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THREE MEN KILLED NUMBER MISSING FROM EXPLOSION

Premature Explosion in Mine at Keystone West Virginia Causes Instant Death of Three Men. Number of Men Still Missing. Cause of Explosion.

Number of Men Injured, Some Probably Fatally. Members of Rescue Party Overcome by Gas. The Fourth Explosion Within a Year's Time.

By Associated Press.

Bluefield, West Va., July 3.—By a premature explosion in the mine at Keystone West Va., last evening three men were killed outright and a number are still missing.

Bud Meadows, Edward Howard and William Mahon, were passing through an entry which had been abandoned for some time, when the gas ignited from lamps and all three were killed. A number of men in other parts of the mine were injured, probably fatally.

The force of the explosion was terrific and several of the parties formed for the rescue of the few miners imprisoned were overcome by gas. This is the fourth explosion within a year in the Pocahontas field.

DEATH OF MR. HEDGEPATH.

Met Death Instantly While Working With Machinery.

Special to The News.
Yorkville, S. C., July 3.—The machinery of the Clover Cotton Manufacturing Co., at Clover, in this county, is operated by electricity furnished by the Catawba Power Co.

James A. Hedgepath, engineer and general overseer at the mill, was instantly killed by an electrical current this morning at 6:15 o'clock. Superintendent Thos. B. Williams, boss machinist, H. B. Maxwell, and Mr. Hedgepath were engaged in cleaning the lightning arrester in the transformer house, the current having been cut off from the arrester by means of a switch, when without warning Hedgepath fell dead. He is supposed to have unthoughtfully touched an insulated live wire above the switch.

The deceased was a native of Chester and had been in the employ of the company twelve or fifteen years, and was highly esteemed by his employers and the people of the community generally. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow, three daughters and three sons. He owns a neat and comfortable home and carried not less than \$2,500 life insurance.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the Clover Baptist Church of which he was a leading member.

FOUR KILLED IN FIRE

Great Church With Tower 426 Feet High Destroyed by Fire.

By Associated Press.
Hamburg, Germany, July 3.—The great church of St. Michael with its tower and spire 426 feet high was totally destroyed by fire. The tower in falling crushed several neighboring houses and they caught fire. Four workmen were killed.

Fire Spread Rapidly.
The fire spread and destroyed many buildings. It probably originated from defective wiring.
The church was one of the cities' objects of pride. It was largely of brick and was erected on the site of the Ancient Church which was burned in 1750 as the result of being struck by lightning.

TO EXTERMINATE POLICE

Terrorists Show no Signs of Wavering From Their Determination to Kill Police.

By Associated Press.
Warsaw, July 3.—Terrorists determination to exterminate the police force shows no signs of wavering.
Before noon today two more police sergeants were added to the already long death roll. Both men were shot and killed in the streets and in each case the assassin escaped.

CANADIANS WON RACE.

Beat Thames Rowing Club With Time of 7 Minutes, 4 Seconds.

By Associated Press.
Henley, Eng., July 3.—In the second heat for the grand challenge cup the Argonauts (Can.), beat the Thames Rowing Club. The time was 7 minutes, 4 seconds. The Canadians led throughout and won easily.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

Fourth of July Celebration in Progress at Manila—Sixty-Eight Prisoners Released.

By Associated Press.
Manila, July 3.—The first national salute to include Oklahoma, was fired at Luneta at midnight July 3. The advent of July 4th was celebrated by the release of 68 men who were charged with outlawry and were serving sentences in the Dilidid prison.



NUMBER OF SALOONS LIMITED

In Spite of Mayor Dunne City Council Passed Ordinance Limiting Number of Saloons to One for Every 500 Persons.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, July 3.—An ordinance, limiting the number of saloons to one for every 500 persons became a law without Mayor Dunne's signature at the adjournment of the city council last night.

By the terms of the measure no new saloon licenses can be issued after July 31. The licenses which are in force on that date may be renewed or reissued.

IN THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Ninety Counties were Represented at Opening of State Democratic Convention, To-day. Weighty Subjects to be Considered.

Special to The News.
Greensboro, July 3.—The opera house was about half filled with delegates when Chairman Simmons at noon called the convention to order, the roll call showing 90 counties represented.

As temporary chairman Hon. Locke Craige of Buncombe county reviewed the Democratic administration in a strong speech evoking frequent applause and much enthusiasm.
George Pell read a letter from Governor Glenn who recommended among other reforms the legislature to reduce the present high passenger fares; to enlarge the powers of the corporation commission; to revise the insurance laws and provide that foreign companies here should invest their money in the State; liberal support to public institutions and sufficient funds to the insane asylums to provide for all the insane in the State.

Governor Aycock was reported by the committee on permanent organization as chairman assuming the position with a splendid speech, the convention then taking a recess until 3 o'clock.
The principal interest centers on the action of the platform committee. There will also be a lively contest over the suggestion of endorsing Bryan. The probability being that the committee will be silent on this, and for any further liquor legislation and that resolutions declaring for both will be introduced and debated in the convention. The several districts meetings that discussed the Bryan question decided that an endorsement now would be premature. The platform committee is not expected to report until late in the afternoon.

CONDITION OF COTTON

Crop Reporting Board of Department of Agriculture Reported Average Condition of Cotton.

By Associated Press.
Washington, July 3.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture finds the average condition of cotton June 25 was 83.8, compared with 84.6 May 25, 1906, June 25 1905 88. The corresponding date 1904 and the ten year average 84.1. By States—Virginia 88; North Carolina 80; South Carolina 77; Georgia 82; Florida 77; Mississippi 88; Louisiana 87; Texas 82; Arkansas 86; Tennessee 84; Missouri 91; Oklahoma 90 and Indian Territory 84. The United States, 83.3.

Effect on Market.

New Orleans, July 3.—Although the government crop report was a surprise its effect on the price was not great. Immediately upon the receipt of the report the points advanced to 5 to 9 points, December rising at a later figure higher than any other month. Over yesterday a close advance was not maintained and prices later fell two to five points.

At the Police Station.
Everything was as quiet as Sunday at the police station this afternoon. Only the Chief, Desk Sergeant Duke and Special Officer Yandle were there and not a cell was occupied. The city has been on good behavior today.

HARRIS FOR CHAIRMAN.

Rutherford Republicans Against the Organization—A Case of Blood Poisoning.

Rutherford, July 3.—The Republican County Convention met here yesterday and elected delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions. The convention endorsed President Roosevelt and his administration. Chas. J. Harris for chairman of the State executive committee, and Geo. C. Justice, for solicitor, in this the Fourth Judicial District. The convention was largely for Harris, and against the State organization.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis, of Charlotte, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Reid.

Mr. Jno. C. Mills left last night to attend the Democratic State Convention at Greensboro.
Mr. Jas. V. McFarland's little son, Edgar, is dangerously ill, suffering from blood poisoning, caused by a cut on the foot, which was made by stepping on a piece of broken glass.

1ST BATTERY FIELD ARTILLERY.

Charlotte Company Will Have Four 3.2 Inch Guns and Howitzer.

When the re-organization of the local artillery company is completed it will be one of the finest in the State—and according to its friends, the crack artillery organization in North Carolina.

The local company will be known as the First Battery, Field Artillery. The equipment will consist of four big guns, with a 3.2 inch howitzer, throwing an explosive shell that will be a wonder. These guns, that will soon be furnished by the government, will take the place of the old machine guns or Gatlings, that for a number of years have constituted the greater part of the equipment. The four 3.2 inch guns, with their explosive shells, will be the finest made of that size and style and will be able to throw a shell over three inches in diameter for a great distance. The boys are already looking forward with keen anticipation to the arrival of these guns, which will be something new in this part of the State. It will not require very many weeks for the boys to become thoroughly acquainted with the operation of the new guns and their rapid handling, together with the various drills.

The old Howitzer which is a valuable piece of artillery will also be a part of the outfit, this gun having been in the possession of the Charlotte Artillery Company as their private property.

With such a well equipped company as the First Battery, Field Artillery will be, the city can well be proud of the organization and their equipment, also.

The Hornet's Nest Electric Company has moved from No. 10 East Second street to No. 25 East Fourth street.

MRS. THAW MAKES HER STATEMENT

Says she was Married to Harry Thaw When they were Abroad and Before the Ceremony in this Country. Visits her Husband.

By Associated Press.
New York, July 3.—"I was married to Mr. Thaw while we were abroad and before the ceremony in this country. All statements to the contrary are untrue. I have proof which will be produced at the trial. If Valet Bedford, said we were not married, I am very much surprised, but I don't believe he said any such thing."

This statement was made today by Mrs. Harry K. Thaw.
Mrs. Thaw made her usual daily visit to her husband in the Tombs and remained for some time.

His Former Plea.
The counsel for Thaw decided today not to take the advantage of the reservation made a week ago when the prisoner entered his plea of not guilty.
The matter was permitted to go by default.

CHICAGO BAKERIES NOW BROUGHT INTO THE LIME LIGHT

Sanitary Inspector Hedrick Finds Most Unsanitary Conditions in Multitudinous Baker Shops of Chicago. Conditions Bid Fair to Rival those of Packing Houses.

Men were Found Sleeping Beside their Ovens and Pastry Tables. A Great Lack of Washing Facilities was Found. Other Unsanitary Conditions Found.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, July 3.—Men sleeping beside their ovens and pastry tables, toilet rooms ventilating into basement bakeries, the lack of washing facilities and of signs warning employes about cleanliness—these were some of the things found by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Hedrick, in the investigation which he has begun to the multitudinous baker shops of Chicago.

While the work has only begun, the discoveries made by one inspector in two days spent exploring bakeries on West Side promise a thorough shaking up for an industry that nestled undisturbed in the basements and too frequently, it is claimed, with unsanitary and filthy surroundings rivaling those in the worst of packing houses.

GOVERNOR GLENN IS IN FAVOR OF BRYAN

The Governor Outlines Some of the Principles he Favors, Thinks Bryan and Aycock Would Make a Good Ticket. Characters Granted.

Special The News.

Raleigh, July 3.—Governor R. B. Glenn, did not go to the Democratic State Convention at Greensboro but expresses himself as having no uncertain views as to what the convention should do.

He declares in favor of reducing railroad rates, of a general overhauling of the insurance laws, requiring especially all companies doing business in the State to invest a large part of their premiums in the State; of the powers of the Corporation Commission being enlarged so that the Commission can really control the railroads, telegraph, telephone and kindred corporations or else the commission should be abolished.

He thinks that all deaf, dumb and blind and insane should be cared for at the expense of the State and if this cannot be done otherwise there should be bonds issued sufficient to make room for all. Every encouragement should be given the building of good roads, to the promotion of education and temperance.

Concerning national politics the Governor declares that President Roosevelt is now urging the Republican party to adopt and pass measures that have been long embodied in the Democratic platform and it is evident that what has long been regarded as foolishness when urged and contended for by William J. Bryan, is now considered the height of political wisdom and patriotism when advocated by Theodore Roosevelt.

He believes no mistake could be made in nominating Wm. J. Bryan for President and Chas. B. Aycock for vice president in 1908.

A charter was issued for the Blades Lumber Co. of Newbern, at a \$50,000, capital authorized, and \$10,000 subscribed by J. B. Blades and others.

An order was made by Governor Glenn for a special term of Lenoir county Superior Court, Judge Webb presiding for the trial of civil cases, beginning August 6.

MR. PAGE NOMINATED.

Hon. Robert N. Page Unanimously Nominated to Represent Seventh District in Congress.

Special to The News.
Lexington, July 3.—Hon. Robert N. Page was yesterday nominated by acclamation to represent the Seventh District in Congress for the third term. The nominating speech was made by Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children of Thomasville. Owing to ill health Mr. Page was not present. Capt. F. C. Robbins, of Lexington, was chairman of the convention. All the counties in the district were represented, but only a small delegation from each.

The following executive committees were elected for the Seventh District: Messrs. G. F. Hankins, chairman, Davidson; J. W. Pass, Yadkin; Jas. A. Lockhart, Jr., Anson; R. R. Ross, Randolph; T. J. Jerome, Union; John P. McNair, Scotland; W. K. Clement, David; D. O. Frye, Montgomery; W. L. Parsons, Richmond and N. L. Spence, Moore.



QUESTION OF TEXT BOOKS.

Now Under Consideration by State Board—Members of Sub-Commission Chosen.

Raleigh, July 3.—At the meeting of the State Board of Education, held yesterday in the Governor's office, the members of the Sub-Text Book Commission were chosen. The names will not, however, be given to the public until a later date, possibly even as late as July 10. All the members were in attendance, there having been Governor Glenn, Lieutenant-Governor Winston, Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, Hon. B. R. Lacy, Hon. R. D. Gilmer and Hon. J. Y. Joyner.

The text of a resolution in regard to the book matter was as follows: "Resolved, That all publishers offering for adoption, by the Sub-Text Book Commission, shall file with the secretary of the commission a list of all the names of all the agents, attorneys and others representing in any way their books and interests in North Carolina." There had already been passed a resolution as to the secrecy which must be observed on the part of members with the book representatives, the obligation being in the nature of a juror's oath. The board also announced that if any publishers so desired they could prepare and file with the Secretary of State a brief setting forth the meritorious points in any and all books so offered to the commission; these to be submitted to the commission and the sub-commission.

Another matter that received attention at the hands of the State Board was in passing on the school loans to be made to a number of schools. There was so loaned \$24,000, and the range was from \$100, as high as \$3,000.

Hon. T. K. Bruner, secretary to the State Board of Agriculture, is busy sending out circular letters, which announce the object of the State in promoting the State interests by judicious advertising through the special movable exhibits to be used at the fairs in the New England States during the coming fall. Mr. Bruner writes to the merchants and associations and chambers of commerce that he will be glad to give wide circulation to all matters which they send in to him, with the understanding that all such shall be delivered not later than Sept. 5, and that all transportation charges shall be paid thereon.

New Clerk at the Postoffice.
Postmaster R. W. Smith has been authorized by the Postoffice Department at Washington to employ another clerk for the Charlotte office. He has secured the services of Mr. Robert P. Sadler, of Dixie, and he will enter upon his duties, as stamp, on the 9th of July.

Washington, July 3.—Maurice Marshall Langhorne, of Virginia, has been selected as secretary of the legation at Christiania.

CHOLERA BREAKS OUT IN MANILLA

Four Americans Stricken, One Dead. To-day's Report Gives 21 Cases in Manilla and 16 Deaths. In Provinces, 26 Cases and 25 Deaths.

Manilla, July 3.—Cholera of a virulent type has broken out among the natives of Manilla and the surrounding provinces. Four Americans are reported to have been stricken to date, and one American, Charles Sheehan has died.

Twenty-one cases and 16 deaths are reported today.

The provinces report 25 cases and 25 deaths. There has been one death among the soldiers at Fort McKinley, that of the cook, Christian G. Dwight of Company C, 16th Infantry.

To Meet To-morrow.
The regular meeting of the Board and Circle of Crittenton Home will be held at Tryon St. Methodist church, Wednesday morning at ten (10) o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be transacted.

COTTON SPINNERS CONGRESS AND ITS MEANING IN FUTURE

Mr. C. W. Macara, Just Back from Congress at Bremen Thinks International Organization is now Near the Attainment of its Main Objects.

To Check Gambling, Steady Prices, Improve Marketing of Cotton, Some of Objects. Says \$5,000,000 Could be Saved Annually in America.

By Associated Press.

London, July 3.—Charles Wright, chairman of the committee in the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, who just returned here from the cotton spinners' congress at Bremen thinks the international organization is within a measurable distance of obtaining its main objects, namely, the steadying of prices, checking of professional gambling operations, the appointment of a commission to investigate the rules of the cotton exchange, and, finally, the improvement of ginning, baling, transportation and marketing of cotton.

He considers the decision to improve marketing, etc., to be the most important step taking by the Bremen congress. He estimates that \$5,000,000 could be annually saved in these items in American cotton alone, and believes that the strong financial position of the American growers, enabling them to hold their cotton, will have an important influence in steadying the price, ten cents, to be exceedingly profitable. He thinks the users will not grumble at it.

Finally Macara attaches great importance to the promise of users of cotton that America is prepared to cooperate with European spinners.

MOTHER IS TOLD OF
HER SON'S TRAGEDY

News Kept from Mother of Harry Thaw of Her Son's Crime Until Steamer Landed. She Bore Up well Under Shock. Her Future Action.

By Associated Press.

Tilbury, England, July 3.—The news of the tragedy in Madison Square Roof Garden, when Harry Thaw shot and killed Stanford White, had not been communicated to his mother, Mrs. Thaw, when the steamer Minneapolis, docked here this morning.

Extraordinary precautions were taken on board to keep any inkling of the tragedy from her until relatives were able to break the news.

As she stepped ashore Mrs. Thaw was surrounded by friends and detectives, the latter being detailed to prevent any stranger from approaching her.

After landing Mrs. Thaw boarded a special train from which reporters were expressly excluded.

Mrs. Thaw Hears News.
On her arrival at the residence of the Earl of Yarmouth in London, the news of the tragedy was broken to her. She bore up splendidly, but did not decide on her future movement.

CREW WERE DROWNED.

Schooner and All of Crew Save one Were Drowned.

By Associated Press.
New York, July 3.—The Dutch tank schooner American from Antwerp collided with and sank the Danish schooner Berthe off South Foreland the night after the American left Antwerp.

The schooner went down and all of her crew of 9 with the exception of the captain's son were drowned.

WIFE SHOTS HUSBAND

Left Body in Yard all Day—Couple Often Quarreled.

By Associated Press.

Charleston, West Va., July 3.—Wm. Jarvis was shot last night by his wife and the body left all night in the yard at their home. Just before he died he called his little children to him and told them their mother had killed him. It is said the couple frequently quarreled.

A CLOSE CALL.

Master Charles Wilkes Run Over by Heavily Loaded Cotton Wagon.

Master Charles Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes, was run over and right painfully injured on North Church street this morning.

He and a number of other children were playing in the street. In front of the Wilkes' home, a wagon heavily loaded with cotton came along and the children ran after it, pulling some cotton from the bales. Charles Wilkes, by some means, was knocked beneath the wheels, face foremost and one or more of the wheels passed over his back and shoulders. At first it was thought that his shoulder and collarbone were broken. An examination showed that the young man was only severely bruised.

—Little Mary Allison, daughter of Capt. Tom Allison, continues quite ill at her home on the Boulevard. She has been ill now about five weeks.