

# WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS

THE WEATHER—Generally fair to night. Moderate easterly wind.

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## EXPLOSION LAST NIGHT IS MYSTERY

OCCURRED AT 10 O'CLOCK, WAS LOUDER THAN REPORT OF A CANNON.

### NO EXPLANATION

Is Seemingly Impossible to Find Out What Caused the Report. Large Crowd at Episcopal Church Yard. Police Investigating.

The most oft repeated question in Washington today is "Where was the explosion?" As far as we know today, no one has found an answer for it, and as a result, the whole town is mystified and on edge with curiosity.

Last night, at about ten o'clock the echoes were awakened by a report which equaled in noise that of a large cannon—louder, if anything, it rattled the window panes in almost every home and for a moment it caused considerable alarm.

One of the operators at the telephone office stated this morning that her switch board was a blaze of lights directly after the explosion occurred. Almost everyone in the city wanted information as to its source. But no information could be secured.

A crowd immediately gathered on the streets, the majority of them going down to the Episcopal church yard, where, in the opinion of many of them, the explosion had occurred. A crowd of almost a hundred persons gathered at this spot, but nothing could be learned. The police investigated the matter last night and are continuing doing so today, but they have been unable to learn anything.

On the streets this morning, a number of persons answered the query by stating that it was probably the naval reserves, practicing shooting. Captain Morton, however, when asked about the matter this morning, stated that the naval militia were not engaged in any practice last night and that he did not believe they had anything to do with the matter.

In the meantime, what was it?

## SOLDIER CAMP FOR CAROLINA?

Senator Overman Asks Secretary Garrison to Establish Camp Similar to One in Plattsburg.

(By Parker R. Anderson)

Washington, Sept. 24.—Senator Overman, of North Carolina, today will ask Secretary of War Garrison to establish a business men's training camp similar to the one held at Plattsburg, N. Y., this summer, in North Carolina. The camp, established, will be located either at Asheville or Morehead City. Both places are being considered.

If the secretary decides to allow one of these camps to go to the state it would be of great value both to business men who take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to get valuable military training and also as an advertisement for North Carolina.

**NEW THEATRE**

**TO-NIGHT**

Sixth Serial of "WHO PAYS"

"The House of Glass"

3 Reels

"The Way of the Transgressor"

3 Reel Feature

Price 5 & 10c

## AUSTRALIAN FIRING A TRENCH MORTAR



This remarkable looking weapon, which is being used with telling effect against the Turks in the Dardanelles campaign, is a trench mortar, one of the new engines of war which has been brought into play during the present European war. It is mounted on boxes, and judging from the way it is handled when fired there is considerable risk to the pointer or operator of the weapon, for while one arm directs the fire of the mortar the other arm pulls the slug which sets it off.

## MOTHER SAVES CHILD AT EXPENSE OF HER LIFE

Mrs. Sam Cobb of Snow Hill Burned to Death When She Went to Rescue of Five-year-old Son.

(By Eastern Press) Snow Hill, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Sam Cobb was burned to death yesterday afternoon in trying to save her five-year-old son. She lived only a few hours after receiving the burns, and suffered untold pain before she passed away.

Mrs. Cobb was busily engaged in the kitchen of her home and the boy was playing around on the floor. She was not giving him any thought, when he suddenly uttered a terrified scream. Turning, she saw her boy enveloped in flames. He had upset a can of kerosene on the kitchen stove.

With a cry of horror and fright Mrs. Cobb sprang forward and seized the child in her arms. She pressed him to her in the attempt to smother the flames, and beat at them with her hands. In doing so, her own clothing caught fire and when neighbors, attracted by her screams, arrived on the scene, they found her lying on the floor, horribly burned. She had succeeded in saving her son, who was not very seriously burned and who will live.

## CHARLES VENTERS IS NOW IN JAIL

Man, Accused of Bigamy, Will Be Held to Await Action of the Superior Court.

Charles Venters, who was arrested Monday in Belhaven, charged with bigamy, is now reposing in the local jail, where he will be held to await trial by the Superior court. Venters' case is a serious one, and if he is convicted of the charge brought against him, it will probably go hard with him.

## NEGRO WANTED AT PULMAN, N. C.

Was Located in Washington by Chief Roberts Yesterday.

Chief of Police Roberts yesterday afternoon arrested William Gorham, colored, who is accused of stabbing his wife and inflicting serious injuries. Gorham comes from Pulman, N. C., where the cutting affray occurred. The chief acted upon the following telegram which he received several days ago from the chief of police at Pulman:

Arrest for serious assault. William Gorham, colored, brown skin, thirty years old, five feet six or seven, and 150 pounds, small mustache, cook by occupation. Relatives live in your town. Left today for Washington.

Acting on the above information, Mr. Roberts made some investigations and located his man. The chief of police at Pulman has been informed and a man is expected here today to take Gorham away.

## GOLDSBORO MAN SHOT IN OKLAHOMA

MAX COHEN DIED AS THE RESULT OF BULLET WOUND AT TULSA.

### WAS WELL KNOWN

Served as Captain on the Staff of Col. W. C. Rodman. Was Also at One Time Chief of Goldsboro Fire Department.

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Sept. 24.—Information has been received here that Max Cohen, of Goldsboro, was shot and killed Tuesday night at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Cohen had gone to Oklahoma to purchase some oil property. Details as to the shooting were not given in the message.

The body will be brought back to Goldsboro for interment. Cohen was well known throughout his section of the State. He was at one time chief of the Goldsboro fire department and also served as captain on the staff of Colonel W. C. Rodman, of the second infantry, N. C. N. G.

## PAJAMAS GALORE, NO USE FOR THEM

Sailors in U. S. Navy Look Askance at Garments Intended for "Nighties."

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—Seventy thousand suits of pajamas are going to waste in the United States navy. Every battleship and cruiser has bales of them stored in their slop chests. The reason is that the tars refuse to wear any such contraption. The Army and Navy Journal is authority for this statement.

Two years ago orders were issued that pajamas be provided for enlisted men, and it was assumed that his article of night apparel would soon become very popular. Something like 100,000 pairs were purchased, and sailors were notified they could draw them whenever they liked.

For a time there was no demand, but finally some of the men discovered a use for the garments. About 30,000 pairs were distributed. Then it was found that seamen were using the pajamas as underwear; others wore them while coaling ships.

The navy department will soon order 70,000 suits of pajamas for sale to the highest bidder.

## MELVIN HORNE CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Wilmington, Sept. 24.—After deliberating two hours the Superior court jury which had in hearing the case against Melvin Horne, formerly leputy sheriff, for the murder of D. C. T. Capps on the streets here July 31 last, at 9:30 o'clock last night returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree. He appeared not to be perturbed in the least, and when told to hold up his right hand to receive the verdict he jokingly remarked that he could not as his arm has been amputated. He used his left. As he left the court room returning to jail he threw up his left arm to the several hundred spectators and cheerily remarked, "boys, I'm gone."

## CELEBRATED 10th BIRTHDAY.

Miss Mary Baugham yesterday afternoon, from five to six, entertained about fifty of her friends in honor of her tenth birthday. The guests were invited through novel invitation cards, on which was depicted a little girl flying through the air, under which was the following verse:

To my party you must be, Be the weather wet or dry. Even if you have to fly Like an airship, thro' the sky! Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed. The cutting of the birthday cake proved quite an event. Little Miss Louise Sheburn secured the friendship link for guessing the nearest number. A box of candy was given to the boy who guessed the closest.

## MASCOT UNDER ARREST



Michael, the mascot of the Second and Sixth battalions of the Royal Fusiliers, put under arrest for misbehaving himself. On his forehead is the silver shield presented to him by the marquess of Anglesey.

## MEXICANS DON'T WANT CARRANZA

Prominent Citizen of That Country Predicts That Anarchy Will Follow Recognition of Carranza.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—A gloomy picture of what would happen in Mexico in the event of the recognition of Carranza by the United States and other American republics is drawn in a statement issued by Roque Gonzalez Garza, one-time president of the Constitutional government and now in Washington to forward the peace convention plan forward shrd of cmfw

Garza urges that the convention be held to set up a provisional government in Mexico in spite of Carranza's refusal to participate and declares anarchy soon would follow recognition of Carranza. Describing at length the present military situation he denies Carranza's claim to control the greater part of Mexican territory and expresses the belief that Carranza continued to delay his removal to Mexico City because of fear that such a move would be followed by occupation of Vera Cruz by his enemies.

## DR. LOFTIN CALLS WASHINGTON "A CITY PRACTICALLY GODLESS"

LARGEST SALE OF WEEK; 50,000 LBS. SOLD TODAY.

Fifty thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the local market today. Prices averaged at about eleven cents. Farmers say that they will have larger quantities to bring in next week and that it will probably be the biggest week at the market so far.

One of the business men in Washington who happened to be in the city yesterday, met a prominent county farmer at one of the Greenville houses and asked him how his tobacco was selling. The farmer replied that he had brought loads to the Washington and to the Greenville markets and that as far as he could see, there was absolutely no difference in the price. In fact, he stated that he believed the Washington market gave him a little the better of the deal.

It is reported that during the last two or three days, the number of farmers who have taken their tobacco to Greenville has decreased appreciatively.

Lumberton School Boy Dies Suddenly Yesterday

Lumberton, Sept. 24.—Guy Blake, 16 years old, died very suddenly here yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He had returned from school in apparent good health, had eaten a hearty dinner and went to work in the garden. Soon his mother heard him scream and upon going to the door saw him lying upon the ground, and upon going to him found him dead.

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## STREET CARS FOR KINSTON

Charter Granted This Morning to the Kinston Street Railroad Company at Raleigh.

(Special Telegram) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—A charter was today issued to the Kinston Street Railway Company to operate a street railway in this city. The charter contained the provision that the railway operate five miles in each direction. The company is incorporated for \$25,000. Local men form the corporation.

## CAROLINA BEATS 'EM ALL BUT PEOPLE ARE TOO LAZY

Kinston Physician Says Resources Are Here but Are Not Taken Advantage of as They Should Be.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Sept. 24.—Dr. W. F. Hargrove is back from an extended visit in San Francisco, Seattle, Sitka, Denver, Kansas City, Chicago, Cleveland and several dozen other places. He spent three days in Asheville before winding up his trip, which was commenced about June 1. Dr. Hargrove, who travelled better-sketter to suit himself and saw pretty much all that was to be seen in thirty States, declares that North Carolina is the best of all. That is, so far as resources and advantages are concerned. But, he asserts unqualified, "our people are the laziest of all." However, he admits, there is this much to be said in their favor: "In the past decade they have been humping. Another generation will see North Carolina leading the Nation, and then the surface will have just been scratched."

"Yes, for a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool beauty spot for rest, Asheville has any place in the West best, but the West Carolina mountains are hills compared with some of the Western ranges, not nearly so rugged nor grand," he said.

Dr. Hargrove noted that the hills were still in evidence in Kinston. He saw them everywhere, because as an anti-fly advocate he was interested and took note. "But in Rochester, Minn., a town as big as this, there are only 12. Just a round dozen." And he knows, he states, because he hunted all over for them.

**AT THE BELLMO**

TONIGHT—5c and 10c—TONIGHT

"The DIAMOND FROM THE SKY" 11th Chapter.

"To the Highest Bidder"

"THE MOUNTAIN GIRL" 2 Reel Majestic Drama

"APPLIED ROMANCE" A Beauty Novelty

Ladies Genuine Corduroy Suits, in Black, Navy and Brown, \$12.50. LEWIS & CALAIS, MAIN STREET STORE