Now Have You Forgotten Anybody?

CALL EXTENDED TO MR. HOPE

Charles Hope, pastor of the Christian church here, has received a call to the North Birmingham Christian church, Birmingham, Ala. He now has the call under consideration.

He has been pastor of the Christian church here for the past two years and no minister has ever filled the pastorate enjoying a wider circle of friends not only among his own parishioners but the entire city. As to whether or not he will accept is not known.

He is required to give an answer within the next few weeks.

The church extending the call is a growing church in that rising Southern city. If he decides to accept the call it will be received with universal regret here.

He has done a fine work for the Christian church in Washington and his going to another field will be deplored.

It is to be hoped that he will see his way clear to remain in Washington.

Mr. Hope is one of that denomination's rising ministers.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Is Convalescent.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Fleming, collector of the Bank of Washington, will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of fever. Unless something unforeseen happens he will be able to resume his duties at the bank now very shortly.

CHRISTMAS GOODS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

Million Dollar Fire.

Cincinnati Dec. 21.—Two men dead, 17 injured, and a loss estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 are the results of a fire that swept through a number of business structures in this city early today, raging for more than five hours.

The fire broke out in the great shoe manufacturing plant of the Krippendorf-O'Neill Company and before it could be checked had spread into the adjoining structures.

A biting cold wind which benumbed the hands of the firemen helped its spread. As swiftly as the water was dashed against the adjoining buildings it froze into vortices.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock. The glare lighted up the city and drove the panic-stricken guests from the Cincinnati hotel in Sycamore street near-by.

The tongues of flame licked their way into the building of the Union States Leather Company, adjoining the shoe plant and before the firemen could fully concentrate their efforts upon it, it was doomed.

The firemen worked gallantly to stem the rush of the flames, which ate their way greedily towards the business district, a short distance away.

The entire fire-fighting force of the city was summoned, while residents of the threatened district fled in fear of death.

MAYOR'S COURT THIS MORNING

Charles Eason was indicted before the mayor this morning for entering the near-beer saloon of Mr. William Dudley on Water street night before last, an account of which was published in the Daily News yesterday. The evidence showed that Charles was seen by one of the witnesses. While he did not force an entrance in getting in by a door on the inside. After hearing all the evidence in the case the mayor bound the defendant over to the next term of the superior court and in default of giving bail he was committed to jail.

Bessie Jones, a white woman, was charged with being a vagrant. She was convicted of the charge and upon paying the cost and leaving town at once she was discharged. She took the Norfolk Southern 10:40 train, presumably for Petersburg, Va.

The other cases for trial were postponed until tomorrow morning.

CHRISTMAS GOODS HARDY'S DRUG STORE

SUPERIOR COURT ENDS; CASES DISPOSED OF YESTERDAY

State vs. Wayne Floyd, disorderly conduct; not pros.

State vs. Alonzo Bonner, house-breaking, not pros.

State vs. Mart Manning, larceny, tried, guilty, four months on county roads.

State vs. Catherine Windley, larceny, tried, not guilty.

State vs. Jodie Williams, bigamy, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Wayne Floyd and W. H. Dunbar, affray, tried, Wayne Floyd guilty, Dunbar not guilty. Whereupon it was adjudged by the court that the prayer for judgment in this case be continued until the last day of the next term of this court, when the solicitor is in attendance, and it is recommended by the judge holding this court to the judge holding that court that if at that time the defendant Wayne Floyd and all the members of his father's family, including the father himself, have entirely quit the business of dealing in any kind of intoxicants or any substance known as near beer or another like substance, and shall be able to satisfy the court that no member of said family has any connection with or any interest in any business of the kind above described, secret or otherwise in the state of North Carolina, that judgment shall then be suspended upon payment of the costs.

The defendant is required to enter into bond in the sum of \$200.00 for his appearance at the next term of this court.

This action was first recommended by the solicitor and afterward consented to by the defendant.

The Daily News thinks this action was commendable on the part of both the solicitor and the defendant, it will probably mean the turning point in his career and should such be the case, the ends of justice have been fully met, and a young man saved from a life of degradation and probable crime.

Advertisement for James E. Clark Co. featuring 'Washington's - Greatest - Department - Store' and 'COMPLETE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST'. Includes a list of clothing items like 'BELT BUCKLES', 'WINDSOR TIES', and 'COUNTERPANES' with prices.

Advertisement for 'Washington's - Greatest - Store' with a 'Three days to Xmas' promotion. Features a large 'Dec. 22' graphic and the slogan 'Now Have You Forgotten Anybody?'.

Advertisement for 'BOWERS--LEWIS CO.' featuring 'Just Three More Days to Christmas' and 'WE ARE OFFERING our entire stock of Ladies' Tailored Suits, \$25.00 to \$35.00 values, for the next three \$16.98 days at'. Also includes an advertisement for 'THE GEM THEATRE'.