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THE OTTAWA FIRE.

Police Think the Ottawa Conflagration the Work of Fire Bugs.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH

And Others are Reported Missing.—Municipal Buildings Crowded and Homeless Housed in Tents.—Property Loss, \$20,000.00.—Fires Kindle in a Circle.

By Telegraph to the News: OTTAWA, Canada, April 27.—Estimates of the loss in the great fire vary from twenty to thirty millions of dollars. It is still burning in Hull, but has been stopped at Cliffs and Ottawa streets.

Ottawa is crowded with homeless men, women and children.

FIRE BUG PLOT. It is reported this morning that the police have reason to believe the fire is the result of a gigantic fire-bug plot. The fires were set in crescent form, so the wind would cause them to circle the entire lumber district.

SCENES OF SUFFERING. Several lives have been lost. Hungry men, women and children are crying for bread. It is estimated that twenty-five hundred houses were burned. The militia have been called out and are guarding the public works. The municipal government buildings are too small to hold the homeless and tents will have to be used.

Six persons are known to be dead. Two others are reported dead and one is reported missing.

LOSS, TWENTY MILLION. TORONTO, April 27.—Dispatches from Ottawa, this morning summarize the situation as follows: Ottawa buildings destroyed, two thousand; Hull buildings destroyed, eighteen hundred; total loss in both cities twenty million dollars; insurance, twelve million dollars.

WARREN APPOINTED GOV.

"At Milner's Request" Movement Begun for Relief of Mafeking.

By Telegraph to the News: LONDON, April 27.—The best news that has reached here in a long time is that General Hunter is going to the relief of Mafeking. His Tenth division is now at Kimberley. Part of the command are veterans of the Ladysmith campaign.

WARREN GOVERNOR OF GRIQUILAND WEST.

LONDON, April 27.—Lord Roberts reports that General Warren, chief in command at Spion Kop, has been appointed military governor of Griqualand West, at the request of Sir Alfred Milner.

FRANKLIN MARKET BURNED.

By Telegraph to the News: PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Federal market and hall an old landmark, was burned early this morning. Twenty-nine small stores suered from the flames. Many families are homeless. The loss is \$80,000.

SEND IN YOUR ENVELOPES.

Chief Campbell asks all merchants in the city to send their envelopes to the News office, where they will be ornamented, on the back, with the red 20th of May advertisement. He has left an order for 50,000 envelopes to be so ornamented, this being adjudged as a good way to advertise the 20th throughout the country. The printing on the envelopes is to cost the merchants nothing, the expense being borne by the Chamber of Commerce.

ANOTHER NEGRO GOES TO PEST HOUSE.

Misery loves company. The inmates of the pest house give a glad if pesty hand to any new comer. This morning the doors were opened to receive James Durings, colored, who was well broken out with small-pox. The negro was on the street when picked up by one of the policemen. He was put in the small-pox corner in the city hall until the pest house cart could be gotten ready. Durings had been broken out with the disease since Monday.

MR. VAN HORN AT Y. M. C. A.

Sunday will be a day of special interest at the Y. M. C. A., because of the visit of Mr. O. B. Van Horn, general secretary of the Asheville association. Mr. Van Horn will address the boys at their meeting at 2:30 o'clock p. m., and will conduct the men's meeting, which will begin at 4:45 o'clock p. m.

Mr. David Badham will sing at the men's meeting. All men are invited to attend this meeting.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m., Saturday: For Charlotte and vicinity: Generally fair weather tonight and Saturday. For North Carolina: Fair weather tonight and Saturday. Fresh north winds.

A COUP D'ETAT.

Presbyterian College Secures Miss Jean Graham as a Teacher.

The Presbyterian College has taken on new life with the prospect of a new building. In addition to other advanced steps, they have enlarged their faculty by the valuable addition of Miss Jean Graham, whose literary attainments are well known in Charlotte. Miss Graham is a graduate with honors in English and history, from Toronto University, and is a graduate also of Ontario Normal College, of Hamilton. She has also taken post-graduate work in Anglo-Saxon. She will be associated with Miss Colton in the conduct of the English course. Miss Colton has made a fine reputation as a teacher of English, and Miss Graham with a similar reputation will add strength to an already strong chair.

Miss Graham will give part of her time to literary work for Northern periodicals. The Presbyterian College is to be congratulated upon its bright prospects and this strong addition to its faculty.

BASEBALL.

Tar Heels Fighting in Georgia and South Carolina

The U. N. C. baseball team and contingent, numbering in all 25 persons, passed through Charlotte last night en route to Atlanta, where today they cross bats with the University of Georgia. Mr. Harvey Lambreth, cousin of Mr. Geo. Stephens, who played third base for Charlotte last season, came in yesterday morning ahead of the team, to spend the day with Mr. Stephens, rejoining the boys last night. If the University has as much muscle as brains the contest going on in Atlanta this afternoon will result in a Vanderbilt victory for the Tar Heels.

Davidson College got a bad dubbing yesterday by Columbia—score 20 to 4—but it is to be hoped she will find the salt air of Charleston invigorating today and pull herself together into a victorious shape. Tomorrow she tackles the Citadel—it is hoped to capture it.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Berger, a Congregational minister, of Clinton, N. J., is expected to fill the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Bridges, of the Presbyterian College, will preach at the First church, 12th and Spruce streets, on Sunday, S. C. last night to visit some former parishioners who are quite ill. He returned today on the belated Florida train.

There will be services again at the First A. R. P. church tonight at 8 o'clock, preparatory to communion on Sabbath. Rev. Samuel J. Patterson, of Central Steele Creek conducted services last night, and will also preach tonight.

DEATH OF MRS. MCAULEY.

Mrs. Mary M. McAuley died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home, four miles from Huntersville, at the age of 70. She had been in feeble health for sometime, and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. McAuley was the widow of Hugh McAuley. They had five children: Messrs. T. M. and W. C. McAuley and Mrs. J. T. Baird, Mrs. Wm. Bradford and Mrs. Mellon. Deceased was a member of the A. R. P. church at Huntersville. She was a good woman and her good example will be felt for long. Mrs. McAuley was an aunt of Mr. Green McAuley, of this city. The funeral services took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Huntersville.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wray are happy to have their two sons, Messrs. Jesse and Linton Wray home again. The former is seeing his parents for the first time in a son's age—13 years. He has been living in St. Louis, having a position there as foreman in the Armour Packing House. He is just recently from Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Linton Wray is the soldier. He belongs to Batters' 1st Artillery. Mr. Wray joined the regular army before the Spanish-American war. He has been at Honolulu. The bubonic plague ran him home.

THE COURSE CHANGED.

Owing to the torn up condition of Tryon street, on account of the laying the double street car track, the course of the firemen's races for the 20th has been changed. The course will be on West Trade, in front of the First Presbyterian church. A plug is to be put in at the distance decided upon; the uneven places made even, and the street put in good condition for the races. The local team is sawing wood and saying nothing. Watch it run off with first prize.

REALTY—MR. FORE TO BUILD.

Mr. D. Baxter Henderson yesterday sold his pretty lot on North College street, between Messrs. Mallory and Stenerson's places, to Mr. J. A. Fore, who is to build a handsome residence thereon at once, for himself and family.

Brown & Thomas yesterday sold a house and lot on North Church street, belonging to Mr. J. A. Elliott, to Mr. J. R. Gordon. Consideration \$2,350.

ODD FELLOWS. CANDIDATES HERE.

The Local Lodges Celebrate the 81st Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in this Country.

INTERESTING EXERCISES.

Speeches, Music, Recitation by Miss Esther Paul, Refreshments, and Last but not Least a handsome Gift to Mrs. Luke Seawell.

The exercises commemorative of the 81st anniversary of the I. O. O. F. were held last night in the hall of Charlotte Lodge, No. 88, on East Trade street. The hall was crowded with Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah, and their friends—male and female. The programme opened with a prayer by the chaplain, Rev. C. L. Hoffmann. This was followed by an instructive dialogue between "Brother" J. A. Bell, noble grand, and "Brother" George F. Duke, vice grand, which gave the history of the order in simple colloquial style. The anniversary proclamation was read by "Brother" R. H. Ramsay, after which the "Thanksgiving Hymn" was sung to the familiar tune "Coronation." The prayer of thanksgiving followed. Short addresses, interspersed with music, were made by Mayor McCall, Mr. W. M. Smith (who said he wanted a "Rebekah," "Rachel," "Mary Jane," or any other old girl to make him an even fellow, and Rev. George A. Page. Mr. Page was introduced as "an Odd Fellow of 50 years." He put in his disclaimer at once, but the first proposition stands, as his years were judged by his "wisdom and wit" as Noble Grand Bell neatly turned it. Mr. Page explained, for the benefit of the uninformed that the subordinate lodge bore the same relation to the Encampment degree that the high school does to the collegiate course. In the Encampment branch there are three degrees: 1. Patriarchal—denoting simplicity. 2. Golden Rule—toleration. 3. Royal Purple—the highest and last.

After the inspiring ode "Our flag—banner of the triple tie—Friendship, Truth and Love—the following recitation on "Oddfellowship" was given by Miss Esther Paul:

Eighty-one years have passed away since the noble order of Odd Fellows was brought to America and planted on this soil. Eight decades have become a part of history since the three links were first seen in the land of Liberty. And now, my hearers, in the 81st century, we cast a backward look and see what has been done by this order, and as we stand at the gate of the 20th century, so full of marvelous possibilities—the century when all the world seems looking for the golden age—to try to forecast the future prospects of this noble brotherhood. Certainly, one who stands on the outside of this order can never fully understand the amount of good that has been done by this order, in the widows that have been visited and relieved; the orphans for whom it has provided; the sick and afflicted who have this order to thank for timely help; the thousands to whom the three links stand for all that is best in human nature, reminding them of the visits of true ministering angels. The amount of good done by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will never be known until the whole world—the good and bad of every nation—shall stand before the great white throne and the secrets of all hearts shall be naked and open to the eye of Him that sitteth on the throne, the Judge of the spirit of all the earth. Then, it is to be hoped, when the judgment age shall have ended, thousands of Odd Fellows shall hear the awful judge—arbiter of the destiny of billions of intelligent beings—say, "come, ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and ye fed me, naked and ye clothed me, sick and in prison and ye visited me. And these shall go into life eternal." Let us hope that the time will soon come when the principles of Odd Fellowship will become universal; that all the earth shall be a brotherhood; that there will be one God and His name one—Father of a race of equal, free brothers true—

When man to man united, And every wrong thing righted, The whole world shall be lighted In the parliament of man, the Federation of the world."

"I am very much interested in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for personal reasons. My father and brothers are members of this ancient order, and I think that whatever they all agreed on must be true. When I have become a woman, though I cannot have the same rights as men, I shall certainly become a member of the Daughters of Rebekah—and am impatient for that happy period to dawn.

"Rebekah! a character dear to both Hebrew and Christian, and well chosen as a part of the name of the female portion of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

The next Governor of North Carolina is in the city. And so are most of the men who will occupy State offices after this year.

In the party are: Mr. Charles B. Aycock, of Wayne, Democratic candidate for Governor; Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, for Secretary of State; Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Shelby, for Auditor; and Mr. R. D. Gilmer, of Haywood, for Attorney General.

The mother of Mr. W. D. Turner, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, died a few days ago, and he has not yet rejoined the party. Gen. T. F. Taylor, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, left the party at Greensboro, and will probably not be here tomorrow. Mr. B. R. Lacy, candidate for Treasurer, has been sick for several days, and went to Raleigh last night for a rest. Mr. H. B. Varner, candidate for Labor Commissioner, is spending today in Lexington, but will be here tomorrow. Mr. E. Y. Webb, the energetic young chairman of Cleveland county, accompanies the candidates to Charlotte.

Will Speak at the County Court House To-Morrow Morning.

VERY SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

Large and Enthusiastic Crowds Have Heard Them at Other Places.—To-Day is a Holiday for the Speakers, and They are Enjoying the Rest.

The party spent the time quietly today. Several of them had not been to Charlotte in years, and were surprised at its growth.

"It is a great relief to rest, even for a day, when you have been on a long speaking tour," said Mr. Aycock. He is in fine health and spirits, however, and is standing the strain well.

The speaking will take place at the court house tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend and hear the issues of the campaign discussed.

Mayor McCall will introduce Mr. Aycock; Mr. Heriot Clark, Mr. Grimes; Mr. J. A. Bell, Dr. Dixon; Mr. C. W. Tillet, Mr. Gilmer; Mr. Hugh W. Harris, Mr. Patterson; Mr. W. C. Dowd, Mr. Varner!

"We have had large crowds and considerable enthusiasm, wherever we have been," said Mr. Gilmer, "and I was particularly pleased, because a number of the meetings have been in my own section of the State."

ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE.

Mark Schack will Wrestle With Bill Hickey.

Mark Schack, the champion light weight wrestler of the United States, who, as noted in the News, arrived in the city last week, to spend some time recuperating his health and strength, has been challenged by Bill Hickey to a catch-as-catch-can match. Mr. Schack today hands the News his acceptance of the challenge, which reads as follows:

"I hereby accept Mr. Bill Hickey's challenge to match him in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, the Lanchashire rules to govern, and the best two out of three falls to count. I will give him as big a side bet as he desires, but the side bet must be over \$250, money to be posted at the same time as articles of agreement are signed. My manager, J. Sheehan, will post my money and sign articles. The match is to take place, if possible, in Charlotte, N. C., four weeks after posting the money. If the match can't be pulled in in Charlotte, any other place will suit me. Give or take expenses and winner to take all, except the expenses for the match.

"Mr. Hickey weighs 145 pounds, and I weigh, in condition, 133. The match is to be at catch weight, and the referee selected 24 hours before the bout. I would have met Mr. Hickey sooner, but my health did not permit it. Mr. Hickey is the hardest man in the weight class, and he has got a very clean record. In the last three years I have met at least 350 men. I traveled with the McFadden Athletic Combination for two seasons, meeting a different man every night. I offered \$50 dollars to any 135-pound man that could stay fifteen minutes with me. Nobody ever stood the limit. I had to defeat three men one night in Boston for the championship, and I wrestled a 22-minute draw with the American bull killer, who weighed 224 pounds. He was a partner of Jansout, the terrible Turk. I have never tasted defeat and if sobriety goes for anything, I guess I never will. Mr. Hickey spoke his piece, now let him put or shut up. Money speaks all languages with me, and now it is up to him. I have defeated the champion of England.

MARK SCHACK, Champion Light-Weight Wrestler of the World.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. J. T. Oates to Entertain.—"Au Fay" Club Resumes.—"Just for Fun" Yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Oates gives a 7 o'clock dinner this evening at her palatial home, on South Tryon street, in honor of her kinsman and guest, Mr. John P. Woodard, of Wilson. The table will be rich in appointments and beautiful and dainty in color, pink and white to be blended in a charming effect suggested by Mrs. Oates' perfect taste and artistic skill. Invited to meet Mr. Woodard are: Messrs. F. I. Osborne, J. P. Caldwell, M. P. Thompson, W. C. Dowd, H. A. Murrill, Platt D. Walker, C. W. Tillet and Dr. E. P. Keerans.

The Just for Fun Club had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting yesterday afternoon. Miss Nellie Holvin being hostess. Each score card had written upon it eleven odd ones. The club members were informed that a very rare and diversified "musical" was en tapis. Then the fun began. Miss Nan Dowd was requested to take a seat at the piano and play eleven selections from popular composers, while the rest of the company racked their brains to recall the familiar airs as they were rendered—Paderewski, Boccherini, Strauss, Mills, etc., alternating with "Georgia Camp Meeting," "Auld Lang Syne," "Dewey March," "Just One Girl," etc.

As these were guessed, they were placed on the score cards opposite the odd numbers. Miss Holvin then displayed eleven different articles, each typifying something musical. A watch for "time"; smoothing iron for "flats"; yard stick for "measure"; dollar bill for "whole note"; 25 cents for "quarter note"; carving knife for "sharp," etc. The answers were written opposite the even numbers on the score cards. The contest was spirited and very jolly and all were sorry when it was brought to a close. Miss Nan Dowd won the prize—a pretty copy of St. Cecilia framed in carved ebony. Miss Mamie Christzberg fell heir to the booby—a frog—a musical hopper, whose notes have pierced many ears by day and night. One might have anticipated that "Pocahontas" would regard her white sisters with an Aborigine repast—Indian meal—but the refreshments that appeared were up to date, genuinely Americanized, and delicious. The club will meet next Thursday afternoon with Miss Fannie Little. This will possibly be the last meeting until fall.

The "Au Fay Club," the membership of which represents a number of two-and-three-years-hence debutantes, is to resume its meetings. Miss Annie Lee Blair is hostess this afternoon. Her club mates and confidantes are Misses Georgia Pegram, Louise Wadsworth, Lorraine Redley, Hettie Baruch, Louise Jones, Lucy and Douglas Robertson, Laura Wadkins, Willie Durant, Adelaide Clarkson, Saide Belle Mayer, Lenora Sloan and Isabelle Beall. Mrs. E. T. Anthony will be the power behind the throne and will see that the young club women have ices, cakes and candies.

The reception given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross, at their hospitable home, on Liberty street, in honor of Mr. W. J. Smith and bride, of Pineville, was a delightful affair. The bride wore a dainty dress of white organdie over silk. Mrs. Ross was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Mamie Smith.

The organ recital to be given by Dr. Fisher, at the Lutheran church tonight, assisted by Miss Van Wagner, the vocal teacher, will be one of the musical events of the season.

The Saturday Morning Club will meet tomorrow with Miss Mary Armond Nash.

The Married Peoples' Whist Club will meet tonight with Mrs. Fred Oliver.

DEATH OF MISS HUEY.

Passed Away This Morning in New York.

Miss Jeannett Huey died this morning in the New York hospital, New York city, of typhoid fever after an illness of three weeks. The news of her death was received this afternoon about 8:30. Miss Huey was a daughter of the late M. M. Huey and a sister of Mr. J. E. Huey the contractor, Mr. S. G. Huey and Mr. J. C. Huey, of New York. She was a trained nurse, and had been at the hospital for some time. Three weeks ago she was taken ill. Her mother went on and nursed her through her illness. She remains here Sunday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Huey and Mr. J. C. Huey.

Miss Huey was 31 years of age. She was a member of the A. R. P. church and a woman of fine sense and character.

A MARBLE FRONT.

On the sidewalk in front of the 404a property on South Tryon street is a pile of Georgia marble, in blocks, to be used in ornamenting the 407a building. The building is to be three stories, and will have, Contractor Jones says, the richest front of any building in the State.

BURIED TODAY.

Mr. U. E. Williams, whose death was noted in yesterday's paper, was buried this morning at Williams Chapel. He has a brother living near there. Major T. R. Robertson and others, of Company A First North Carolina Regiment, accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

A FLORAL PARADE.

The 20th of May Committee will Add Beauty and Fragrance to the Celebration.

WOMEN AND FLOWERS

The Services of Both to be Invoked to Give the Finishing Touches to the 20th Programme—"The Ladies, God Bless Them" The Men Need Them.

A floral parade has been added as a feature of the 20th celebration. The committee, through Chief Campbell, today requested Miss Addie Williams to take charge of the parade, the invitation coming in the letter given below, which is addressed to Miss Williams, but intended also to the ladies of Charlotte:

APPEAL TO THE LADIES.

Dear Miss Williams:—To blend beauty with patriotism and to give a finishing touch to the attractive programme now about completed for the 20th of May celebration, requires the assistance of the ladies of Charlotte. The management of the celebration feels encouraged by the universal interest every person has displayed, who has been called upon to act in any capacity, and every one has cheerfully responded to the call to duty as the early patriot of this country did in protecting the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the memory of which we now commemorate. The ladies of this country from its earliest history have always been as courageous in their devotions to the nation as were the brave soldiers which guarded their homes and won the liberty of its people. A celebration commemorative of a historical scroll like the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, without the ladies participating actively in it, would be as the flower without its fragrance.

The management of this celebration deem it essential to the success of the event that we have both flower and its fragrance. To secure the artistic finish so desirable to our approaching celebration, a floral parade directed and modeled under the minds and hands of the ladies, would lend that charm to the occasion which women only can give to a public function. Acting upon the above thought the management deems it proper that a leader should be selected and given power in the choosing of a committee to cooperate with her in this beautiful work. We desire you to act as floral director. The assembly hall of the Chamber of Commerce is at your service and any meetings that you may call can be held in our hall.

We pray your early acceptance as floral director with power to select your own staff, as above mentioned. I remain, Very respectfully, C. H. CAMPBELL, Chief Director.

PATRIOTIC SONGS.

The next thought of the committee was expressed today in an invitation to Mrs. W. B. Rydler, director of the St. Cecilia Club, asking the club, through her, to sing two songs—"America" and "The Old North State"—on the speakers' stand during the exercises of speakers' day. The basses and tenors who are at present assisting the club, are included in the invitation.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican county convention will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the old court house, to appoint delegates to the State and congressional conventions. The Republican primaries are held whenever and wherever the ward commits elect, prior to the county convention. The delegates to the latter are elected at the ward meetings. The last one was held last night, and delegates to the convention tomorrow appointed.

The meeting of this convention will call off the Republican sheep from the Democratic pasture. They will get no amendment dist.

RECEPTION TO BISHOP AND MRS. CHESTER.

Invitations were issued yesterday afternoon reading as follows: "You are cordially invited by the Women of St. Peter's Parish to meet Bishop and Mrs. Chester, Monday, April 30th, 4 to 7 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Hamilton C. Jones, 408 East Avenue. The invitations are confined to the members of the parish, and to the physicians of the city and their wives.

NEW BOOKS AT Y. M. C. A.

The following books have been added to the Y. M. C. A. library: "That Lass O' Lowrie's," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the gift of Mrs. Luke Seawell; "What a Young Man Ought to Know," "What a Boy Ought to Know," both by Sylvanus Stall, D. D.