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YOUNG BOY WAS ELECTROCUTED BY LIVE WIRE

TRAGEDY OCCURRED ON MAIN STREET EARLY THIS AFTERNOON. DEATH INSTANT.

11 YEARS OLD

Victim of Accident the Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Powell. Stopped to Pick Up Wire from Sidewalk When Current Entered His Body.

The eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Powell was instantly killed at two o'clock this afternoon at the corner of Main and Academy streets when he endeavored to pick up a "live" electric light wire that had fallen across the sidewalk. He was picked up by passersby and carried into his home.

It is stated that the lad saw the wire lying across the sidewalk and started to pick it up and throw it to one side. As soon as his hand touched it, the electricity passed through his body. Death was instant.

The boy is well known throughout the city. His mother who was out when the body was brought in is prostrated with the shock of the news of the death of her son.

C. OF COMMERCE MEETS TOMORROW

First Meeting of the Year to be Held Tomorrow Night. All Members Requested to Attend.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting tomorrow night, beginning at eight o'clock. This will be the first meeting of the new year and every member is requested to be present. Several matters of special importance will be brought up for discussion.

COW'S MOO KILLS CHILD.

Baby Frightened Into Convulsions When Boring Puts Head in Window.

Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Investigation by Dr. H. Albert McMurray, coroner of Westmoreland county, into the death of James Henry Pershing, 3-year-old son of Lawrence Pershing, of Greensburg, has revealed that the child was literally frightened to death.

Several days ago the boy was playing with a cow at pasture in a lot adjoining the house. Looking in at an open window of the room where the child was, the little one glanced toward the window the cow moored loudly.

With a scream the child collapsed and went into convulsions. A physician was unable to give the boy any relief, and death ensued 23 hours later.

CASES BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT

Verdicts Given in Favor of Plaintiffs in Three Suits Tried Saturday.

In the case of Dixie Lumber Co. vs. Gray Harris, which was decided Saturday in Superior Court, a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$239.66 was rendered. The suit was over the ownership of a large amount of logs.

A verdict of \$128.61 was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of McKel-Redmond Hardware Co. vs. Latham & Williams. The judgment was for a store account.

The suit of the Southern Furniture Co. vs. James and Stella Black resulted in a verdict of \$254 for the furniture company.

MISSION TONIGHT

Public is Cordially Invited to Hear Mr. Matthews at Episcopal Church.

The mission at the Episcopal Church will continue through Wednesday night. The public is cordially invited to the services which will begin at eight o'clock. A special service of interest will be given by Mr. Matthews.

LAY ALL NIGHT ON ROADSIDE; LEG BROKEN

ARTHUR MCCOMB SUFFERED GREATLY FROM ACCIDENT NEAR PACTOLUS.

HORSE RAN AWAY

McComb Was Thrown Out of Buggy, Leg Broken and Forced to Remain by the Roadside All Night Long. Taken to Greenville.

After lying all night by the roadside a short distance from Pactolus and with his leg broken, Arthur McComb, a travelling man from Norfolk, who makes this section regularly, was taken into Greenville this morning and his injuries taken care of. He is suffering greatly from exposure but it is believed that he will recover sufficiently within the next day or two to enable him to proceed to his home.

Mr. McComb was driving to Greenville last night in a hired horse and buggy. When a mile or two from the other side of Pactolus, one of the wheels sank into a rut and he was thrown out. The horse, becoming frightened, ran away, and the travelling man was left alone, with only the carriage robe for protection.

His suffering during the cold night may be imagined. He was too weak to talk this morning when J. L. Johnson, a Pitt county farmer passing by in his automobile and saw him. Mr. Johnson put the injured man in his car and rushed him to Greenville as fast as possible.

2 MORE COUNTIES INSPECT SCHOOLS HOLD EXERCISES

Wilson and Iredell Counties Have Made Appropriation for Medical Inspection of Schools.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—Wilson and Iredell counties are the next to take up medical school inspection work. At a recent meeting of the Wilson county board of commissioners an appropriation of \$400 was made whereby all the white schools of the county may have the benefit of the medical school inspection work which the State Board of Health proposes to give. The work will start probably not later than the first Monday in February and will be under the direction of the State Board of Health.

A telegram received by the Board today states that Iredell county has voted to have medical inspection of its schools, but that the work will probably not begin until the fall.

EXCITEMENT SUBSIDES IN WAYNE'S CAPITAL

Many Wild Rumors of Lynching Parties Being Formed But They Fall to Materialize.

Goeboro, Jan. 10.—Much to the relief of the timid ones Saturday night passed in this city with no railroad bridge dynamited, no track torn up, no trains wrecked or negroes lynched, as was expected by the excited persons, circulated throughout the city that a large body of armed men were mobilizing in Grantham township, the home of Anderson T. Gurley, who was murdered near Goldsboro last Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of lynching the negroes now lodged in the county jail, charged with committing the crime.

However, ever since the discovery of the murder of Mr. Gurley, the community and county have been at fever heat to discover the perpetrators of the horrible crime, and it is still feared by officers of the law here, that an attempt may yet be made to lynch the negroes now in the county jail charged with being implicated in the crime, these being John Richards and Isham Smith, two of whom were at least upon the scene of the murder, according to the statement of Richards.

TURKS CLAIM CAPTURE OF ENEMY CAMP AND NINE GUNS

London, Jan. 10.—A semi-official report from Constantinople according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters Telegram company, claims the capture by the Turkish of a great enemy camp and nine guns, and the sinking of an enemy vessel with troops near Seddul Dahi.

YESTERDAY WAS 2ND COLDEST DAY

Temperature Stood Between 28 and 33 Degrees, Coldest Today.

With the mercury hovering between 28 and 33 degrees Washington yesterday experienced its second coldest day of the winter. The temperature has been lower but once this season, December 15, when the mercury dropped to 23 degrees. Yesterday the lowest mark reached was 28 degrees, but a low temperature all day brought the mean down to a level of that on December 15 when it was 30 degrees.

Accompanying the low temperature was a brisk northerly wind which at times reached a velocity of 25 miles an hour. The prediction for today is clearer and warmer, but a further drop during the night hours was expected last night.

SENDS SHELL THAT HIT HIM.

Youth in France Has Grownome Souvenir Brought to Mother.

New York, Jan. 10.—Miss Florence Gordon, of 247 West Fifty-fifth street, a nurse, just returned from l'Hopital de Francaise de New York at Sens, France, said yesterday she had brought back for Mrs. J. H. Scanlan, of Cedarhurst, L. I., a piece of shrapnel removed from the broken leg of Lawrence Scanlan, who was wounded in the battle of Arras. Scanlan, who is 31, joined the foreign legion last November. He had studied here at an electrical college and intended to try wireless operating in Europe.

Mrs. Scanlan was not greatly surprised when informed by a reporter that she would receive a grownome souvenir of her son's wound.

"He wrote he was sending me a message," she said, "and asked me whether I wanted the fragment of shrapnel. I didn't think I did want it. But now that he has sent it I do want it."

AT COURTHOUSE

Birthdays of Lee and Jackson to be Fittingly Observed in Washington.

The celebration of General Lee and President Jackson's birthdays will be held throughout the South on January 19th. The occasion will be fittingly celebrated in Washington by exercises held at the courthouse.

Mrs. H. C. Carter, Jr., will make an appropriate address. Several musical numbers will be rendered on the program.

"ARMY" JUMPS INTO THE LEAD

Has Secured Good Start on "Navy" in Baraca Class Membership Campaign.

Eighty-seven members of the Baraca class were present at the meeting which was held yesterday morning. The Army has a slight lead on the Navy in new members secured and number present. The latter side has given official notice, however, that this difference will be overcome next Sunday and that the Navy will be on even terms with the "army" or away ahead of them.

GO SHOPPING FOR A BABY.

Man and Wife in Search of a Child for Christmas Present.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Andrews, of Milton, Pa., came here and informed the city authorities that they were on a shopping tour for a baby as a Christmas present.

The local police had no babies on hand. After visiting the Home for Friendless Children and the Associated Charities, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left for home very much disappointed as not being able to find a baby to adopt.

Stockholders to Meet. A meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank will be held tomorrow at noon.



GLOOMY VIEW TAKEN OF FERTILIZER SITUATION

Farmers May Get Only Small Part of Amount Needed Materials Are Scarce and High Priced.

A gloomy view of prospects for fertilizing next year's crops is presented in a statement issued today by Secretary Houton, of the Department of Agriculture. Relief measures undertaken by the department since the European war disrupted the American phosphate industry and cut off potash imports from Germany will help, the statement says, but they offer slim possibilities that the American farmer will get a small part of the fertilizing materials necessary for his needs. Nitrogenous fertilizers alone will be available in the quantities needed.

The secretary takes up first the potash supply, long since exhausted in the United States by the German embargo of shipments. Investigation, says his statement, has shown our stores of supply in this country, but none immediately available. These are the kelp of the Pacific coast, alunite deposits in Utah, feldspar rocks in the East and the mud of Seaford Lake, California.

Manufacture from feldspar has been found to be feasible, but the cost is high. Development of Seaford Lake deposits presents technical difficulties, and title to the property is involved. Manufacturers are experimenting now, the statement says, with alunite. Kelp is offered as the best material. Three large concerns have begun manufacture from kelp and government experts will be sent to the Pacific coast to aid in the experimental work.

Production will be slow for a long time, the secretary points out, and demand for potash in other industries is so great that none manufactured in the United States will be available soon for agricultural purposes. His statement says: "The prices offered under existing conditions by the manufacturers of articles will cause practically the entire output of these concerns to be diverted from the fertilizer industry. It would require ninety or more plants, costing approximately \$50,000 and having an operating capital of \$25,000 each, to produce the quantity needed for agriculture. This would involve the assumption that commercial phases of the problem were satisfactorily solved. The department is considering all phases of the situation."

The crippled state of the phosphate industry is attributed to the high price of sulphuric acid, much of which is being used now in the manufacture of war munitions. The price has jumped from \$5 to \$25 a ton. Demand for the acid is so heavy that abandoned plants are being refitted for its manufacture. The Bureau of Soils, meanwhile, is experimenting with the manufacture of phosphoric acid as a substitute for sulphuric.

Nitrate prices have advanced since the war began, but there is an abundant supply of nitrogenous fertilizing material, and the department is endeavoring to find methods to cheapen the cost of manufacture. The secretary concludes with a warning to farmers to conserve all fertilizing materials on the farm. He urges crop rotation, proper use of fertilizers and also use of lime to increase productivity of the soil.

FIRE LAST NIGHT IN BARBER SHOP

Broken Into in Dave Price's Establishment. Little Damage.

Fire was discovered in Dave Price's barber shop on Main street last night. The flames started from some heating apparatus. John Bonner, who happened to be passing by, saw the flames and running over to the city hall, notified the fire department. By the use of one extinguisher, the flames were put out before much damage was done. No alarm was sent in.

GERMANS RECONQUER ALL TERRITORY RECENTLY LOST

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The war office announced today that near Hirsenstein, south of Hartmanns Wierkopf, the Germans yesterday completed their reconquest of the trench which on December 31 fell into the hands of the Allies. Twenty officers, 1,000 men and 15 machine guns were captured.

COL. FRED OLDS WAS A VISITOR IN WASHINGTON

SPENT YESTERDAY AND TODAY HERE IN INTERESTS OF THE HALL OF HISTORY.

PLEASED WITH CITY

Expressed Himself as Being Astonished by Growth of City. Tells of Progress of the Hall of History in Raleigh.

Col. Fred. A. Olds, of Raleigh, superintendent of the State hall of history, was in Washington yesterday and today for the purpose of securing objects of interest for the hall. Several articles have already been sent to the museum from here. A bridge bit was given to the colonel by R. S. Neal.

This was Col. Olds' first visit to Washington in some time and he expressed himself as being greatly astonished at the growth of the city during the last few years.

"I was simply amazed at the number of new business buildings that you have erected," he stated. "During the last several months I have visited 77 counties in the State and can truthfully say that I have not seen a single city that shows as great signs of progress as does Washington."

"I also understand that you have just voted a bond issue for good roads and I notice that you are putting down shells on a number of your streets in the city. Evidently our people realize the benefit of good roads and are doing their best to improve the various highways of the community."

"The hall of history is steadily growing in interest. During the last year we added 1,369 objects to the already large collection. We hope to have it more complete than that of any state in the South."

The colonel left this morning for Hertford. He will visit other cities in this section of the State during his week.

WAYOME CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

First Meeting to be Held in the New Club Rooms at the Corner of Main and Gladden Streets.

A special meeting of the Wayome Club is called tonight at eight o'clock in their new rooms, corner Main and Gladden streets. This is a very important meeting, and every member is urged to be present. This is the first meeting in the new rooms, and a great many new and important matters are to be discussed and settled. New officers are also to be elected, and every member is requested to be there.

MRS. S. P. WILLIS' MOTHER DEAD

Mrs. Julian Phillips Died Saturday at Morehead City.

Morehead City, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Julia Phillips, 71, died here Saturday after an illness of several months. A victim of a peculiar spinal trouble, from which disease for several years she had not been able to get down. The funeral services were conducted yesterday from the Baptist church. Mrs. Phillips is survived by four children, Mr. J. D. Phillips, Mrs. John C. Nelson, and Mrs. A. B. Walter, of this city, and Mrs. S. P. Willis, of Washington, who was here at the bedside since Monday.

TO SEE FARRAR.

Residents of Washington Can Secure Special Train If They So Desire.

If as many as twenty people decide to go to Raleigh on January 24th to hear Geraldine Farrar, a special train will be provided over the Norfolk Southern, returning home the same night. All those who contemplate going are requested to communicate with the Daily News office.

L. S. O'Brien, of Wharton, spent yesterday in the city with relatives and friends.

SWITZERLAND TO JOIN IN THE PEACE COMPACT

NOTH OF THE FORD PARTY. THE HAGUE IS STEADILY GROWING DAILY.

MANY DELEGATES

Peace Commission is to Consist of Five Delegates From Each Neutral Nation. Bryan, Jane Addams and Ford from United States.

The Hague, via London, Jan. 10.—Assurance was received that Switzerland is sending five civilians to join those of the other neutral nations in the permanent peace board which it is planned to form as a result of the Ford peace expedition. The Swiss delegates will arrive at The Hague as soon as the warm weather, will permit. Invitations sent to the leading Spanish pacifists, to join the peace board, have not yet been answered, on account of the interruption to communications.

With the Americans leading, the movement already has been joined by delegates from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, and the expedition this week purposes to establish a permanent board with five members from each neutral nation. It has virtually been decided that the Americans will include William J. Bryan, Jane Addams and Henry Ford.

The purposes of the board, first, to obtain expert advice on how to proceed; second, to take the initiative in approaching the warring nations with peace terms, and third, to be prepared to sit indefinitely and receive and pass upon peace proposals, from whatever source they may be offered.

This week the expedition will hold meetings at The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Madame Rosika Schwimmer, the Hungarian delegate, who was largely responsible for organizing the expedition, said today: "Information has reached me from influential sources that the establishment of an official arbitration body will not be unwelcome. This has given us renewed encouragement that peace is less remote than is generally believed."

EXCELLENT PROGRAM NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre will have a five reel program tonight, and one that will please every one. The 3rd series of the "J. Rufus Wallingford" pictures will be shown tonight, in addition to three other reels of splendid pictures. There will be an exclusive picture program at this house all of the week, with the exception of Thursday, when the "Chocolate Soldier" without a doubt the best musical treat that this town has ever had will fill the boards.

BARACA CLASS TO HEAR MATTHEWS

Class Will Attend Services at Episcopal Church Tonight in a Body.

Every member of the M. E. Baraca class is requested to meet at the postoffice this evening at 7:45 o'clock and proceed to the Episcopal church, where seats have been reserved for the entire class in the Rev. John R. Matthews' sermon. The members are urged to be at the meeting place promptly in order that entrance to the church may be made before the services begin.

NEW THEATRE
TO-NIGHT
Pathe offers
J. Rufus Wallingford
2 reels
Edmund offers
HAM & BUD IN
THE HYPNOTIC MONKEY
Selling offers
"The Myrtle Ball"
2 reels
Princess 216