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## FOUR CREMATED IN CHICAGO HOTEL

### Sixty Guests Were in Building When the Fire Started, But All Save These Escaped

## FIRE WRECKS MANSION OF WEALTHY CLUBMAN

### Explosion of an Alcohol Lamp Painfully Burns Miss Evelyn Burden and Seriously Injured Her Servant

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Fire at five o'clock this morning partly destroyed the Somerset hotel. Four persons lost their lives.

Mrs. E. Berry and two daughters, of Chicago, suffered death in their room and a woman about 28, unidentified, who is said to have jumped from the fifth floor to the pavement.

Sixty people were in the hotel when the blaze started, but all escaped with the exception of the four now dead.

New York, Jan. 6.—In a fire in the five-story mansion of L. Townsend Burden, millionaire clubman and iron magnate, No. 5 East 26th street this morning, Miss Evelyn Burden, 24 years old, his daughter, was painfully burned about the feet.

A servant was burned about the hands and body. The fire was caused by an explosion of an alcoholic lamp. The damage will reach ten thousand dollars.

## GERMAN SHELL SMASHES CAR.

### Latter Was On English Railway—Puerto Cabello Looted.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 6.—Probably by accident a 30-pound shell was fired by the German cruiser Vineta in the harbor of Puerto Cabello. The shell burst in a car of the English railway, demolishing it and causing destruction for some distance.

The Germans continued to sack the fort at Pura Cabello. They have taken as a relic an old bell from the Spanish warship which belonged to the invincible Armada. They have also taken a picture from the ancient chapel.

General Raman, one of the leaders of the revolution, was just leaving the jail today and said:

"The object of the revolutionists just now is to attract as much attention to themselves as possible, in the hope of preventing the foreign powers from making a settlement with General Castro. Nevertheless they are too weak, I believe, to succeed at present, as they must necessarily wait for ammunition. It will probably be months before they will be able to concentrate in large force, and even then they may be defeated, as they were at La Victoria."

Many share the opinion of General Raman, saying that their forces are really not an army, but bands of guerrillas.

## Officer Charged With Crookedness.

Free Hold, Jan. 6.—Counsel for Stanton and Hendricks sprung a surprise in the Biggers-Bennett conspiracy case at noon today when sentence of the prisoners came up before Judge Hasley. Aron F. Johnson, counsel for the defendants, moved to set aside the verdict on the ground that the verdict of the jury was influenced by country doctor Strong, who was one of the officers in charge of the jury during its deliberations.

## Reunited Divorced Parents.

Carrollton, Ga., Jan. 6.—W. M. Duke was remarried recently to his former wife, Mrs. Katie Duke, who had been divorced from him two years. Three little children witnessed the marriage of their father and mother. A suit over the custody of the youngest child led to a meeting of the couple and a reconciliation.

## GROUND TO DEATH IN HEAVY MACHINE

### Man Crushed Into Shapeless Mass and His Companions, Nauseated, Had To Quit Work

Newburg, Jan. 6.—Frank Wilson, aged 40, met a horrible death at 8 o'clock this morning. He was sitting a shaft at the works of the William Caroland Company at Mattewan when his body was caught in the heavy machinery and ground to death. Four hundred employees were so nauseated at hearing the news that they quit work. He leaves a widow.

## TRYING TO TRAP THE HUGGER.

### Young Men Locking for Fellow Who Terrifies Hempstead Women.

Hempstead, L. I., Jan. 6.—Attired in women's clothing, many young men of this village patrolled the streets last night in a vain effort to catch a "jack-the-hugger" who has been terrorizing the women here by his attacks upon them.

The "hugger" also sometimes masquerades in woman's clothes, though at other times he wears a long overcoat and a slouch hat, pulled down over his eyes. One of his favorite haunts is Martling's Park, which adjoins the country seat of August Belmont.

Fully 15 women have been stopped by the man. The intentions of the hugger appear to be simply to terrify his victims into hysterics for, after giving a bearlike hug, he suddenly disappears. Miss Mary Kennar, one of the faculty of the Hempstead High School, when returning home from evening service, was stopped by the man who stood her ground, threatening him with a pair of scissors until he fled.

## Iowa's War Governor Ill.

Waterloo, Jan. 6.—Burn R. Sherman, Iowa's war governor, is lying at his home at Vinton, suffering with a serious fracture of the arm, near the shoulder, as the result of a fall on the icy sidewalk yesterday. On account of his advanced age and general poor health it is feared he will not recover.

## Russian Xmas Like the Cow's Tail.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Russian calendar being twelve days later than the rest of the world Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador and his staff will celebrate Christmas today. They will entertain his official family at a dinner at the embassy this evening and tomorrow the Countess Marguerite Cassini will entertain her friends at Christmas dinner.

## Supplies Of Lawyers.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—Members of the Anthracite Strike Commission met today. Fully thirty lawyers were present at the hearing. They represent the operating railroads, the independent operators, the union and the non-union workmen.

## DEATH REAPS RIPE HARVEST

### Ex-Premier Sagasta Dead—Death and Luck Overtake Famous Prospector of Black Hill at Same Time

Madrid, Jan. 6.—The arrangements for the funeral of former Premier Sagasta, who died yesterday are not yet decided upon. It is probable, however, he will be buried on Wednesday.

King Alfonso, the Queen Regent and the diplomatic corps have sent condolences to Sagasta's family.

Sagasta died at half past 6 o'clock this evening. His death was due to bronchitis and gastric trouble. His family was at the deathbed and former Liberal members of the cabinet were near their old leader. A bishop administered the last sacrament.

Roubax, S. D., Jan. 6.—David Thompson, one of the best known prospectors in the Black Hills, over which he has been hunting for sixteen years struck it rich yesterday and a few moments later was dead, a blood vessel being ruptured.

Bradford, Vt., Jan. 6.—Governor Roosevelt's funeral died here yesterday. He is survived by a widow, a daughter and two sons.

## DE MONTEsquIUOU TO COME.

### Noted Frenchman Will Be a Missionary of Literature.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Count Robert de Montesquiou, poet, in one of his suggestive essays coins a designation for those who seek to extend beyond the confines of a country the knowledge, spirit and influence of its culture. "Missionaries of literature" he calls them.

It is as a "missionary of literature" that Count de Montesquiou is about to visit the New World—having so thoroughly explored the old. Sailing for New York January 9, he will remain in the United States probably until the end of April. During that period he will give eight or ten conferences—the English has no unconventional subjective and literary dissertation that is the ideal conference, "lecture" being too formal and "chat" too flippant. His mission will be to reveal or explain to his hearers some of the unknown, little known or wrongly known artists of France.

The Count is a descendant of D'Artagnan, the real D'Artagnan, who was fully as fascinating a figure as Dumars' reproduction in "The Three Musketeers."

## Canadian Roads Raise Rates.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—The Canadian railways, as a result of conferences with a view of increasing revenue by increasing freight rates, decided on a ten per cent. increase on iron commodities, similar to that adopted by the United States railroads.

## House Passes Army Bill.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The house today by vote of 153 to 52 passed the bill providing for a general staff for the army.

## LEADS THE SOUTH WITH GOOD ROADS

### Report of Supt. Stowe Shows That There Are 118 Miles of Macadam Road in This County

## 110 MILES MORE ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED

### Bond Issue Election Will Be Held, Probably in August—Work Largely Done With Convict Labor

One of the most interesting reports presented at the meeting of the board of county commissioners yesterday, was that of Mr. S. T. Stowe, superintendent of roads and bridges for Mecklenburg county.

The report shows that there were 11.72 miles of macadam laid on the roads of Mecklenburg during the year just passed. This was divided as follows:

Beaty's Ford Road, two and one-fifth miles.

Davidson College roads, four and one-quarter miles.

Poor House road, two and one-quarter miles.

Dixie Road, one and nine-tenths miles.

Repair work on Lawyer's Road, one and one-eighth miles.

The report states that there are now within the county 118 miles of macadamized roads and about 110 miles to be constructed before the county limits on the main roads are reached.

The average number of convicts for each camp during the year has been about 50 men.

Mr. Stowe states that the machinery and tools at each of the camps are in good working condition.

The bridge work during the year has been exceedingly heavy and rather expensive but when the bridges now in course of construction are finished, they will be second to none in the South.

The report of Superintendent Stowe was read with great interest by the board and the citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county will, no doubt, feel the same degree of interest.

Not only is Mecklenburg the foremost county in the State in the matter of good roads but the record of the past year will place her among the first if not the first in the entire South.

Far and near Mecklenburg's good roads are talked of by all, and there is no question but that our roads have attracted numerous residents and all who have seen them agree that they are the best in the South.

While a great deal of money has been spent in the construction of these highways our people are unanimous in the opinion that it is the best money the county expends.

The News man learns today that the question of issuing bonds in order to secure the immediate completion of the remaining 110 miles will, in all probability, be submitted to the voters of Mecklenburg some time this summer. The month of August has been suggested as the best time to hold such an election.

With the necessary amount of money in hand largely increased forces could be worked, and the construction of macadamized roads could be done in a largely decreased period.

At present the work on Mecklenburg roads is done largely with convict labor. If the necessary money is voted in bonds other labor could be employed and the work, on an increased scale could commence as soon as the bonds were placed.

While the matter of issuing bonds for this purpose has not been definitely decided, it is more than probable that the board of county commissioners will recommend that such action be taken.

## SANTA FE ROAD RAISES WAGES

### Enters Into Agreement With Chief Arthur By Which Fifteen Hundred Engineers Will Be Benefitted

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Grand Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, left Chicago last night after arranging a satisfactory agreement with the Santa Fe company officials.

The engineers were granted an increase of eight to ten per cent. in wages and several important concessions regarding the working rules were made. About 1500 engineers are benefitted.

## DEATH OF NOTED MAN.

### Swain, Who Fitted Up Ram Albarmarle Clans Gathering.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—John Swain, fitted the machinery in the famous Confederate ram, at Albarmarle, died in the Soldier's Home.

Gattis, Morton, Smith and Lucas are still in the race for the speakership. Lucas will withdraw tonight. Gattis' friends claim 80 votes. The members are nearly all here.

## House Considers Army Measure.

Washington, Jan. 6.—When the House met today a report from the Committee on Rules adopted for immediate consideration the general staff bill to promote the office of the army, which failed of passage yesterday owing to the absence of a quorum. The general debate is limited to one hour and in committee of the whole consideration of the measure was begun.

## To Place Coal On Free List.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Shortly after the opening of the Senate this morning Proctor, of Vermont, left a notice that tomorrow morning he would move to take up the bill for the reorganization of the militia. There was laid before the Senate a resolution of Mr. Vest, of Missouri, introduced yesterday, to place anthracite coal on the free list.

## To Discuss Bubonic Plague.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Surgeon General Wyman of the Marine Hospital service, has called a meeting of representatives of the various state boards of health for January 19th in this city to discuss the alleged existence of bubonic plague at San Francisco and formulate measures to prevent a possible spread of the disease.

## DEATH'S HAND INTERVENED

### Grim Specter Steps Between Miss Frances Templeton Miller and The Man She Was to Wed

The News chronicles this afternoon one of the saddest deaths of the new year—the pathetic passing of one who in "crossing the bar" withdrew from the world too much of its wanted sweetness and light and youth. It is all the more pitiable since in associating a young life so fresh and gracious with death it seems like reversing a law of nature.

To those who held her to memory dear remains the sweetness of a life that to all intents and purposes, went out too soon. While to her may there be an ever-green grave and the softest of all popped sleep.

Miss Frances Templeton Miller, passed peacefully into the beyond last night at 11:30 o'clock at St. Peter's Hospital, where she had been taken for treatment only a few days before. She was taken ill Christmas day in her room at the Central hotel. Her condition gradually grew worse and her friends thought that she could be better cared for at the hospital. She was taken there New Year's day. She grew weaker day by day and on yesterday all hope for her recovery was abandoned. Sunday, symptoms of peritonitis, in its most aggravated form, appeared and Sunday evening her parents, who reside in Waynesboro, Va., were notified of their daughter's serious condition. Last night they were informed of her death.

The body was prepared for burial by John M. Harry and Co., the undertakers, and this morning it was taken to Virginia accompanied by Miss Anna Collins, a life-long friend, who resides in Monroe, and Miss Belle Hall, of this city.

Deceased had been head milliner at Belk Bros. in this city for the past two seasons. She was exceptionally popular with the trade and her employers, as well as the entire force, were very fond of her. She was 25 years old and married to Arthur Cator & Co., the Baltimore millinery house, since quite a child. It was from Baltimore that she came to Charlotte. Her home was in Waynesboro, Va., and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller of that town.

During her sickness the firm of Belk Bros. saw to it that she received every attention and Mr. W. H. Belk last night took charge of the body and assumed all the expenses of the young lady's sickness and death.

Miss Miller was to have been married this month to Mr. G. Edgar Smith, of this city, who is in charge of the International Correspondence School of Philadelphia for this section of North Carolina. Yesterday afternoon when she was apprised of the seriousness of her condition, she asked that Mr. Smith be sent for. The two were together for some time. It was an exceedingly touching incident—but it is better that the curtain be dropped here.

The casket containing all that was mortal of this young woman was taken to the Southern passenger station this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Before leaving the undertaking establishment, there was a short service conducted by Dr. A. C. Barron. Flowers, beautiful and fragrant were on the casket and pinned on the breast was a beautiful bouquet of white blossoms, typical of all that is pure and good in this life.

## CELL YAWNS FOR ILL-FATED CASTRO

### No Avenue of Escape Open and the Insurgent Army is Now Preparing To Oust Him

## HANS AND JOHN BULL WORRIED OVER OUTCOME

### Newspapers Cannot See How It Will All End—State Department is Waiting For Something to Happen

Washington, Jan. 6.—The delay of the State Department in transmitting to Congress the information and correspondence asked for regarding Venezuela is caused by the fact that so much has occurred since the request was made, it was considered best to wait until the negotiation reached a point where the whole matter could be treated conclusively. There is a prospect that the papers will be sent to the capitol before the close of the week.

Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 6.—The forces of the revolutionists are advancing in three columns on General Castro's army.

A desperate fight which occurred last night within eight miles of Caracas resulted favorably to the revolutionists. They are cutting all the telegraph lines, tearing up the railroad tracks and are hourly expected in the immediate neighborhood of the city. A condition of extreme panic prevails among those who have heretofore believed that Castro was invincible.

A committee of the most prominent citizens has gone to President Castro and made representations to him of how hopelessly untenable is his position. But he insists on holding on until his forces are defeated in a decisive battle. It seems that this cannot be far distant.

President Castro is already planning what he shall do when the inevitable comes, but he will make a desperate fight before quitting, as he has no chance to escape. The only alternative is imprisonment.

General Penalosa is in command of the advancing revolutionary forces. No attempt is now being made by the allies to conceal the fact that they are affording assistance to the rebels.

London, Jan. 6.—A majority of the papers today reopen a discussion of the "Venezuelan muddle." There is a general uneasiness expressed regarding the dispute, the papers expressing themselves as unable to see where it will all end.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—There's an unusual feeling in official circles regarding the duration of the discussion of Venezuelan dispute before the Hague Tribunal. A prominent official today said: "A long delay wouldn't be tolerated by Germany. The claims are clear enough for representation before any tribunal tomorrow. The government will feel sore if an award is not given in three months."

Big Concern Incorporated. Albany, Jan. 6.—The Acker Merrall and Condit Company of New York City, was incorporated today to take over the business now carried on by Acker Merrall and Condit, who do a general importing business. It is capitalized at five million dollars.

## Carnegie to Make Chief Speech.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The new Carnegie library will be dedicated Wednesday in the presence of its donor, President Roosevelt, members of the Cabinet, Senators, Representatives, members of the diplomatic corps and others specially invited. Mr. Carnegie will make the principal speech.

## GEO. W. WILLIAMS PASSES AWAY

### Millionaire Banker of Charleston, Native North Carolinian, Dies at the Ripe Old Age of 82

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 6.—A telegram from Charleston announces the death early this morning of Geo. W. Williams, the millionaire banker of Charleston.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Ways and Means Committee of Charleston during the civil war. He was born in Burke county, N. C., in 1820. He was for 30 years trustee of Wofford College in this city.

He was 82 years of age at the time of his death.

## PENSIONS FOR EMPLOYEES.

### The Old Dominion Steamship Company Inaugurates System.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Old Dominion Steamship Company has just put a pension system into operation among its employees.

The basis of the gratuity is to be the average amount of the retiring employee's salary for the last 10 years of his service. The pension will be equal to 1 per cent. of this amount for each year of the beneficiary's employment. To illustrate:

If A. has been in the service 30 years and his salary was \$50 a month the first five and \$100 a month the last five years of his employment, he will receive 30 per cent. of \$75, or \$22.50 a month.

The new scheme provides for compulsory retirement of all employees who reach 70 years of age.

The main line of the Old Dominion Steamship Company runs from Norfolk and Richmond. It also runs shorter lines into the bay and river ports adjacent to Norfolk and the lower Chesapeake.

## MINERS TO GET MORE PAY.

### Advance Of 10 Per Cent. All Through West Virginia Region.

Wheeling, W. Pa., Jan. 6.—A wage advance averaging 10 per cent. will be granted by every important mining concern in West Virginia. It was given January 1 in the Norfolk and Western Railroad and Fairmont regions, and others indicate like concessions this month.

The famine caused by the anthracite strike increased the selling price of coal considerably, and thus allows the voluntary wage concessions, but it is said the threat of President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, to establish headquarters in the Fairmont region January 25, and remain until the West Virginia field was thoroughly organized, was a strong factor in influencing the operators, who fear a general strike in the spring.

## German Ambassador Is Ill.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The German Ambassador Von Holleben, dean of the diplomatic corps at Washington, is confined to the embassy with an attack of grip.

## WASHINGTON TO GET COAL AT COST

### District Commissioners Indignant at Imposition of Dealers Will Buy From Mines and Retail It

Washington, Jan. 6.—In order to relieve the people of Washington from the imposition of local coal dealers, who are charging ten to twelve dollars a ton for hard coal, the Citizens Coal Committee appointed by the District of Columbia Commissioners, has decided to buy a large quantity of coal direct from the mines and retail it at six to six-fifty per ton, practically the cost of the coal.

## AMERICAN COTTON FEARED.

### French Want To Avoid a Monopoly For Mills Here.

Paris, Jan. 6.—With the view of defending themselves against American competition some of the leading men of the French cotton trade, supported by others influential in commerce and finance, have formed an organization called the Colonial Cotton Association.

The Temps says that the cotton industry of the United States is developing to an "alarming" extent, having in the last 10 years increased by 61 per cent. Immense factories have started and it is feared that the entire crop of the United States will be brought up for the benefit of these factories, which would need a market abroad, as in spite of its increase in population, it is not thought possible that the United States could absorb the whole of its production.

It is pointed out that Great Britain, Russia and Germany are making efforts to ward off the "American danger" by promoting the cultivation of cotton. The object of the new association is to prevent Americans from centering cotton by developing its production in French colonies, notably in the Coudan.

## TO RAID WOMEN'S EUCHRE.

### Husbands Who Pay and Have to Do the Cooking Invoke the Law.

Pittsburg, Jan. 6.—Justice Morgan, of Montooth Borough, a suburb, was asked by several business men today to stop gambling in the village. The Justice said he knew of no gambling. They told of a woman's euchre club that plays weekly for prizes, whose value, they said, has become so excessive that many members are on the verge of ruin.

It also absorbs so much attention that the men frequently have to get their own supper and put the children to bed.

Justice Morgan said he had had a similar experience at his home and promised to look up the law on the subject and try to stop the card playing.

## LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

### Accident at Epiphany Service in Royal Chapel Creates Some Excitement This Morning

## TO FIGHT AMERICAN INVASION OF FRANCE

### Merchants Organize with that Object in View—The Porte Makes Some Roseate Promises

Havre, Jan. 6.—A number of prominent merchants have founded, under the patronage of exministers Moline and Sciegried, Senator Waddington and Deputy Motte, a company to fight the extension of the American cotton industry in France and to develop French colonial resources.

London, Jan. 6.—The annual service of the Epiphany, at which the King's offering of frankincense and myrrh is made, was held at the Chapel Royal at St. James today. The service was attended by a large congregation of the fashionable element.

An exciting incident occurred while the service was in progress. A draught blew the flame of a candle against the Christmas decorations which blazed up for a moment the most valuable window in the chapel was in danger, but one of the attending clergy sprang forward and extinguished the flames.

Vienna, Jan. 6.—The Levant Herald today asserts that a Russian oil syndicate has been formed for the express purpose of fighting the standard Oil Company. The Russian government has granted the new enterprise its support in every way.

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—Owing to the protests of the American Legation the Porte has promised to release some of the Armenian teachers connected with the American school at Marsonia, Asia Minor, who were recently arrested by order of the local governor.

Rome, Jan. 6.—It is asserted in Vatican circles that at a March consistory the Pope will appoint eight cardinals—four Italians and four foreigners. The report has given new life to the pro-Ireland party which is strong. It has also aroused anti-Ireland force to a vigorous campaign.

Lahore, India, Jan. 6.—It is reported here that the Prince of Arcot, one of the wealthy potentates of India, died at Delhi.

## SOON TIRED OF DIVORCE.

### Mr. and Mrs. Runyan Re-Married Two Weeks Afterward.

Auburn, Jan. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Runyan were married twenty years ago. Recently they disagreed and on December 16 were divorced.

In the two weeks following they thought over the subject, and on New Year's Day Mr. Runyan called upon his recent wife. A few minutes later the Rev. Edward J. Brooker was sent for, and Mr. and Mrs. Runyan celebrated the day by being married over again.

## Army Places Go A-Begging.

Washington, Jan. 6.—That an army doctor does not have a soft berth is shown by the fact that there are now fifteen or twenty vacancies. Officers do not like the ordnance service either, and there is a shortage of these officers. Congress will be asked to permit second lieutenants of the line to enter this service, giving them additional pay.

## HERE'S A NOVELTY FOR SEA VOYAGE

### Marconi News Service Will Enable this Liner to Publish a Daily Newspaper on the Trip Across the Pond

New York, Jan. 6.—A despatch from London says the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company has made contracts for a daily service of news telegrams to the British mail steamer sailing from Liverpool for New York at the end of the current month.

The vessel will be equipped with complete staff plant which will enable the publication of a daily newspaper aboard during the voyage. For the present the company withholds the name of the vessel.