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SIX PERSONS BURNED

GREAT FIRE AT LENOX, MASS RESULT SIX LIVES LOST, FOUR BLOCKS BURNED.

Lenox, Mass., April 12.—Six persons lost their lives, three others were badly burned and a property loss of between \$230,000 and \$300,000 was caused by a fire in the heart of the business section of this town.

Four business blocks, two dwellings and two other structures were destroyed.

A fortunate shift of wind saved the public library and the fashionable Curtis hotel. In the hotel there were several Easter parties from New York and Boston.

The loss of life occurred in the Clifford building, where the blaze started, and resulted primarily from a serious explosion of paints, oils and dynamite stored in the cellar of the James Clifford & Sons' Company hardware dealers.

The death of Mrs. Alice French was one of the pitiful tragedies of the morning. While the fire in the Clifford block was at its height a woman was seen to climb out of a flame-filled room on to a veranda on the second story with her night clothing and her hair ablaze. Staggering to the railing the woman leaped to the sidewalk beneath, landing in a heap within 5 or 6 feet of the blazing walls.

While none of the beautiful summer residences that have made this town famous were threatened, many prominent New York and Boston society people were at the Curtis hotel, which was at one time threatened.

N. L. Ragan Shot to Death.

Albany, Ga.—Nevil L. Ragan, one of the best known citizens of Albany, was shot to death by Howard Clark, a young son of John S. Clark.

John S. Clark and Ragan engaged in a street fight, in which both of Ragan's eyes were blackened. The encounter caused a great deal of excitement, as feeling between the two men had been known to be not the best, dating from an affair which occurred several years ago. Ragan ran one hand into a side pocket of his coat, and with the other reached forth as if to seize Clark in the collar. Clark backed away, Ragan following. Clark had retreated a dozen steps before he drew a revolver from his pocket and fired, the ball entering Ragan's body very near the heart.

The wounded man was carried into a near-by drug store, where physicians examined his wound and pronounced it fatal. He died about thirty minutes after being shot. Clark went from the scene of the difficulty, and surrendered to Sheriff Edwards.

Ragan was a brother of Willis Ragan, of Atlanta, and R. J. Ragan, of Rome. He also has an unmarried sister in Rome and other relatives in Lee county. He is survived by his wife.

"Play Ball!" is The Cry.

Washington.—Last month Washington had an inauguration day that was a fairly big thing in its line. Now it has had another that is even bigger in the eyes of the men and women and little children who turn first to the sporting page to see what the baseball players have been doing. With the playing of the game between the Washington and New York teams here and the Boston-Philadelphia game in Philadelphia the American league baseball season is open.

Descendants of Signers See Taft.

Washington.—In the White House President and Mrs. Taft received the members of the Society of Descendants of the Signers, who are lineally descended from the men who affixed their names to the Declaration of Independence. The reception in the executive mansion preceded a visit made by the Descendants to the state department, where they viewed the document signed by their ancestors.

Bermuda 300 Years Old.

Hamilton, Bermuda.—For six days Bermuda will celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of its settlement by Europeans. It was in 1609 that Sir George Somers, on his way to Virginia with a company of settlers in a small fleet, was wrecked here and took possession of the islands in the name of England.

TARIFF BILL PASSED

GLOVES AND STOCKINGS HIGHER DUTY REMAINS ON LUMBER, PETROLEUM FREE.

Washington, April 10.—After three weeks of consideration, the Payne tariff bill was passed by the house of representatives by a vote of 217 to 161. One republican, Austin, of Tennessee, voted against the measure, and four democrats, all from Louisiana, voted for it. An attempt by Champ Clark, the minority leader, to recommit the bill, with instructions, signally failed.

While more consideration, in point of time, has been given by the house to the Payne bill, it was passed in fewer days than the Dingley bill was acted upon after being reported to the house.

One of the principal changes effected in the Payne bill was the placing of petroleum on the free list.

Among the other important amendments that have been made since the bill came from committee are those striking out the provision for a duty on tea and the countervailing duty proviso on coffee. The elimination of the maximum duty of 20 per cent on coffee, contained in the maximum and minimum section of the bill, was also significant.

To the free list were added evergreen seedlings, cloves and nut oil, which is used in making varnish. The drawback section was added so that it could not be taken advantage of for the purpose of speculating in grain, and the Philippine free trade provision was amended so that the rice will not be admitted free from the islands. The countervailing duty clause on lumber was stricken out, but a strong effort to place lumber on the free list did not succeed.

The duties on barley, barley malt, charcoal iron, pineapples in crates, saccharine, medicated cotton, and cotton collars and cuffs as originally in the bill, were increased. To retaliate against Turkey, which country prohibits the importation of American filler tobacco, a proviso was included in the tobacco schedule increasing the duty on filler tobacco from any country which prohibits the importation of the American tobacco.

The internal revenue law was also amended so that raisers of tobacco will not have to pay a manufacturers' license in order to dispose of leaf tobacco.

Hides, hosiery and gloves were left as reported by the committee, hides remaining free and increased duty being presented for gloves and stockings.

Property Dispute Causes Bloodshed.

Olive Hill, Ky.—Lewis Bellew was shot and killed, his brother, Curtis Bellew, was shot in the back and probably fatally injured, and John Atkins, a relative, was shot in the hip in a family quarrel with Charles Lee and his son, Walter Lee, at Curtis Bellew's home at Fultz in an isolated part of this county.

Curtis Bellew and his wife, who is Charles Lee's daughter, had separated, and trouble arose over division of their property. Charles Lee surrendered, but Walter Lee is still at large.

Old War Shell Causes Death.

Atlanta.—While shaking the powder out of a war-time parrot shell, found near the General McPherson monument, in east Atlanta, Wayne Hightower, 10 years old, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hightower, who reside on a farm a mile and a half from Ellenwood, a small station on the Southern railway 13 miles from Atlanta, was blown up by an explosion of the shell. The boy was put on the train and brought to Atlanta and to the Grady Hospital, where he died just an hour after he reached the institution.

Georgian Made Aid to Taft.

Atlanta.—Captain Graham Johnson, of Atlanta, has been appointed an aide to President Taft. It is understood that this appointment came through the recommendation of Captain Archibald Butt, chief aide to the president, because of the Atlantian's excellent service in the Philippines and his recognized qualifications for the office.

CRAZY MAN RUNS WILD

AFTER CREATING TERROR IN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK, LUNATIC BLEW OUT HIS OWN BRAINS.

Aurora, Ill., April 9.—John Anderson a plumber, whose mind had been affected, became suddenly violent and arming himself with two pistols, a shotgun and three bombs, which he fastened to his person by means of a harness, started out to kill the inhabitants of a city block, in which he said malicious gossip concerning himself had been circulated.

He killed one woman, narrowly missed slaying her husband, wounded another woman, and then committed suicide.

Doors were locked and barred and women and children fled to cellars and attics as soon as they saw the maniac walking along the street, scrutinizing the different houses, as if undecided where to begin.

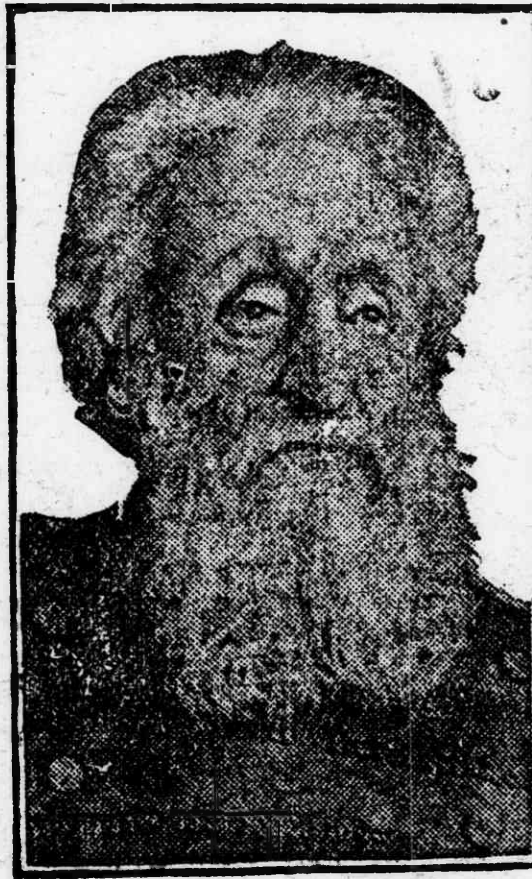
His first stop was at the home of Mrs. McVicker, probably his oldest and best friend. Mrs. McVicker and her husband had repeatedly befriended Anderson, who was a widower. They had received him at their home and had nursed him when ill.

Mrs. John McVicker was shot through the heart as she ran toward a room where her children were playing.

John McVicker, husband of Mrs. McVicker, scalp was grazed by bullet.

Salvation Army Head is Eighty.

London.—From all parts of the civilized and uncivilized world into which the Salvation Army has extended its work have come letters, telegrams and cablegrams of congratulation for General William Booth on the completion of his eightieth year. Thousands of members of the army assembled here to celebrate the anniversary, and advices received here indicate that the day was celebrated by the army throughout the world.



GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH.

The army's building was the scene of the steady arrival and departure of delegations bearing to him good wishes from many quarters of the globe.

General Booth took advantage of his jubilee to advance the interests of his latest project for spreading the work of the army. He is advocating the establishment of the World University of Humanity, with branches in Great Britain, America and elsewhere, whose purpose it shall be to train men and women for work among the poor, the downtrodden and the churchless. He asks \$5,000,000 to make his plans effective.

Mrs. Sampson Freed by Jury.

Lyons, N. Y.—Mrs. Georgia A. Sampson, the young woman who has been on trial for her life on the charge that she had shot and killed her husband, Harry Sampson, was acquitted and was immediately given her freedom.

Mrs. Sampson was trembling perceptibly when the jury announced its verdict, but she recovered her composure immediately, and smilingly received the embraces of her father and other relatives and the congratulations of her friends.

AUTO SHOW IN ATLANTA

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AT NEW YORK MEETING DECIDE TO MEET IN ATLANTA.

New York, N. Y., April 8.—At a meeting of the national executive committee of the National Automobile Association of Manufacturers in their headquarters, No. 7 East Forty-second street, it was unanimously decided to give the sanction of the association to a national automobile show to be held in Atlanta in November.

On fixing the date the Atlanta committee asked that it be set for the week following Thanksgiving day, in order that the show might not interfere with the Savannah races. This was agreed to and the general manager of the association, S. A. Miles, was instructed to take steps at once to inaugurate the movement.

Mr. Miles had the general direction of the Chicago show last year, and Chicago and Atlanta are the only two cities in America where shows are held under the auspices of the National Association, which comprises the two great associations known as the Licensed and the Unlicensed Manufacturer.

In New York the two associations hold different annual shows in different places, but in Chicago they unite in one show under the direction of the National Association, and this will be done in Atlanta.

Tornado Swept Many Cities.

Memphis, Tenn.—Six persons are known to have been killed by the storm which swept over northern Mississippi, and probably fifteen were injured. The tornado, which covered a wide area, wrought much damage to outhouses and crops.

Toledo, Ohio.—Hundreds of men out of work, thousands of dollars' damage and many persons slightly injured are the results of a hurricane that visited Toledo and vicinity.

Wabash, Ind.—The only cyclone Wabash has known in twenty-five years hit here, injuring a score of people and doing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Peru, Ind.—A cyclone struck this town and destroyed four factories and several school buildings, and wrecked many small structures.

Lived Eight Years with Broken Neck.

Chicago.—Herbert E. Schauer is dead here of paralysis, after a long and sturdy fight for life. While swimming at a summer resort eight years ago, a vertebrae in his neck was broken by contact with a pile during a dive from a platform. He recovered later sufficiently to walk, but afterwards was the victim of a paralytic stroke, which left him crippled.

Southern Pacific Increases Stock.

Louisville, Ky.—The annual meeting of the Southern Pacific railroad was held in the office of the company at Beaumont. Directors were elected and the stockholders voted to authorize an issue of \$100,000,000 worth of stock, consisting of 1,000,000 shares at \$100 par value each.

Ill Health Caused Suicide.

Richmond, Va.—Frank T. Glasgow, Jr., 38 years old, a well-known resident of the city, and connected with the Tredegar Iron Works, shot himself through the head at the office of the plant, and died instantly. Ill health, resulting in despondency was the cause.

Taft Accepts Invitation.

Washington.—President Taft accepted an invitation to attend a celebration of the 12th anniversary of the first inauguration of George Washington to be held at Alexandria, Va., the afternoon of April 30.

Macon, Ga.—A large number of farmers here and some few cotton men, who are working with the committees, are determined upon a plan to secure a central cotton warehouse for the farmers before the opening of another cotton season here.

Lafayette, Ga.—A. M. Evtitt, a prominent farmer of this county, was bitten by a rabid dog. Mr. Evtitt was out in his yard when he was attacked by the dog, which bit him through the calf of the leg. The dog's head was sent to Atlanta for examination.

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Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Gash & Galloway.

Town Government.

Mayor—T. W. Whitmire.
Board of Aldermen—T. M. Mitchell; F. L. DeVane; F. E. B. Jenkins; J. M. Kilpatrick; T. H. Shipman.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
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Entry No. 2545.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.
C. I. Owen enters and claims 24 acres more or less of land lying in Gloucester Township, on the west prong of French Broad river, adjoining the lands of Marion Owen and Jim Owen. Beginning on Marion Owen's south-west corner and runs various courses for complement, so as to include all adjoining vacant lands. Entered March 9, 1909.
B. A. GILLESPIE,
Entry Taker.

ORDINANCE AMENDED.

Please take notice that Sec. 15 of the laws and ordinances of the town of Brevard was amended at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday, March 15, 1909, as follows:

Sec. 15. All persons drumming for or soliciting passengers or baggage at the depot of the Southern R. R. Company, in the Town of Brevard, shall get no nearer the train while so drumming or soliciting than the east row of posts under the railroad shed at the said depot. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and be liable to a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00), and shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor.
T. W. WHITMIRE,
Mayor.