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DESTROYED BY FIRE

A Million Dollar Plant at Minneapolis

SEVERAL SERIOUSLY HURT

Million Men Were Trapped in the Building When the Explosion Occurred, but Through Hard Work Finally Escaped—Two Will Probably Die

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—The \$1,200,000 power plant of the Minneapolis General Electric Company, on the Cassin, was destroyed by fire and explosion today and several men were seriously hurt.

Two of them will probably die. The plant was the only power station of the electric company and its destruction left the entire city without light or power.

The street car service was not interrupted, however, as the traction company has its own plant.

Million men were trapped in the building at 7 o'clock this morning when the explosion occurred.

The impetuous blast burst first way through the flames and smoke and finally escaped. John Hymosel, one of the employees, was knocked down by a falling beam as he was emerging from the building and his body badly bruised. Joseph Rhodes had a narrow escape from death. He was badly burned and bruised and his clothing was burned from his body.

Power used by the telegraph companies was furnished by the plant and as a result of the fire the only communication between this place and outside points today was by telephone.

The electric company sent a large force of men to Taylor Falls, Minn., today to put an auxiliary plant there in commission.

Officials of the company announced that they would have arrangements completed before night for the lighting of the city.

Looses All Her Clothes.

Mrs. Mariah Grimes who resides in Chocowinity lost all her clothing last Thursday night. She had them on the clothes line drying. They were stolen during the night by a party or parties unknown. As yet there is no clue as to the guilty parties.

HE WILL GIVE A LECTURE

Mr. Cameron Johnson a Returned Missionary from China, Japan and Korea, delivered another most interesting and instructive lecture at the First Presbyterian church last night in Japan.

Cotton Market

Seed cotton, 5.50. Lint cotton, 14.25. Cotton seed, per ton, 30.00.

EQUALIZE TAXATION

Senator Brown is Going After Pauper Counties

SAYS MATERIAL REFORMATION

Will Offer a Bill Providing for State Tax Commission to Equalize Assessments in the State—Rich Lands Also Valued Too Low—Several Counties a Burden.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Senator J. A. Brown, of Columbus, who is named by President Newland, of the senate, as chairman of the finance committee, declares his intention to go in for a material reformation in the North Carolina method of tax assessment with a view to equalizing taxation among the counties and relieving the state of the forty-eight "pauper counties," so-called because they receive from the state for schools and other purposes more money than they pay into the state treasury in taxes.

He proposes to undertake getting through the legislature an act that will create a separate state tax commission, relieving the corporation commission of this duty, and requiring of this commission that it equalize taxation by counties. He would have the commission completely removed from politics, possibly appointed by the governor.

He would have the commission set to work at the beginning of each assessment period with the county authorities, meeting the officers of the groups of counties in convenient railroad centers and explain just what is expected of them in the light of existing conditions. And he would clothe them with final authority to say just what the assessments must be. Where there are differences between the property owners and the local assessors, he would have appeal go to an intermediate board, composed of six assessors, one from each of a group of five counties. In this way no one county could be left to "juggle" its assessments so as to deprive the state of its assessments so as to deprive the state of its equitable share of revenue. After this composite board has passed on the differences the state tax commission would have final say as to all assessments in all counties.

Mr. Brown declares that he sees no reason why Buncombe county, for instance, should have her land lands assessed at \$17 per acre and Robeson county, one of the poorest agricultural counties in the state, assessed at only \$5. And he sees no reason why counties like Cumberland, Chatham, Henderson and others—forty-eight in all, according to the reports of the state treasurer and the state tax commission—should be a burden to the other progressive counties. They had not been given to some other state, he says, or consolidated with others for economy in operating expenses.

Card of Thanks. We desire, through the columns of the Daily News to express our deep appreciation for the many expressions of kindness and thoughtful-ness shown us during our recent bereavement. We assure all that their presence in the hour of need will ever be remembered. We did not know that we had so many friends until the hour of death was upon us. In our hour of sorrow we have the consolation of knowing that we reside among those who are sympathetic and thoughtful.

Respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wilson.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Several Bills Were Introduced Yesterday

ARE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Bill Favorable to New Orleans for the World's Fair is Introduced—Also Bill Relating to the Salary of the Governor is Presented—Other Matters.

The following business was transacted by the general assembly of North Carolina yesterday: The Senate.

Holden, of Franklin: Ratifying the sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States adopted by congress, empowering congress to lay and collect an income tax and directing that a certified copy be sent to the secretary of state at Washington and the president and officers of both branches of congress. Referred to the committee on constitutional amendment.

Fisher, of Polk: Voting for New Orleans as the place for holding the world's fair.

Graham, of Orange: Requiring the Southern Railway to operate additional trains. Relating to the challenging of jurors. Regulating the practice of Architects. Establishing standard time in North Carolina.

Gardner, of Cleveland: Amending section 1726 relating to the salary of the governor.

Baggett, of Harnett: Amending section 1983 of the refusal of 1909 for the relief of sub-tenants.

The House.

Koonce, of Onslow: Joint resolution to investigate conduct of insurance companies in this state by joint committee.

Battle, of Wake: To improve the administration of criminal laws of state.

Alfred, of Johnston: To amend the law relating to jury fees in justice courts.

Brown, of Manly: To amend act relating to jury fees in justice courts relating to Economic and Geologic Survey.

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Union Services at the Methodist Tomorrow Night—Rev. Mr. Brown to Preach at the Christian Church—Most Interesting Program Arranged for All Services.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. R. H. Broom, pastor. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Strangers welcome. Members are kindly urged to attend both services. Sunday school, B. K. Mizou, superintendent, at 3 p. m. Every member of the Barren class is earnestly requested to mark the new year by renewed zeal in study and attendance. Lesson: Kings 12:25 13:6. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. B. T. Willis, superintendent. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon subject: "Bear and Forebear." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject: "The Lostness Substitute." Sunbeams Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Ladies Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is the annual meeting, and there will be the election of officers for the present year. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the morning service tomorrow instead of at the evening hour as usual. This is for the benefit of those who cannot attend the evening service. The regular monthly church conference will be held Wednesday evening at the close of the prayermeeting.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor. Morning service at 11:00 a. m. Mr. Cameron Johnson will conduct this service and speak on "Noted Presbyterian Missionaries I Have Known." Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. at the close of the school Mr. Johnson will make a 15 minutes object talk to the children. No night service owing to a union missionary meeting at Methodist church, led by Mr. Johnson. The subject of his address will be "The Master Missionaries of the World." The men are particularly urged to attend this meeting. Mr. Johnson has worked for the Laymen's Missionary movement and his remarks will be of special interest to the men. All are cordially invited to be present.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—Rev. Nathaniel Harding, pastor. Morning prayer with sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m. Sunday School meets at 3 o'clock. E. K. Willis, Jr., superintendent. All are cordially invited to be present. Seats free and good music.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Robt. V. Hope, pastor. Preaching morning and evening by Rev. H. W. Bowen, editor of the North Carolina Evangelist of Bethaven Bible school, 3 p. m. A. F. Gurganus, superintendent. Special music Sunday morning and evening. All invited to any and all services. Seats free. Brides come to their senses, in spite of themselves.

Secure Your Seats Early. Tickets for the appearance of the Cambrian Glee Club go on sale at Dr. Hardy's drug store next Monday morning when the store opens for business. Those purchasing tickets this time will hold same through the remainder of the Lyceum course. This has been decided on by those in charge as the best way to eliminate any confusion in the future. Any one holding tickets that are out of the city next Monday morning can have same checked off by a friend or a representative of any firm can do so. The Cambrian Glee Club comes to Washington bearing with it the very highest endorsement and all who attend the performance of Monday night, will be highly pleased. They have a most enviable endorsement from the press all over the United States.

its work speaks for itself. Any kind of printing in artistic style is turned out with neatness and dispatch. The management has cause to feel encouraged at the many compliments received by him for the work now being done in this growing and essential department.

One enterprising citizen who is ever in the forefront for progress, doubted at first that the work had been executed in the Daily News Jobbing rooms and when convinced that such was the case he had nothing else to do but to extend congratulations and in doing so stated: "Your jobbing plant is a credit to Washington and there is no reason why our business men and citizens generally should not rally to your support."

"For the first time in the history of Washington, during my day," said he, "we can have our printing done at home and too in a way that is satisfactory and praiseworthy."

This is but a sample of what the business men of Washington are thinking of our jobbing department. The plant is now turning out another large order in the way of booklets for the Pamlico Chemical Company. The jobbing department of the Daily News needs no introduction—

The money spent in trying to gladden the heart would make virtue solid gold.

LARGE REDUCTION SALE

Of Mens and Boys Overcoats and Extra Pants

For the Next Three Days we will Offer our Entire Stock of Clothing at a 25 per cent Reduction, among this line are some of the seasons greatest values, consisting of Black Thibets and Unfinished Worsteds, Light Grays and Conservative Mixtures. The Overcoats have storm collars and are rain proof. Each garment is absolutely guaranteed. THIS OFFER ONLY LASTS 3 DAYS. Beginning Tonight, January 7th, and Continue Through Wednesday, January 11th. 3 Days, Saturday Night, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 Days.

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