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Lives of Over 300 Persons Imperilled by Fire Which Swept Factory

Fire Broke Out in Structure of Large Manufacturing Plant Early Today. Many Jumped from Fourth Story.

One Man Seriously Hurt and Dozen Others Injured. A Mad Rush for the Exits by Panic-Stricken Employees.

By Associated Press.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 26.—The lives of from 300 to 500 employees in the large five-story mill of the Cochecho Manufacturing Company, were imperilled by the fire that swept through the structure with great rapidity, shortly after all the hands were at their places.

Many were hurt by jumping from the fourth story windows.

One man, who with four others, was carried down on an extension ladder from the fifth floor, reported that as he groped his way to a window he stumbled over several prostrate forms.

Push for Exits.

The two men who jumped from the fourth floor were seriously hurt and a dozen others treated for hurts of a less serious nature.

There were no fire escapes and the panic-stricken employees made a wild rush for the exits.

Leaps to Frozen Ground.

The employees on the fifth floor rushed to the fourth in large numbers.

Finding the smoke and flames had cut off the exit down the stairways, many leaped from the windows to the frozen ground.

Some of the cooler-headed ones attached ropes to the window frames and slid down rapidly, burning the skin of their hands.

Four men crouched at an open window on an upper floor, gasping for air, were discovered by the firemen. They were nearly unconscious from smoke before they were rescued.

No Lives Lost.

The managers have satisfied themselves that no lives were lost and only two men injured.

QUAKE AFFECTS OIL FIELD.

Gulf Field Loses and North Texas Field Increases Production. Galveston, Jan. 26.—The Gulf Coast oil fields have decreased their production over 45 per cent, within the last week, and the cause is attributed to seismic disturbances in Jamaica.

The sudden drop was noticed the second day after the Jamaica earthquake, and 17 wells in Texas and Louisiana went dry. After the Valparaiso earthquake many wells ceased to flow, while an immense oil lake appeared on the Gulf. The North Texas oil fields have increased 100 per cent, since the Jamaica shocks, and the product is much lighter in color.

INDIAN ATHLETES DINED.

Carlisle's Football Squad Guests of the Faculty.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 26.—The annual football banquet tendered by the officials of the Carlisle Indian School to the three-score of redskinned pigskin chasers who worked hard for their alma mater during the fall months was given Thursday in the Indian school gymnasium.

Glenn S. Warner, lately returned to the Carlisle school as athletic director, contributed largely to the success of the affair. The music was furnished by the famous Carlisle Indian Band, and the immense hall was elaborately decorated in the Indian colors—red and old gold. All the noted Indian athletes responded to toasts.

JEPARD HALE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Dead Man Had \$480 in Cash, But Was Scantily Cloed.

Warsaw, Va., Jan. 26.—Jepardy Hale, aged 59 years, was found frozen to death at the sawmill of G. H. Withers, near Haynesville. On his person was found \$480 in cash. He was poorly clad and was unable to withstand the severe cold.

Henry Harrington, aged 65 years, of Mount Clemens, Mich., died at the Warsaw House this morning at 8 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks of heart trouble.

Defective Grass Seeds.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Representative Mann in a speech in the House showed that grass seeds purchased in the open markets contained adulterants and charged that a large percentage of low grade seeds came from Europe and Canada.

Did Murderer Seek Revenge?

Dr. Townsend Shot Three Times by Mysterious Man, Discovered in Room. A Similar Tragedy. Was it Vengeance?

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 26.—Dr. Charles W. Townsend, living at West New Brighton, Staten Island, was probably mortally wounded, presumably by a burglar.

The doctor's assailant, who entered the Townsend home at 4 o'clock this morning, escaped after shooting the doctor three times, the third bullet lodging near the heart.

Mrs. Townsend saw a man in the room with a revolver in his hand. She screamed and awoke the doctor who was shot by the intruder. The telephone wires were cut.

Was it Revenge? The case is surrounded in mystery, but from the meagre details permitted to leak out by the officials it is believed the act was one for vengeance and not of a burglar as was first believed.

Not a single article was taken from the house.

This is also believed to be borne out by stories told the coroner by the doctor and his wife.

The Townsend home is scarcely a half mile from the Spier home, which was the scene of a tragedy a year ago strangely like that today.

Hospital Deeds Back to Selwyn

The Institution for Alleviation of Suffering, Now Being Enlarged, will be One of the Completest in the South.

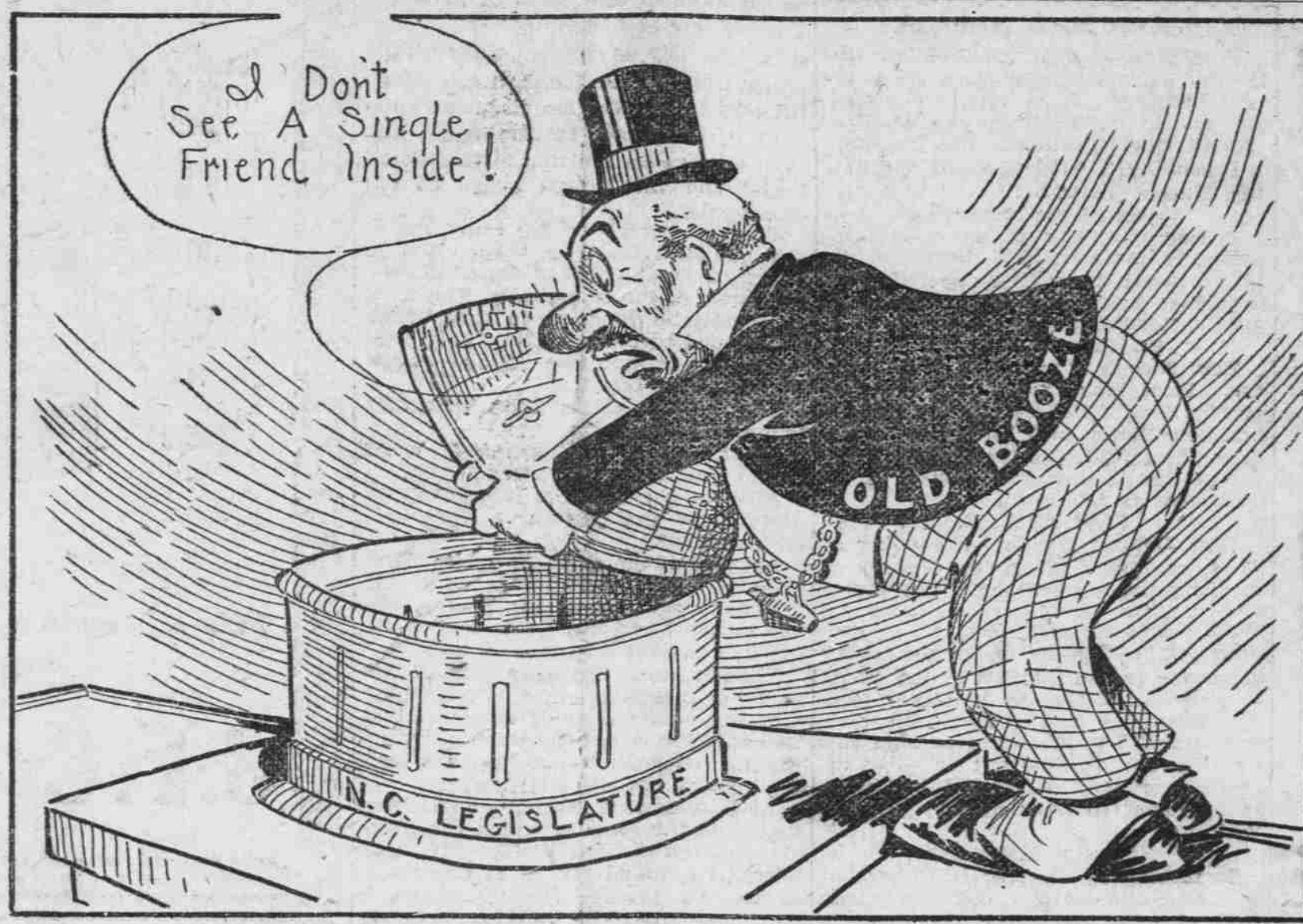
With the addition of a \$15,000 brick building, containing about 25 patients' rooms, administration and reception rooms, St. Peter's Hospital will be one of the largest and best equipped in North Carolina. This institution has already a wide reputation, its surgeons and corps of physicians, including some of the most prominent in the Carolinas, and the equipment for treating patients afflicted with various diseases is complete with every appliance from the smallest knife to the costliest X-ray machines. The new addition, which fronts about 80 feet on Poplar street, extending from Sixth to the Summerville lot, is three stories high with a wide promenade veranda spanning the entire length of each floor and the plans are so arranged that the high pitched attic may be converted into another floor of rooms should the future growth of the hospital demand it. The basement is so arranged that extra rooms may be provided with but little alteration.

On the southeast corner of the new addition is a large sun parlor 14 feet square with windows facing both east and South so that patients may be given sun baths at any time of the day without depending on the veranda which is not of service in bad weather. This room was especially provided for this purpose and is complete in its arrangement. The operating room will remain in the old building at its present location; the reception room, two superintendents' rooms and two treatment rooms and one special patient's room with private bath attached and the remaining administration rooms will constitute the first floor plan while on the second and third floors will be located the additional score or more of single bed rooms for patients.

Including the rooms for patients in the new addition and those in the old building, and also in the charity department, the hospital will have accommodations for 60 or more patients who will be under the able superintendency of Miss Henly and her corps of 15 trained nurses.

The surgical department is complete in equipment for the most delicate of operations. This department is in charge of Dr. George W. Pressley, as chief surgeon, and Dr. E. C. Register, hospital physician; but this does not convey the idea that any other physician has not an equal privilege to send patients there for treatment. With two learned physicians and the others connected with the institution, the medical corps ranks as high in knowledge of the medical science and skill of surgery as any other hospital in this section of the South.

In connection with the hospital physicians it will be of interest to make note of Dr. E. C. Register's souvenir collection of operating knives, which were gathered by him on his extensive European travels. The collection numbers nearly 10 knives of various devices and many shapes. On each one is engraved both the doctor's name and the country in which it was purchased. Nearly every city of any consequence in the Old World is represented. The collection is a rare and valuable one and is the only one of



Mr. Clarkson Vindicated

Discussion in House and Senate Over Mr. Clarkson's Presence in Raleigh. A Groundless Debate.

By Bell Telephone.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—The House spent most of the day in discussing the bill putting solicitors on salaries, instead of fees. The bill came up as a special order. Winborne, of Hertford, is leading the support of the bill and Dowd, Yount, of Catawba, and others are opposing the bill.

A lively tilt occurred this morning between Representatives Preston, of Mecklenburg, and Yount. Mr. Yount had intimated that the only solicitor who was fighting the bill was Mr. Clarkson, of Rockingham.

Mr. Preston immediately took the part of Mr. Clarkson and went for Mr. Yount with gloves off, for making insinuations against Solicitor Clarkson. So warm did the controversy grow that it was necessary for the speaker to call both gentlemen to order. Mr. Yount said he did not mean there was anything wrong; that he was merely drawing an inference. It was then learned that Mr. Clarkson was in Raleigh for the sole purpose of attending the anti-Saloon League meeting and was not taking any part in the bill under discussion whatever.

Mr. Yount was beaten out entirely, it being proved to the satisfaction of every one that here was no reason whatever for his position.

Among the notable bills introduced was one by Mr. Julian, of Rowan, providing for an amendment to the charter of the People's Bank and Trust Company of Salisbury.

By Parsons, to regulate the laws of labor in factories, and to prevent children from working at night.

By Dowd, to provide for the gathering of information as to the effects of strong drinks and narcotics in the public schools.

By Winborne, to provide punishment for pools, trusts and conspiracies.

By Winborne, to create a fish commission.

The House finally passed the bill as to solicitors salaries with an amendment that solicitors shall receive \$2,500 if the fees amount to that much, all fees in excess to go to the State; also that if the fees amount to less than \$2,500 the solicitors shall have only the amount of the fees.

In the Senate. A similar discussion arose in the Senate, with regard to Mr. Clarkson's presence in Raleigh. The discussion came up while the Senate was considering the resolution to call on all State solicitors to furnish statements of the fees received in 1906. This resolution is in connection with the bill discussed yesterday to put solicitors on salaries, and which bill is to come up next Thursday as a special order. In the course of the discussion Mr. Webb, who is supporting the bill, made certain intonations from the fact that Mr. Clarkson was the only solicitor present.

Immediately Senators Pharr and Mason were up in protest against the fee intonations. It was shown that Mr. Clarkson's only motive for being in Raleigh was to attend the meeting of the anti-Saloon League. Mr. Webb then apologized for any reference he might have made to Mr. Clarkson, and the matter passed off pleasantly.

The resolution, to secure amounts of fees, passed.

Among the notable bills introduced was one by Senator Drury, of Wake, to provide for an enlargement of the State capitol, entailing an expenditure of about \$600,000.

The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$20,000 additional appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition, making \$50,000 in all.

GIRL RIDES ENRAGED BULL.

Saved Herself From Death And Kills Frenzied Beast.

Midlands, South Dakota, January 24.—Miss Maude Derroe, a young woman living on the prairie west of here, threw herself upon the back of an enraged bull yesterday, and rode the beast until he became exhausted and died.

The bull made a vicious attack upon Miss Derroe when she was walking across the prairie alone and unarmed.

The young woman, unable to make her escape, stood her ground and offered the enraged beast battle. After a brief and desperate struggle by which she was cruelly punished and well nigh killed, Miss Derroe, by an almost superhuman effort, threw herself upon the back of the bull. The beast tried hard to throw her, but she reared on the prairie and had ridden wild horses from the time she was a child, and she made shift to keep her seat.

Finding that she could not be unseated, the maddened beast started to run at the top of his speed, and he ran thus with the girl clinging to his back until he finally fell to the ground with blood streaming from his mouth and nose and utterly exhausted. The bull died soon afterwards. The girl was uninjured by her wild ride, but was painfully hurt before she got astride the bull's back.—Ex.

CHINA FEEDS THE STARVING.

Mr. Coolidge Says it is First Time in Her History.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—J. G. Coolidge, former secretary of the American Legation at Peking, who arrived yesterday on the liner Korea, says that for the first time in its long history the Chinese Government is rendering organized relief to famine victims.

The rice tribute from districts in the vicinity of the famine-stricken area has been directed for the relief of the sufferers and is being systematically distributed under government direction. Refugees have been concentrated at Kang King and other large towns on the lower Yangtze, and the government aid has been effectively administered.

The refugees will have to be fed for four months, when a new crop is expected to restore normal conditions in the famine belt.

Mr. Coolidge believes there is little danger of a renewal of the anti-American boycott. The danger spot is Canton, and there a new victory, friendly to foreigners, has taken the place of the arbitrary and very unpopular governor under whose administration the boycott flourished.

Studying Our Library System. Miss Black, librarian of the Kenney-Cree free library at Spartanburg, S. C., Carnegie institute, is spending a few days in Charlotte studying Mrs. Annie Smith Ross' system. Miss Black thinks our library is very active in all its departments.

Cotton Receipts. The receipts of cotton today amounted to 72 bales at 10 1/2 cents. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to one bale at 11 1/2 cents.

Trinity Methodist Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Plato Durham, pastor.

Dr. George W. Graham and daughter, Miss Sallie Graham and Miss Mary Cameron Graham, of Hillsboro, will leave Charlotte next Wednesday night for New York from where they sail early in February for a trip to the Orient.

Messrs. J. A. and D. R. Yarborough are both on the sick list. The former strained his back a few days ago and the latter has a severe case of grip.

Ground was broken this morning for the erection of Mr. C. O. Brown's handsome dwelling on Elizabeth Heights.

Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson Explains Why she Cannot Take Pension

CASE OF MRS. C. W. BLAIR.

Woman Who Shot and Killed Husband Granted Bail at \$2,000 Conductor Armes' Statement.

Special to The News.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 26.—Mrs. C. W. Blair, who shot and killed her husband on Jan. 18th, has been granted bail in the sum of \$2,000.

Her attorney, P. H. Nelson, appeared before Judge Prince at Lexington yesterday and presented the statement of Mrs. Blair, made before the coroner's jury, along with a statement from Conductor Armes, with whom it is charged Mrs. Blair was intimate.

Judge Prince granted the bail but it has not yet been arranged.

In his statement, Mr. Armes denies that he was intimate with Mrs. Blair and asserts he and Blair were friends.

He was here on the 21st and registered from Charlotte.

He is a passenger conductor between Charlotte and Washington, on the Southern and formerly ran with Conductor Blair as flagman.

BORAX MILLIONAIRE WEDS.

Smith Takes As Bride the Secretary of Late Wife.

Oklahoma, Cal., January 26.—Miss Evelyn Ellis, who was for years private secretary to the late Mrs. Mary Smith became the bride last night of the departed philanthropist's husband, F. M. Smith, multi-millionaire "borax king" and master of Arbor Villa, a superb home in East Oakland, the scene of the former wife's splendid charities.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left in a private car for New York. They will make a wedding tour of the West Indies in the Smith steam yacht.

The bride, a talented English girl, entered the Smith household twelve years ago.

Seven Jurors Are Chosen

Three Days of Thaw Trial Have Passed With Only Seven Jurors Chosen Out of 101 Talesmen.

Probable Defense.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 26.—Three days of the trial of Harry K. Thaw have passed and the net work has been the selection of seven jurors.

Court has adjourned until Monday. To get seven jurors 101 talesmen, half of the panel drawn, have been examined. It is probable that the remaining five jurors needed will be found in the 100 talesmen still awaiting examination.

Fifty men were examined yesterday and two jurors secured.

Plans of Defense. The plans of the defense, while not definitely developed, are believed to be as at first supposed—emotional insanity and an appeal to the so-called "higher law."

Lawyer Hartridge, denied there had been disagreements between the members of his client's family.

Declared Reports False. Attorney Peabody declared there had been no quarrel in the family; also declared the report false that Harry Thaw and his wife contemplated a divorce if he is acquitted. He also said Thaw had not received threatening letters.

Rumors Won't Down. Rumors of difference between Mrs. Harry K. Thaw on one side and Mrs. William Thaw and Countess Yarmouth, Thaw's mother and sister respectively on the other, continued to be circulated to-day, despite the denial by Thaw's counsel of any such differences existing.

The reported differences are alleged to have arisen over the continued presence in the court room of Miss Mae McKenzie, the former chorus girl, who accompanies Mrs. Evelyn Thaw and sits by her during the session of court.

One of the reports in circulation, dealing with Thaw's motive for shooting Stanford White, that was to the effect that on the night before the shooting Thaw called on White and exacted from him a promise that he would never try to communicate with Evelyn Thaw again.

It was also reported that while at dinner in the safe Martin, four hours before the tragedy, Thaw intercepted a note from White asking Mrs. Thaw to meet him.

Inspect Charleston Yard.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 26.—Admiral Rosseau, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, has gone to Charleston, S. C., to make the first official inspection of the navy yard at that place and will give special attention to the progress of the work on the new dry dock.

Standard Oil Makes Advance.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Ohio, January 26.—The Standard Oil company announces an advance of 1-4 of 1 cent per gallon on all grades of refined, naphtha and gasoline, in barrels.

Senate Receives Letter From Mrs. Jackson, in Which she Gives her Reasons for Refusing to Accept Pension.

Asks the Senate to Appropriate Amount for Relief of Widows of Confederate Veterans. Senate Withdraws Bill.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—The Senate of North Carolina received a letter from Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, declining to accept the pension of \$100 a month, provided under the resolution introduced.

"I most welcomingly appreciate this patriotic and loyal tribute to the name of my hero-husband," she says, "but I do not feel that I would be justified in accepting it. I am informed that the laws of North Carolina limit all pensions to those who have not \$500 personal property, and as I do not come under this law, I respectfully request that the bill be withdrawn."

Mrs. Jackson suggests that the money proposed in her behalf be appropriated for the relief of destitute widows of Confederate veterans.

In accordance with the desire of Mrs. Jackson the bill calling for the pension was withdrawn.

There were feeling comments on the letters by Senators Lovill, of Watauga; Webb, of Buncombe and others, to the effect that it breached such a noble spirit and would constitute a valuable contribution to history that it should be spread on the journal of the Senate.

This was ordered and Senator Lovill announced that at the request of Mrs. Jackson he would withdraw the bill for the pension.

IMPORTANT WITNESS NON EST. Recorder Displeased Over Absence of Roadmaster in Larceny Case.

Because Mr. A. E. Gess, roadmaster of the Seaboard Air Line, did not appear as prosecuting witness against Fred McClain, a switchman, charged with burglary at the Seaboard depot, Recorder Shannonhouse appeared to be much put out this morning. He continued the case and put Mr. Gess under \$100 bond to appear Monday.

"I'm inclined to dismiss the case because of the failure of Mr. Gess to be here," said the Recorder, "but it is too serious to dismiss."

"I don't think Mr. Gess is anxious to push the charges," said Mr. J. D. McCall, attorney for the McClain boy.

"If I thought he was staying away for that reason," said the Recorder, "I'd put him in jail."

Several railroad men thought Mr. Gess was away from the city.

McClain was charged with breaking into Mr. Gess' office and taking several lantern globes and a silver watch. Several witnesses testified that McClain had a right to get the lantern globes, so the Recorder had the warrant changed so as to charge only the larceny of the watch.

Mr. and Mrs. McClain, step-father and mother of the young man testified that the watch was found in their garden, but that they never saw it or knew it to be in the possession of their son.

Mr. R. L. Owens, yard clerk, said he saw a watch chain protruding from McClain's pocket. He knew that McClain owned no watch before that.

John Rogers, of Greenville, a colored man, was charged with a vicious assault upon his wife, Mary Rogers, who appeared in court with a swollen face. She testified to a most brutal attack by the husband, of being thrown down, beaten, kicked and stamped upon. A family jar within a family jar was a feature of her evidence, for she said her husband broke a jar over her head.

Rogers insisted that his wife, who provoked him by failure to cook for him and by flirting, had first thrown a smoothing iron at him. The recorder seemed to think that this evidence was discounted by Officer Porter's testimony that Rogers had said upon his arrest: "Hasn't a man got a right to whip his wife to make her mind him?"

Residence at Huntersville Burned. The residence of Mr. S. A. Knox, at Huntersville, was burned this morning before day.

The flames had got so well under way that the inmates barely had time to escape, and little furniture was saved. A buggy load would easily cover what was taken out of the house. There was some insurance on the building, though none of the furniture.

—Mr. J. M. McLaughlin, the upholsterer, is unable to be up owing to illness.