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## GIRLS LEAP FROM FLAMES TO DEATH

### Probably 150 Persons Dead in N. Y. Factory Holocaust

## MANY DIED IN THEIR SEATS

### The Building Not Provided With Fire Escapes—Some Were a 10-story Factory Where 700 Girls Were Making Watches—Fifteen Deaths

New York, March 25.—One hundred and fifty souls—also twelve of them girls from the massacre—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke, or hurled to crisp this afternoon in the worst fire New York has known since the steamship General Steam was burned to water's edge off North Brother's Island in 1904.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Shirtwaist company on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at 25 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing firm and millinery district. The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Black, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Black's two young daughters and a governess.

There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will perhaps never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was the point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept. On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found; 63 or more persons were crushed to death by jumping and more than 20 clung to the elevator shafts. The loss to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington Place to Washington Square at 5:50 o'clock were watered by the blast of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible plop on the sidewalk and a body flattened on the flag-walkers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. There were no fire escapes.

"Don't jump. Don't jump," called the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to fall to the side walk in a terrible rain of death and blood.

Four alarms were rung within 15 minutes. Before the engines could respond, before the nets could be stretched by the ladders raised, five

## HEALTHY SUPPORT PLAN TO TUNNEL THE ELIZABETH

Norfolk, Va., March 24.—The public improvement committee of the city council last night gave J. Edward Cole, who has organized a company to build a tunnel under Elizabeth River from Pinner's Point to Norfolk, assurance of its support. Mr. Cole's petition to city council, which was before committee, is for free right-of-way in the bed of Smith's creek and other adjacent property required in the building of approaches.

The promoter told the committee an impressive story, though he had no plans or surveys showing in detail what the proposed enterprise is or what difficulties he expects from the city. However, he stated that what he was asking the city to do should not cost to exceed \$20,000, while the tunnel would be worth to Norfolk, and to many other improvements that could be made.

He said that with encouragement to expect the city to be sufficiently interested in tubing the river to provide free approaches, he would proceed to have plans and surveys drawn and then be able to inform the council definitely of what the city's part in the undertaking would be.

Referring to the subject generally, the committee readily endorsed it, stating that its success would mean big things for Norfolk.

Mr. Cole said that he did not expect any donations of land from the city except upon the condition of an absolute guarantee that the tunnel would be commenced and completed. Also he told the committee there would be no objection on the part of the interests he represents should the city provide for itself the power to regulate the enterprise.

He said in conversation with news men that the money of no vested interests is backing the project, that it will be an undertaking to make a legitimate profit and at the same time give Norfolk advantages to encourage a far bigger commerce.

girls had fallen from the eighth and ninth floors so heavily that they broke through the glass and iron roofs of the submersibles and crashed through the very streets into the vaults below.

In an hour the fire was out; in half an hour it had done its worst; probably the death list was full in 20 minutes.

**Cotton Burned**  
At Simpson's station on the Norfolk Southern last Saturday morning seven bales of cotton were burned as a result of being fired by the passing engine.

There were twenty-one bales on the platform at the time but fortunately only seven bales were injured.

**Insurance Office**  
Mr. C. D. Parker has opened an insurance office in the Falford building on West Second street.

## NEW MEXICAN CABINET STARTED

### President Diaz Will Succeed Himself With Younger Men

## FIRST STEP TOWARDS PEACE

### La Barra is the First Recruit—Although It is Stated from Other Sources He Has Been Named—La Barra will be Minister on Foreign Relations It is Stated

Washington, March 25.—Francisco De La Barra, Mexican ambassador to the United States, was today named Minister of Foreign Relations of the Mexican Cabinet by President Diaz. Senor De La Barra has telegraphed his acceptance of the post-office to Mexico City.

Immediately after telegraphing his acceptance to Mexico City, Senor De La Barra went to the White House and informed President Taft. The president expressed pleasure at the ambassador's appointment and congratulated him warmly. As the ambassador has decided to leave here tomorrow for Mexico City, the President had him say farewell, giving him a picture of himself autographed with a salutation of personal regard.

Senor De La Barra also called upon Secretary of State Knox, who today returned from a twenty-day vacation in Florida, and informed him of the appointment. Mr. Knox congratulated the ambassador and bade him Godspeed.

The new Minister of Foreign Relations, in making the announcement to the Associated Press by an appointment declared he did not know whether any other members of the new Cabinet had been decided upon.

In discussing privately last night with a representative of the Associated Press the probability of his appointment as Minister of Foreign Relations the ambassador disclosed the fact that his name had been mentioned prominently by supporters of both the Federal government and the revolutionary movement. He said he hoped, however, President Diaz might confer the honor of premiership in his Cabinet on someone else, but if the post were offered to him he would feel it a duty to accept.

A message reached the ambassador at 7 o'clock tonight from Senor Crod, who resigned yesterday as minister of foreign relations, in which the latter announced to Senor De La Barra that it was President Diaz's wish that he accept the post of Minister of foreign relations which he today had named.

The ambassador wired his acceptance at once and immediately called on President Taft.

## THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday much colder. Frost in the west portion tonight. Breeze and high Southwest and west winds.

## A Narrow Escape

Mr. W. M. Chauncey, proprietor of the Farrow and Chauncey Railways, came near meeting with a serious accident this morning while engaged in hauling on the ways the Mand and Reginald.

In attempting to catch the block with a pile pole on the wharf of the order factory he fell through and was painfully injured on the leg. While his condition is not thought to be serious it is still painful.

## LOVES HIS MIND

### Young Colored Boy Becomes Sunday-School Inmate Sunday Night

Dorcelius Lucas, son of James Lucas, one of the colored city draymen, became suddenly deranged Sunday night and is now confined in the city hospital for safe-keeping. For the past two and a half years he has been in the employ of Mr. W. J. Baker the photographer and was named upon as a first class servant. Last night he went to church with his father from his home on West Main street and while in church became hysterical so much so that he had to be taken home. After arriving home he proceeded to break windows, etc., and the consequence was the police had to be phoned for. An effort will be made to get him in the asylum at Goldsboro.

## A Curio

Dr. J. M. Gallagher has received quite an interesting curio in Saturday history which will be exhibited in his show window at his place of business on West Main street. It must be seen to be appreciated.

## Accepts Position

Mr. John H. Pedrick has accepted a position with the Eastern Broom Manufacturing Company as traveling salesman. He expects to leave tomorrow morning for Elizabeth City in the interest of his company.

## Fine Music

Those who were present at the First Methodist church last evening were more than complimentary of the music rendered by the choir. Every selection was highly appreciated and justly so.

The sermon of the pastor, Rev. R. H. Brown, was thoughtful and logical. The entire service was much enjoyed.

## Dies Suddenly

Edward McCullough a highly respected colored man died very suddenly while sitting in his chair Saturday. The remains were interred on yesterday.

## Orphans Thursday Night

A class of orphans from the Oxford Orphan Asylum will give an entertainment in the Public School auditorium next Thursday evening for the benefit of the orphanage. The entertainment in this city will be given under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity.

It is to be hoped that a large audience will greet them. There is no cause more worthy.

## DELIVER SERMONS ON EDUCATION

Following the custom for the past two years there will be sermons on education in all the churches of the city in the month of April. The forces of education and the forces of religion are so closely akin, the ministers and the administration of our public schools believe that much lasting good can be done both by us by these annual sermons. All the people of the city are cordially invited to hear them. The series will be delivered as follows:

1. Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, April 2, 7:30 p. m.
  2. Methodist church, Rev. R. H. Brown, April 9, 11 a. m.
  3. Christian church, Rev. B. V. Hope, April 16, 7:30 p. m.
  4. Presbyterian church, Rev. H. B. Searight, April 23, 11 a. m.
  5. Episcopal church, Rev. M. Harding, April 30, 11 a. m.
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## PLUNGED INTO A RIVER, 8 KILLED

### Fast Train Drops From Trestle Into Alapaha River

## THE ILL FATE DIXIE FLYER

### Atlantic Coast Line's Chicago Train Meets Tragic Mishap—Broken Axle of Locomotive the Cause of Worst Wreck in Years—All the Dead Have Been Identified

Tifton, Ga., March 25.—In one of the worst railroad disasters ever known in the South Atlantic States, eight persons were killed and more than a dozen injured when train No. 95, known as the "Dixie Flyer" on the Atlantic Coast Line and running between Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla., went through a trestle over the Alapaha river eighteen miles east of here early this morning. Tonight but one body, that of John T. Watson of Lander, Wyo., remained in the cars in the river. Had it not been for the wreck Watson would have been a bridegroom today. His sweetheart, Miss Elsie Shipley of Pasadena, Cal., who was on the train with him, and to whom he was to have been married tomorrow, remained at the wreck throughout the day and night watching the efforts of the rescuers to recover Watson's body.

Later tonight it was said that the wreck had been thoroughly examined and that the death total will not be increased as all passengers had been accounted for. All the wounded had been removed to the Atlantic Coast Line Hospital at Waycross. The bodies of the dead were removed to Tifton from which point they will be shipped to their former homes.

## Dead and Injured

The revised list of the dead and injured is given as follows:

- The dead:
- O. F. BONWART, Henderson, Ky.
  - W. W. CULPEPPER, Tifton, Ga.
  - MRS. W. D. FLETCHER, Rowland, Ill.
  - JOHN T. WATSON, Lander, Wyo.
  - J. P. WOODWARD, express messenger, Waycross, Ga.
  - C. J. PARNELL, conductor, Savannah, Ga.
  - LUCIUS ELLIS, Fireman and ALBERT SIMS, both colored of Waycross.

The injured:

- J. E. Fowell, Jacksonville, Fla.
- J. P. Klein, wife and child, St. Louis; father and mother bruised and child scalded.
- Peter Gerlofs, Holland, Mich., bruised.
- Nick Vandermeison, Grand Rapids, Mich., bruised about the head and knees.
- Mrs. O. F. Bonwart, Henderson, Ky.
- W. T. Perkins, Cattleburg, Ky., bruised.
- J. E. Green, engineer, Waycross, bruised.

The cars plunged into the river without a moment's notice to the sleeping passengers when an axle on the engine suddenly snapped when midway of the trestle. The locomotive left the track but the tender was derailed and the tank tumbled to the bank of the stream. The trestle is about a half mile long but the river was low and at the point of the accident was not more than 30 yards across.

The express and baggage cars, two day coaches and one pullman were piled in an indescribable mass in the center of the stream but fortunately few of the passengers were carried beneath the water.

The first class coach, a new steel car was driven through the sleeper. In this car O. F. Bonwart of Henderson, Ky., was instantly killed while his wife beside him escaped with slight injuries. Bonwart's body was recovered late this afternoon.

According to an official statement the wreck was caused by the breaking of an axle on the engine when midway of the trestle the weight of the train causing the trestle work to collapse. The disaster came without a mo-

ment's warning to the train crew and passengers and as soon as those in the rear pullmans realized what had happened, they rushed to the edge of the river and rendered assistance to the victims before the hospital trains arrived at the scene. As rapidly as possible, the injured were taken from the cars on the bank and in the river while the bodies of the dead were brought out and ranged along the bank. They were finally placed aboard the relief trains and hurried to Waycross and Tifton.

## COTTON MARKET

Lint cotton, \$14.00  
Cotton seed, per ton, \$28.00.

**Hardy's Drug Store.**  
The Haro, Drug Store, Messrs. Worthy and Etheridge proprietors, is one of the most attractive stores of the kind in the city. Both Messrs. Worthy and Etheridge are pharmacists of ability and no doubt under their management they will enjoy a large and lucrative patronage from their many friends. We wish them success.

## Funeral Saturday

Quite a number attended the funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Peterson from his residence on Respass street last Saturday afternoon. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. Mr. Peterson met with the misfortune to be severely burned at Whiclarks several weeks ago and from the effects he never recovered. From the first his life was despaired of. The Daily News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

## Baraca Class Officers.

The following officers were elected yesterday afternoon by the Christian church Baraca class for the ensuing six months:

- T. B. Jackson, secretary.
- F. A. Lamy, treasurer.
- Rev. Robert V. Hope, teacher.

This is the third time that Rev. Mr. Hope has been honored with this position. This class is one of the most flourishing in the city. Every member is enthusiastic and a worker. The class has our best wishes.

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  - 25 " Currant Jelly 18c
  - 20 " India Relish 16c
  - 15c Heinz Peanut Butter... 10c
  - Mrs. D. P. Blounts Pickles quart size 33c
  - 50c Maraschino Cherries 43c
  - 75c Jar Preserves 59c

- CANNED GOODS**
- 25c Lemon Cling Peaches 18c
  - 3lb Can Reungee Stringless Beans 10c
  - 30c lb. Coffee 25c
  - 3 lb. Can Van Camps Big Hominy 08c
  - 20c Cake Bakers Chocolate 17c
  - 25c Can Bakers Cocoa 19c

Kinghans Very Best Lard 12c

**Laundry Specials**

- Octagon Soap 4c
- Export Borax Soap, 7 for 25c
- 3 lbs. Best Lump Starch 10c

Fox River Tub Butter, per pound, 28c

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Specials.

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