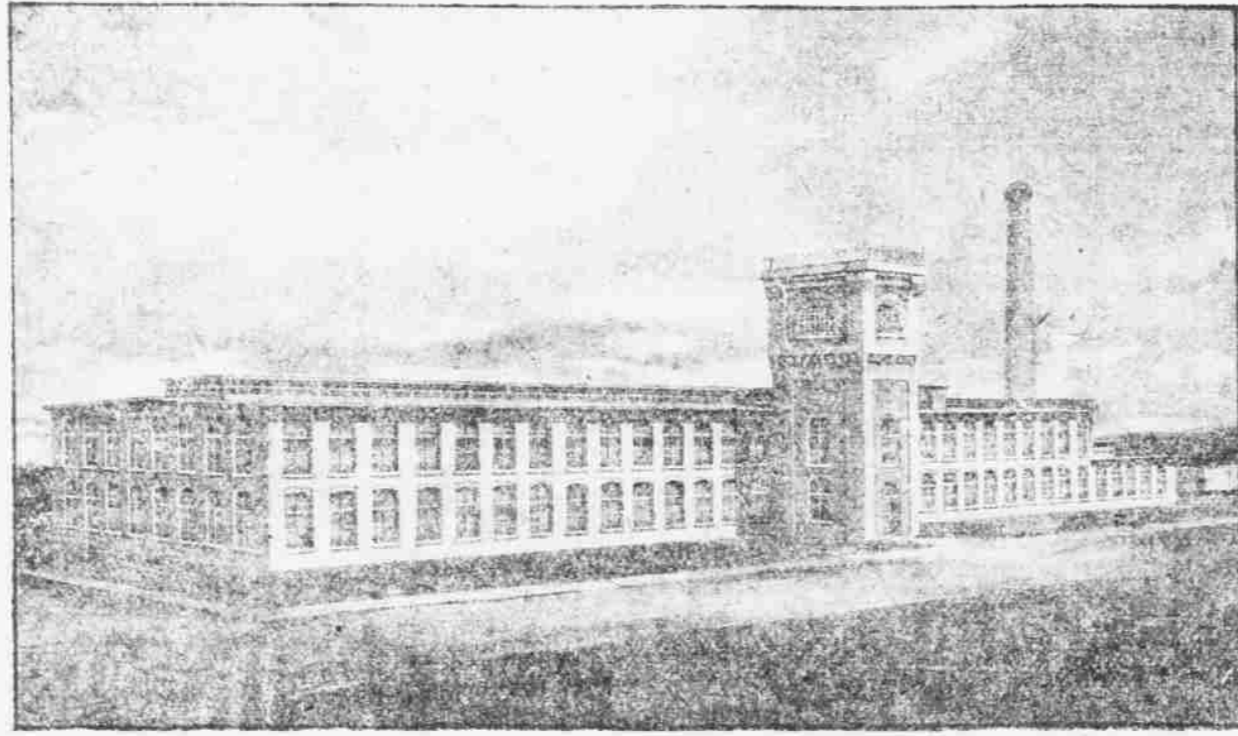


Storm Works Havoc at Gastonia

The Avon Mill is Partly Wrecked By Wind and Many Operatives Hurt

THE WIND OF THE GALE WAS VERY REMARKABLE

No Loss of Life Reported, Though Two of Injured May Die--Other Reports



THE AVON MILL AT GASTONIA.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 28.—At six o'clock this morning 120 feet of the masonry wall at the southeast corner of the Avon mill was demolished by a wind storm. One side of the roof was also torn off along the same section.

Operatives, Miss Bessie Lay and Miss Sadie Beatty, were seriously injured. Miss Beatty's lungs were cracked and both have dangerous wounds on the head.

The damage to the building and machinery is about \$5,000, a total loss, with characteristic human feeling the management of the mill, Messrs. J. J. Love, are far more concerned about the condition of their operatives who were injured.

NO ONE SLATED FOR SECOND PLACE

Mr. Bell May Get Assistant Postmastership and He May Not -- Mr. Newell Still Perseveres

The beautiful decorated dinner set of 42 pieces.

Mr. Bell's office mail is still very much piled up. Information comes from Washington to the effect that Mr. Bell is a candidate and his name is being considered.

daughter of Mr. John Lay, and a twelve year old daughter of Mr. Jeff Beatty are the most seriously hurt. Miss Lay's skull is laid open on top of her head for about ten inches.

Charlotte People Own Stock. The News of the damage to the Avon Mill was first published by The News.

The Avon Mill is one of the best known mills in the State. Besides, Charlotte capital is largely invested in the enterprise.

HOW TO GET The Beautiful Decorated Dinner Set of 42 Pieces.

An Explanation. On account of the great rush of new subscribers at The News office for the past two days, the Circulation Department has been unable to deliver the dinner sets to many who have subscribed.

Penn and Georgetown Agree. Washington, Feb. 28.—Athletic relations between Georgetown and Pennsylvania have been resumed.

POLICE BELIEVE HIS WIFE SLEW HIM

While Declining to Talk of the Burdick Murder Case, They Are Working On That Theory

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The police here, while they decline to give out any information, are believed to be working on the theory that Edwin L. Burdick's wife is directly or indirectly responsible for his murder.

BODY-SNATCHING IS NO CRIME NOW

Bill Passed in Indiana Frees All Who Are Accused of Grave-Robbery--Governor in Dismay

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—Rufus C. Call and all his gang, accused of robbery, who have been confined in jail here since last October, will be free men by tonight if habeas corpus proceedings to be begun today by their attorney, Cass Conway, are successful.

Private Hospital Building Leased. Mr. W. J. McCall this morning leased the Private Hospital building from Mayor P. M. Brown for one year with the privilege of two.

Stanford Students Cannot Flirt. San Francisco, Feb. 28.—President Jordan, of Stanford University, has made objection to flirting between students, and also to the use of barroom signs and flaming posters as decorations in their rooms.

DEATH OF MR. HARGETT. An Old Soldier and Good Citizen Passes Away.

Mr. Hall Hargett, an old resident of Charlotte, died this afternoon at 1 o'clock, after an illness of about a week. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

"ALEXANDER VILLA." Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Alexander Have Their House Warming Next Week.

RED-HEADED MAN MURDERED? Strange Revelation in Knoxville Pauper Burial Frauds.

WELLS COURT-MARTIAL BEGUN Testimony Taken in Case of the Stranded Leyden.

Col. Blount Talks on Vicks. Col. Henry Blount, of Wilson, expresses himself as of the opinion that Vicks will be retained as postmaster at Wilson.

Mr. Herbert McDonald, of Bekk Bros., returned from New York this morning.

HIGH TEMPERATURE. Whiskey Men Here Nervous Over the Alexander Bill.

Gentlemen engaged in the liquor traffic here were first apprised of Dr. Alexander's measure requiring bars to be closed at 8 o'clock at night in yesterday afternoon's News.

The news has the tendency to put the whiskey people in a state of mind. They are nervous and are apprehensively asking each other, "What next?"

MAY RECEIVE ALL POLISH CATHOLICS

Bishop Potter Wants His Church to Receive Them--Leading Episcopalians Advocate Recognition

New York, Feb. 28.—One effect of the visit here of Bishop Anthony Kosloski, of the Old Catholic Church and Polish Independent Catholic Church, of Chicago, may be the abolition of the canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church that forbids the appointment of suffragan bishops.

NEGRO BOY KILLED BY HIS PLAYMATE The Deed was Accidental and Was Done With a Pistol--Victim Was Young Son of Wm. Oglesby

The 15-year-old son of William Oglesby, colored, who lives on Mr. Frank E. Alexander's place, about five miles from Charlotte, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon by John Walker, a negro boy 17 years old.

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CHARLOTTE MAN ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. Dixie Pants Co. Will Retire From the Business Field.

A DISTINGUISHED PARTY. Telephone People Visit Charlotte This Morning.

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