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Coolness of Elevator Boy Saved Hundred Girls from Flames

When Fire Broke Out in Five Story Building girls Employed Were Saved from Panic by Elevator Boy.

Youth Coolly Carried Down Load After Load Till All Were Rescued—Another Bad Fire—Heavy Damage.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 14.—The candy factory of Arthur Essing, at 282 Pearl street, a five story structure, was burned.

All girls employed in the factory camped.

Another Big Fire...

One hundred aged men and women as many small children were given out of the German Odd Fellow Home in the Bronx by fire which started in the rear of the institution.

Several of the aged inmates, who were confined to their beds by illness, were rescued from the building by policemen and attendants.

The fire was extinguished after causing damage to the extent of about \$500 and had filled the building with smoke.

Elevator Boy a Hero.

One hundred girls were employed in the factory and were rescued by the coolness of the elevator boy, Henry Goch.

The girls were saved from panic by his coolness.

He took five loads down to the first floor before the flames, which started in the bottom of the elevator shaft, reached the height where he was compelled to abandon his car.

On his last trip the fire burst into the car and burned his hands.

The girls not taken down by the elevator reached the ground safely by the fire escapes.

S. A. L. Ready For New Rate

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—Governor Glenn was notified this morning by the officials of the Seaboard Air Line that all arrangements were perfected by them for the new compromise passenger rates to be put in operation throughout the Seaboard Air Line system in this state on April 1st.

The governor says the Seaboard is the first of the North Carolina companies to give notice of the perfected arrangements for the compromise rates.

Commissions issued.

Commissions were issued to E. D. Kendall, captain; P. D. Shaw, first lieutenant and W. A. Johnson second lieutenant, Goldsboro Company, Third Regiment, Wayneville, captain company B, first regiment.

Another commission is to S. L. Rother Raleigh, as battalion quartermaster and commissary of the third infantry rank, second lieutenant.

New Incorporation.

A charter is issued the Red Springs Live Stock Company, of Robeson county, for breeding of live stock, especially horses and horses of the most improved blood. The authorized capital is \$20,000. Incorporators, R. A. McKeehan, J. P. Brown and others.

Must Pay Fine of \$5,000,000 Imposed

By Associated Press.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 14.—The superior court of Venezuela handed down a verdict confirming the judgment of the lower court, which condemned the New York and Bermuda Asphalt Company to pay a fine of \$5,000,000 to the Venezuelan government for having extended assistance to the Alfas revolution, which was directed against President Castro.

Whitney Power Company Sues Gillespie Company

Special to The News.

Greensboro, N. C., March 14.—John S. Henderson, receiver of the Whitney Company, began suit in Federal court yesterday against the T. A. Gillespie Company for nearly a million dollars for alleged breach of contract when and horses of the most improved blood. The authorized capital is \$20,000. Incorporators, R. A. McKeehan, J. P. Brown and others.

Judge Boyd issued an order attaching the Gillespie Company's property in Rowan and Stanley county. Although a writ is commenced by issuing a writ of attachment from the court at Greensboro it will be the first case in the United States circuit court docket at Salisbury.

James Burton Craig and F. J. Jerome, of Salisbury, represent the plaintiffs.

GREENSBORO CENTENNIAL TO BE HELD OCT. 11-16

Special to The News.

Greensboro, N. C., March 13.—At a largely attended meeting of the board of governors for the centennial celebration of the foundation of Greensboro, held last night it was decided to hold the centennial October 11-16 inclusive. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, great interest being manifested in the movement to inaugurate to make the centennial worthy of the city of Greensboro and of Guilford county. The board of governors is composed of the following: Messrs. T. A. Hunter, A. M. Scales, R. D. Douglas, W. S. Thompson, C. M. Vantroy, G. Daniel, M. W. Thompson, L. J. Brandt, J. I. Foust, G. S. Bradshaw and Caesar Cone. The board appointed a committee to cooperate with the finance committee in soliciting funds to defray the expenses of the centennial, the amount of \$10,000 being desired.

Greensboro Opera House Leased.

The board of aldermen has leased the Grand Opera House to H. H. Tate of Greensboro, at \$1650 per annum. S. A. Schloss of Wilmington, the present lessee, bid \$1400 dollars.

Will Take Passengers From Grounded Ship

By Associated Press.

Woods Hole, Mass., March 14.—Similarity between the fog signal on the New Hen and Chickens lightship, and that on the Vineyard Sound lightship is said to have been the cause of the grounding of the Silvia.

Arrangements have been made to take the passengers, numbering 25, off the ship.

A thick fog prevailed at the time of the accident.

Y. W. C. A. Formally Opened In Winston-Salem

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 14.—The formal opening of the Young Woman's Christian Association in their attractive rooms in the Gilmer building was attended by a great throng during the receiving hours.

Miss Shaw, the new secretary, is thoroughly adapted to the work and a lady of pleasing personality.

Threatening Letters Received By Spartanburg Officers

Spartanburg, S. C., March 14.—Black Hand letters have been received by Mayor J. F. Boyd and Police Captain Robert Hall. The letters are written in red ink and dire threats are made.

The author of the letters said that the two officials had only three more days to live.

Residence Burned at Winston-Salem—Big Loss

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 14.—Mr. W. A. Lineville's \$4,000 residence was burned this morning. Most of the furniture was saved. There was no insurance on the building.

Mr. Lineville is seriously ill with pneumonia and had to be carried from the burning building to the house of a neighbor.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE County Convention Called for April 11th.

By Associated Press.

The county Republican executive committee, at a meeting this afternoon in the law offices of Mr. J. F. Newell, chairman, called the county convention for the election of delegates to the State congressional and judicial conventions, on April 11th, at 3 o'clock. The precinct primaries will be held on Friday, April 10th.

The county precincts will be convened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and in all incorporated towns at 8 o'clock at night. Delegates will be elected at this time to the county convention which will be held in Charlotte the following day.

Mr. Garrett Denies Rumor.

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., March 14.—W. A. Garrett, executive official for the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line, gave a personal denial to the report that he is to become general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line and stated that he has no idea of retiring from his present position with the Seaboard.

Two Men Killed by Train.

By Associated Press.

Richmond, Va., March 14.—Two unknown men were struck by a passenger train on the R. F. and P., near Taylorville, and killed.



American Trust Buys City Bonds

Local Bank Will Pay Premium of \$2,500 On \$100,000 Bond Issue Which Sold to Fund Floating Debt.

By Associated Press.

Charlotte has sold a \$100,000 bond issue to the American Trust Company of this city, at a premium of \$2,500 and interest.

The sale of the bonds was negotiated at a meeting of the finance committee of the board of aldermen, which met last night to receive the bids.

The finance committee is to be congratulated, and the city also, on the fact that the sale of these bonds at these figures shows what the financial world thinks of the credit of Charlotte.

Big Steamer Wrecked.

By Associated Press.

Durham, March 14.—The British steamer Newark Castle, belonging to the Union Castle Line, has been wrecked at Richards Bay. The few passengers on board, together with a part of the crew, have been safely landed.

The captain and a dozen men remained aboard.

Kitchen Visits The Capitol

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—Congressman W. W. Kitchen spent several hours in Raleigh yesterday on his campaigning rounds in connection with his running for the democratic nomination for governor to succeed Governor Glenn. Asked as to his movements Mr. Kitchen evaded any statement as to where he had been, and said he was here waiting for the 2:50 train for Durham, where he would spend for the night, going to his home in Roxboro Saturday. Mr. Kitchen would make no statement as to the status of his contest for the nomination. He was looking well, but his appearance indicated the effects of strenuous campaigning.

Governor Glenn today commissioned E. G. Barclay as commissioner of affairs at Danville, Va.

Private Secretary A. H. Arrington is busy these days under the direction of Governor Glenn paying out the balances due the North Carolina volunteers in the Spanish-American war out of the \$24,000 placed at the disposal of the governor for this purpose by the United States war department. Thus far there have been 2,100 of these claims paid. There are about 4,000 in all.

The new Burlin Lumber Company files with the secretary of state a certificate of removal of its principal office from Wilmington to New Burlin in Columbus county. P. H. Sears is president and S. Mitchell secretary.

Night Riders Burn Barns

By Associated Press.

Varstiles, Ky., March 14.—Three barns in Woodford county and one just across the line in Scott, were burned by masked men.

A number of shots were fired but as far as known nobody was hurt.

Governor Wilson and a party of legislators were returning from Lexington to Frankfort on a trolley car and passed the "night riders" without knowing it near McKees Cross roads.

Caught Wireless Messages.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., March 14.—Wireless signals and bits of messages from the American battleship fleet at Magdalena Bay, have been caught in Seattle. The operator at the wireless station at the University of Washington heard the vessels of Admiral Evans' fleet signalling the Point Loma station.

WAS DEAD MAN A MEMBER OF THE "BLACK HAND?"

By Associated Press.

New York, March 14.—A well-dressed, prosperous looking Italian was shot to death in a street duel with two men at 114th street and First avenue.

The two men made their escape and have not been captured.

From stories told by several persons who witnessed the affair, it is believed the dead man was a black hand agent and that his death was the result of an attempt to collect a tribute from the men, who afterwards killed him, or that he sought revenge upon one of the men he attacked.

To Lengthen Piedmont Line

The Extension Will Give Splendid Service to People of Belmont—Total Distance Piedmont To Hoskins Will be 7 Miles

By Associated Press.

In a further extension of the street car lines of the city the thriving suburb of Belmont is playing in good luck. The Piedmont line is to make a loop through Belmont encircling four blocks.

Belmont is one of the most populous suburbs of Greater Charlotte. It's people are thrifty and hardworking, sending their children to school and training them for successful work in the future. The new car service will be a great convenience for them and no section of the city could appreciate it more.

The Piedmont terminus of the Piedmont-Hoskins line, of the Charlotte Electric Railway system, will therefore be extended a distance of approximately one and one-half miles through Belmont. The 4C's management has had this extension in view for some months and after quietly working out the best possible route through that community are now ready to begin the construction work. The work will commence within the next two or three weeks. The extension of this line a mile and a half will make the Piedmont end practically the same distance from the square as the Hoskins end or a total distance from one terminus to the other of a fraction more than seven miles.

The extension will begin from the present terminus of the line in front of the residence of Mr. B. D. Heath, at the corner of Central and Louise avenues. From this point the route will be as follows: down Central avenue for two blocks to Kingston avenue; thence to the left on Kingston avenue across Peachtree street to the Seaboard Air Line railroad where the line will go under the tracks through a sub-way crossing to be built by the road; thence to the left, following the right-of-way between the tracks and the Louise mills, crossing Louise avenue and on to Pogram street; thence to the right along Pogram street crossing Gibbon, Belmont and Heriot avenues to St. George avenue; thence to the left crossing Allen street to Harrell street; thence along Harrell street to Belmont avenue; thence along Belmont avenue to Pogram street, completing a loop encircling four blocks.

Bennett Gets Only \$400

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 14.—The entire day was taken up in the superior court here yesterday in hearing the \$3,000 damage suit instituted a year and a half ago by C. T. Bennett, of this city, against M. J. Wrenn, proprietor of the High Point Furniture factory.

In his complaint Bennett alleged that while working in the High Point factory in 1903 his left hand was caught in a saw, the result being that his fingers were badly lacerated. The case was given to the jury last night.

The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$400.

Engineers Confer Monday.

By Associated Press.

Monday is the time set for the conference between the city engineer, Mr. Joseph Firth and representative engineers of the Southern and Seaboard East Line railroads in regard to the railroad street crossing. It is said the railroad engineers will submit plans for the under-track crossing entirely different from those prepared by Mr. Firth.

IMPORTANT BILL TO GROWERS OF TOBACCO IS UP

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—A bill of great importance to the tobacco interests of the country was passed by the house.

Among other things it provides for the removal of the tax on leaf tobacco when bought by storekeepers of dealers and sold to consumers; permits to storekeepers to buy and sell it as any other commodity without paying tax and abrogates certain rules of the internal revenue bureau which prevents the grower from selling or delivering his tobacco to consumers by his agent.

Union National Bank Will Open Its Doors Here on First of May

A SENSATIONAL DAMAGE SUIT UP AT ASHEVILLE

Special to The News.

Asheville, N. C., March 14.—Robert R. Reynolds, as special master, is hearing testimony of several Asheville physicians, in the \$100,000 damage suit of Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York, against the Philadelphia "North American." Francis Tracey Tobin, of Philadelphia, is here for the plaintiff, while ex-Judge James G. Gordon, and Allan H. Morgan are here on behalf of the defendant.

The grounds for the suit was the publication in the North American of an address made by Dr. Knopf before the convention of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, held at Washington May 6-8 of last year. In the course of that address Dr. Knopf maintained that he said:

"An when we are in the presence of a dying consumptive, suffering, I believe it is our sacred duty to give him morphine to relieve his pain and make him comfortable and let him die easy."

The North American, it is alleged, put a wrong construction on his statement; attributed to him the remark: "Kill your dying consumptives quickly and painlessly by heavy doses of morphine;" and then quoted Dr. Knopf as saying: "One thing I wish to say at this point. It is my practice, and it is your sacred duty when you see a dying consumptive before you, to give that sufferer morphine in plenty, that the end may come quickly and painlessly."

It is alleged that Dr. Knopf demanded that the paper retract this statement, and upon their refusal to do so the suit was begun. The case will probably be tried in the United States court at Philadelphia.

The Asheville physicians examined yesterday, were present at the convention before which Dr. Knopf made his address. They were: Dr. Charles L. Minor, Dr. W. L. Dunn, Dr. Carl Von Ruck, Dr. Silvio Von Ruck, and Dr. H. B. Weaver.

Great attention was given the North American's report of Dr. Knopf's address by the press of Germany, France and England, as well as of America, and was commented on under such headlines as "Doctor Kills Consumptives;" "Dr. Knopf Advises That All Hopeless Consumptives Be Killed;" "Says Dr. Knopf," etc., etc.

For Welfare of The Child

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The morning session of the International Congress on the Welfare of the Child, was given over to addresses.

The principal speaker was Dr. Charles S. Turnbull, who spoke on "A Consideration of the Welfare of Deaf Children, and the Duty of the Medical Profession."

Other addresses were made on "Backward and Deficient Children;" "Education of the Deaf;" "Extension of Opportunities for Early Training in Speech and Language for Deaf Children;" "Hearing and Hindrances in Acquiring Speech and Language at the Proper Age."

Manning Will Look After Kitchen's Interests

Special to The News.

Greensboro, N. C., March 14.—The friends here of Congressman Kitchen, were pleased to hear that Hon. Jas. S. Manning, of Durham, had taken charge of the Kitchen campaign for governor and had opened central headquarters in Durham.

It is understood that there are a great many local organizations throughout the state in charge of local managers and the announcement that Mr. Manning has consented to have the general supervision of the entire field, is gratifying to the Kitchen forces here.

Elba Company Will Increase Its Capacity

By Associated Press.

The Elba Manufacturing Company will, at the close of the present season, make additions to its plant north of the city. A large storage building will be erected besides an addition to the building proper. The present capacity of the plant is 100,000 tons of goods. This will be increased to 120,000 tons. The cost of these added improvements will be about \$10,000.

New York to Paris Race.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., March 14.—The American car in the New York-to-Paris race left Evanston this morning for Ogden.

Enraged Deputy Sheriff Kills Prominent Citizen

Special to The News.

Columbus, N. C., March 14.—Deputy Sheriff Lee Fisher, yesterday shot and killed R. F. W. Allston, bookkeeper for the Fryon Hosier Mill Company.

Allston had engaged Fisher to do some work in his vineyard. Some hot words passed between the men in regard to the work, when Fisher drew a pistol and shot Mr. Allston dead in the hosiery company's office. Fisher is reported to have been drinking heavily. He did not attempt to make his escape, but quietly rode off on his mule to his home, where, it is said, that he will surrender to Sheriff Robertson and be lodged in the county jail here today.

Mr. H. M. Victor Will be The Cashier, And Will Have Back of Him Some of Charlotte's Strongest Business Men.

Capital Will Be \$100,000, of Which \$60,000 is Subscribed—The Stand Will be The Buford Reading Room.

Because of his strong faith in the city's future and in spite of an alluring offer from a leading bank in another city, Mr. H. M. Victor has remained in Charlotte to organize a new bank, which promises to become one of the strongest financial institutions here. It will be called the Union National Bank of Charlotte and will have a capital of \$100,000—1,000 share of \$100 each.

Mr. Victor will be cashier and the officers of the bank will be well known Charlotte business men to be chosen after the stockholders have had their first meeting and selected a board of directors. The new bank will be open for business about May 1st, and it has been fortunate enough to secure for its stand the large room in the Buford hotel known as the "reading room" of that hostelry. This will afford the institution a centrally located and convenient place of business.

Stock Eagerly Taken.

After consultation with a number of leading business men, some of whom will themselves be stockholders, it has been decided that such a bank as will be established has every guarantee for a successful career and useful business life. It is considered premature to give the names of the stockholders of the bank before they shall have met and chosen their directors, and the latter the officers, to consist of a president and vice-president, in addition to Mr. Victor as cashier. All but two parties among the stockholders will be local men.

Of the proposed capital stock of \$100,000, as much as \$60,000 has already been subscribed and there is every prospect that the issue will be even over-subscribed before the bank opens.

Reasons for Starting Bank.

In speaking with a representative of the News today Mr. Victor stated that his reasons for launching this new bank were his conviction that Charlotte will be one of the greatest of southern cities in the near future, and that it is his preference as a place to pitch his tent. Mr. Victor went so far as to express his conviction that within 10 years Charlotte will be a city with 100,000 people. He has unbounded faith in its growth. It has stood the recent financial flurry better than most cities of the country, and when it shall have taken its second growth, as it is about to do, he has faith to believe that it will go on to a great future and unalloyed success.

Mr. Victor is a young man, but at the same time a man with a keen insight as a man of affairs, and his conviction that he could find no better place to cast his lot is only another finger pointing to this city's great future.

Mr. Victor's Experience.

Mr. Victor is a man who has studied banking from the time he was 16 years of age, when he first went into a bank in his home town of Lynchburg, Va. He was for a number of years cashier of the First National Bank of Danville, when four years ago he became cashier of the First National bank of this city, which position he resigned recently. His adaptability to his environment, his quick perception of the needs of a community from a banking standpoint, besides experience, are characteristics which have made him so successful in the past. He has made so careful a study of cotton in every phase of this gigantic business since he has been in Charlotte and knows thoroughly the needs of a cotton-growing and cotton-manufacturing community. Mr. Victor's genius as a banker would alone be a guarantee of his bank's success. Not only from a business, but from a social standpoint, it will be good news to Charlotte people that Mr. Victor is not to leave here.

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