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Twelve-four Persons Killed, 96 Injured and Hundreds Were Hurt

As the Result of a Fatal Explosion Near Annen

Great Number of Persons were Killed and Injured Last Night.

Explosion Occurred in Factory, Which is Part of Krupp Establishment.

Fire Preceded the Explosion.

A fatal explosion occurred at 8:30 last night. An hour earlier fire had broken out in the factory, which is a part of the Krupp establishment. The fire brigade was obliged to retire because of the danger of explosion. The neighboring Krupp factories were slightly damaged.

POET COMMITS SUICIDE.

Lawrence Lewis, with only 40 cents in his pocket, shoots himself. New York, Nov. 29.—Lawrence Lewis, a poet and author, who lived in East 142nd street, committed suicide early this morning in the Barbood Hotel. His body was found last night, twenty-four hours after the shot had been fired.

Lewis was about twenty-four years old, slender and handsome, with classical features. He had written several songs and had just completed a drama.

SCHMITZ GIVEN OVATION.

Mayor Schmitz warmly received on his return—says he has been maligned by newspapers.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Mayor Schmitz, who cut short his European trip to hasten home to face charges of extortion and graft in the office for which he was indicted by the grand jury during his absence, was warmly welcomed on his arrival at midnight. In a speech Mayor Schmitz said he had been maligned by the "worst set of newspapers that ever existed in this city," and that the attack against union labor. He declared it might yet be necessary to form a vigilance committee.

CAPT. BERKLEY DEAD.

General Agent of the S. A. L. Died Today.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Captain Edmund Berkeley, of Atlanta, general agent of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, died in a hospital here as the result of an operation performed three weeks ago. He was 59 years of age.

Thirty Years in Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—For Justice Harlan Thanksgiving Day this year is an anniversary of more than ordinary interest, it marks the beginning of his thirtieth year on the Supreme bench, he having become a member of the court November 29, 1877. Justice Harlan is the only member of the Supreme Court now eligible to retire, with the exception of Chief Justice Fuller. For good health and youthful activity Justice Harlan takes first rank. He is only three months the junior of the Chief Justice, but he is a physical giant, and seemingly as full of health as the best of men. He is a Republican, and a pretty strict party man, and should the Democrats win in 1908 he would probably give President Roosevelt the privilege of appointing his successor. He was born in Kentucky, and his ancestors were Virginians. During his long career on the Supreme bench he has handed down some notable decisions, including that in the Nebraska maximum freight rate case and the Northern Securities case.

Mr. J. P. McMurray, of the Union National Bank, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent the day in the city.

Governor Heyward Grants a Respite for John Henderson

Special to The News.
Columbia, S. C., Nov. 29.—Governor Heyward today granted a respite until January 10, 1907, for John Henderson, colored, sentenced to be hanged at Sumter tomorrow. The officials and prominent citizens of Sumter, have petitioned for clemency for Henderson, because he twice was instrumental in preventing a

CATHEDRAL DEDICATED.

Handsome Building at Richmond Dedicated Today With Impressive Ceremony.

By Associated Press.
Richmond, Nov. 29.—With dedicatory ceremonies participated in by the most distinguished Catholics prelates in this country, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, today took its place as one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the United States and a monument of the church in the South.

The ceremonies began with the consecration at six this morning and were followed at eleven by the pontifical high mass. They attracted a large crowd to Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan came from New York.

Not only were Cardinal Gibbons, Apostolic Delegate Falconio and many arch Bishops and Bishops from all parts of the United States conspicuous figures in the services, but the State and city officials, including Governor Swanson and the mayor of Richmond, and a host of prominent laymen were assigned special seats in the Cathedral, admission to which was strictly by invitation.

The church is a magnificent edifice of the Italian Renaissance architecture, occupying a picturesque and commanding location, embracing the entire block in the heart of the fashionable part of Richmond and facing Monroe Park, with its acres of grass and trees. Within the building are five altars and two chapels.

The Cathedral was first contemplated by Monsignor McGill, a moderate bishop of Richmond, in 1865. The cornerstone was laid June 4, 1903, by the late Father Conway of the Jesuit Order.

TO BE SENTENCED.

R. A. Adams, Celebrated Prisoner Will Again be Sentenced to Hang.

Special to The News.
Columbia, S. C., November 29.—R. A. Adams, the celebrated prisoner who made his escape from the Colleton jail and for months defied arrest has been carried to Colleton where he will be sentenced again to be hanged. Adams killed his kinsman, Henry Jacques, and was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. He escaped from the Colleton jail and returned to his home where he was said to be defying arrest. At any rate he was not arrested and rewards for his arrest aggregating \$1,000 were offered. Finally an officer went to his home and without resistance placed him under arrest. He applied for a new trial and the Supreme Court called in all the circuit judges to hear the case. The new trial was refused and meanwhile the prisoner was kept in the State penitentiary for fear he would escape again. Now he has been taken back to Colleton in order that the court in session there may fix another day for his hanging.

Cause of Mutiny.

By Associated Press.
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 29.—The men from the cruisers Tennessee and Washington, declare that the alleged "mutiny" on the Tennessee occurred while the cruiser was being coaled on the isthmus for the return trip home and not during the trip on account of alleged poor rations.

All 15 now declared to be in riot on the Tennessee, those in the brig being confined for other offenses. There was no trouble among the men on the Washington.

Father Killed His Son.

Sneeds, Fla., Nov. 29.—Thomas Yon was fatally stabbed at Comfort, near here, last night by his father, Higdon A. Yon. The senior Yon had been drinking and was beating his wife when the son interfered. The father drew his knife and stabbed the young man just under the heart in the right breast. He then cut Mrs. Yon an ugly gash on the face, the blade penetrating the cheek and splitting her tongue. Higdon Yon was immediately arrested and carried to Marianna.

Thomas Yon died this morning. Mrs. Yon is related to some of the best families in Jackson county.

LOSS BY FIRE \$250,000.

Number of Fires Do Great Amount of Damage Today.

By Associated Press.
Altoona, Pa., May 29.—The opera house, Schilling & Dawson's hardware store, Joseph Benzel's department store, and the Mountain Supply Co's general store, together with nine dwellings and three barns in Gallitzin, Pa., were burned today. The loss is \$250,000.



President Samuel Spencer, of Southern Railway, Killed in Fatal Wreck on Southern this Morning

In Wreck Which Occurred 11 Miles South of Lynchburg this Morning President Spencer was Killed Instantly.

Train No. 37 Ran into Rear of No. 33. Phillip Schuyler, Engineer Terry; D. W. Davis and Unidentified Man Killed.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, was killed this morning in a wreck which occurred at Lawyer, 11 miles south of Lynchburg. Several members of the party who were in President Spencer's car are reported to be seriously injured.

At the general offices of the Southern Railway the following statement has been issued:
"Southern Railway passenger train, No. 33, left Washington last night late, by reason of the congested holiday traffic. About 6:30, at Lawyer, Va., on a portion of the road protected by the block system, the train was stopped for slight repairs to the couplings. Passenger train 37, following 33 and being given a clear block, ran into the rear of 33, resulting in a serious wreck.

"Our present advices indicate the collision was probably due to the negligence of the operator in allowing 37 to pass the block.

"President Spencer and party of friends were in the officer's car at the rear of 33 and the reports are that President Spencer was killed and several of the party seriously injured.

Watt Davis, special train dispatcher of the Southern, is among the killed. The Other Victims.
Lynchburg, Nov. 29.—President Spencer's body was burned beyond recognition.

Phillip Schuyler of New York, one of President Spencer's party, was also killed, as was Spencer's special train dispatcher, D. W. Davis, of Alexandria, and Engineer Terry.

One man, not yet identified, was also killed. Eight negroes were injured, one probably fatally.

President Spencer's coach was entirely burned.

Vivid Story of Wreck.
President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway system, who was on route to the South on a hunting trip was killed this morning in a rear end collision at Lawyer, ten miles south of Lynchburg. The private car in which he was riding was struck and split open by the colliding locomotive. It immediately caught fire and the body of President Spencer was burned almost beyond recognition.

In the car with him were Phillip Schuyler of New York; Spencer's Private Secretary Murrill and Private Dispatcher D. W. Davis of Alexandria. Operator Davis was crushed and died in 15 minutes. Schuyler was instantly killed, but his body was not badly burned before it was rescued by passengers.

Engineer C. Terry who was on the rear train was killed. There is another man among the killed whose name cannot be learned.

Private Secretary Murrill was wounded, but the nature of his injuries have not been learned. Twelve or fifteen passengers, most of them negroes, were wounded, only one of whom is thought fatally. Eight negroes are in the city hospital here.

The collision was between the Jacksonville express and the Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited. The Jacksonville train stopped on the top of a very heavy grade a mile north of Lawyers depot to repair a

Ideal Thanksgiving Day Observed in Good Old Fashioned Way Here

here at 5:52 and 6:45 did not arrive before this afternoon.
Mr. O. P. Heath on Wrecked Train.
Mr. O. P. Heath, of this city, was a passenger on one of the wrecked trains which collided near Lynchburg this morning. He dispatched the following telegram to Charlotte: "Bad wreck. I am safe. Telephone family."

COGNAC KILLS CHILD.

Mother's Mistaken Direction Leads to Death of Son at Sea.

New York, Nov. 29.—Eight-year-old Vladimir Bayer, who with his mother, Mrs. M. Bayer, a cabin passenger on the Holland-American liner Statendam, which arrived here last night, died on November 19, as the result of drinking eight ounces of cognac. The child's body was buried at sea.

Vladimir was in the stateroom with his mother, who was suffering from sea sickness. The child asked for a drink of water and the mother pointed to a bottle on the shelf. The child mistook the cognac for water—the two bottles were together—and drank the strong liquid.

The ship's physician found the lad in a comatose state. All efforts to revive him were futile and he died the following day.

Mrs. Bayer attempted to throw herself overboard after the child's body had been lowered into the sea. She came to America to join her husband, who resides in Cleveland.

ARTHUR DEVLIN TO WED.

Noted Ball Player Marries Miss Wilk, of Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.—The matrimonial fever that seems to have prevailed here among professional baseball players since the close of the past season has found its latest victim in Arthur Devlin. This evening, according to announcement, the big third baseman of the New York Giants takes as his bride Miss Irma M. Wilk, daughter of Fred M. Wilk, vice-president of the Union Trust Company of this city. The ceremony takes place at the home of the bride's parents and immediately thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Devlin are to leave for California to remain there until time for the bridegroom to report for the training season next spring. Miss Wilk is said to have first met the baseball player while she was attending a girls' school near Washington, when he was leading the Georgetown University team to victories. The couple will make their future home in New York city.

Caruso Received.

New York, Nov. 29.—Enrico Caruso was given a cordial reception when he appeared a few moments after the curtain went up on "La Boheme" at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The only suggestion of disapproval was mild hissing from different parts of the house. After a few seconds this was hushed. The applause, which lasted several minutes, was the strongest in the balconies and galleries, where many Italians and Frenchmen were seated. After his first solo Caruso was given an ovation and bestowed appreciation.

The house was comfortably filled but not crowded, and seats in the balconies were still to be had at 3:45 o'clock. The police guarded all the exits and were in evidence throughout the house and in the wings of the stage.

Ohio Academy of Science.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 29.—From schools and colleges throughout the State leading educators gathered today at Ohio State University to take part in the annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science. Today was given over to preliminaries and social features of the gathering. Tomorrow will be taken up with the regular program of papers, addresses and discussions of interest to the scientists and Saturday, the final day of the meeting, the member of the academy will pay visits of inspection to the educational institutions and other places of interest in and about the city.

Reunion of Baseball Family.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ganzel, the parents of a noted family of ball players, celebrated their golden wedding today and the event was made memorable by the attendance of nearly all of the fifty-four members of their immediate family. Several of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ganzel have attained wide fame as professional baseball players, among them John Ganzel, who will captain the Cincinnati National league team next year, and Joe Ganzel, who has captained teams in the Inter-State and Southern Michigan leagues.

Mr. Walter Bickett has resigned his position at the store of McLaughlin and Wallace, at Sardis.

Jury Return Verdict of Not Guilty in The Hedrick Case

By Bell Long-Distance Phone.
Special to The News.
Lexington, N. C., Nov. 29.—A small frame store in the heart of the town burned at 1 o'clock this morning. It was occupied by Crave & Bros. The loss is \$1,000 with \$750 insurance. The fire put the business section in danger.

Salisbury, N. C., November 29.—The jury in the Hedrick case returned a verdict of not guilty to-day at 12:29 o'clock and Hedrick is now a free man. The verdict meets with the general approval here.

For some time the sentiment was against Hedrick, but since the beginning of the trial and the developments of its case by the defense, there has been great change in this sentiment.