

Occupants Of Auto Plunge Through Ice To Death

Two Men and Three Women Dashed to Instant Death Near Trenton, N. J. When Automobile Crashed Through Ice on Pond.

Wrote Riding in Darkness at Early Hour To-day--Driver of Machine is Still Alive--Ran a Mile Over Ice For Oil.

Associated Press.
Trenton, N. J., Jan. 13.—A "joy ride" party of five, three young women and two young men, were drowned today when a big automobile in which they were returning from a friend's visit to a road house ran off the highway in the darkness and plunged into a water power flume or canal at Brookville, three miles from here. The dead:
Donald Reed, son of former Supreme Court Justice Alfred Reed, of Reed's honor, near here.
Chester A. Van Clee, Trenton, an automobile salesman.
Miss Margaret Tindall.
Miss Annie Hazel.
Helen Mulvey, 17 years old.
The women are well known in this city.

A sixth member of the party, Frederick M. Foster, the owner and driver of the car, and a member of a well known Trenton family, escaped death in an almost miraculous manner.

With the thermometer below zero, the three men and the three women in this city last night and went to the road house several miles north of here. After reaching there several hours they started home. The weather became bitter cold, the top of the automobile was up and the side and front remains buttoned. The members of the party bundled up in furs and covered with cold-repelling rugs, had no chance to escape when the machine, moving homeward at a fast pace, suddenly left a short turn in the road and plunged into the ice covering the mill race at Brookville.

Foster over his escape from death to the fact that he was driving the car. He went down under the water's surface with the others but he managed to disentangle himself from the car and struggle ashore. He took Foster to the shore is not known but he managed to get to a roadhouse a mile away and summoned help. He was in too serious a condition to give assistance himself, so others went to the scene. In the meantime a physician was sent for who looked after Foster. He is threatened with pneumonia.

Young Foster, apparently recovering from his shock, was brought from the roadhouse to his father's home shortly before noon. He positively declined to make any statement as to how the accident occurred.

Up to noon only two bodies had been recovered, those of the Tindall and Mulvey girl. The coroner and his force of men are still trying to recover the corpses. The machine is embedded in the ice.

Former Justice Reed, father of one of the victims of the tragedy, was a heart broken member of the party that he was hunting in the ice covered waters of the canal for the bodies not yet recovered. Despite his years and his great grief, he aided and directed the efforts of the searchers.

CASE AGAINST FRANK GLADDEN CLOSED TO-DAY

Special to The News.
Shelby, N. C., Jan. 13.—The state introduced several witnesses to show that Gladden was of questionable character yesterday afternoon and closed his case. Argument was then begun by Solicitor Wilson. Following him was O. Max Gardner, for the defense. Mr. Gardner spoke for an hour when court adjourned, and finished his argument this morning. Mr. Falls followed by Mr. Wetmore, and last of all Mr. Hovey for the state is the order of the day. The case will go to the jury about 4 this afternoon.

ABDICATION OF MANCHU RULERS DECIDED UPON

By Associated Press.
Peking, Jan. 13.—The abdication of the throne has been practically decided upon, and the retirement to Jehol will take place almost immediately.

Probing Bookkeeping Methods of Packers

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—The investigation of the government into the bookkeeping methods of the 10 Chicago packers indicted for maintaining an alleged combination in restraint of trade was continued today when the trial was resumed before United States District Judge Carpenter.

PUBLICITY HELPS FIGHT ON MENINGITIS

By Associated Press.
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—The advantages of publicity in helping to control the spinal meningitis outbreak here became apparent today. Under big headlines local papers have for days published all facts obtainable about meningitis. The result is a public sentiment, physicians say, which helps better to enforce quarantine and makes concealment of the disease next to impossible.



NOTED GERMAN LEADERS

Men who were expected to be rebuked in the German elections to the Reichstag yesterday by large gains of Socialists and Liberal parties. On the left is the Kaiser, who has recognized the importance of the election by taking part in the campaign himself—the first time in the history of modern Germany that the Emperor has not preserved a neutral attitude. He caused the distribution of instructions to village prefects to ascertain the public opinion and meet it "with practical replies." On the right are Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg (above) and Secretary of Foreign Affairs Von Kiderlen-Waechter, who have put into execution the policy of the Kaiser for high tariffs and taxes, that has called forth a nation-wide protest of the masses of Germany's population. Their handling of the Moroccan, Turkish and Congo situations during the last year also has caused abuse to be heaped upon their heads. An overwhelming victory for the Socialist parties today as seems certain to be the case may mean that the Kaiser will move for the dismissal of his two chief counselors and executives.

The Nation Shivers In Grip Of Record Breaking Cold Wave

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—Snow covers the greater part of Georgia and the south and western portion of the Carolinas. At Charleston, S. C., the first snow in 11 years is falling. Business is practically suspended so the people may witness the unusual spectacle.

New York Freezing.
New York, Jan. 13.—This was the coldest day New York has experienced in eight years. From five degrees above zero at midnight the mercury climbed steadily down until at 6:30 a. m. it was three below. Then a rise set in and at 8 a. m. the temperature was one below with indications of a gradual rise throughout the day.

Worst Snow Storm in Years.
Lawrence, S. C., Jan. 13.—The worst snow storm since February 1898 has prevailed over this section since last night. The ground is covered to the depth of four inches.

At Dallas.
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—Six above zero at Dallas, five above at Waco and 16 above at Houston represented the average Texas temperature early today. The prospect is that warm weather will return tonight or tomorrow.

First Sleet in Charleston in Ten Years.
Charleston, S. C., Jan. 13.—For the first time in all of 10 years sleet is covered today with a thin mantle of sleet. The temperature reached its minimum of 31 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning. Man and beast found difficulty in traveling the streets, many horses fell. There was an inch of snow in 1901 and traces in 1902, 1903, and 1904. The forecast calls for more sleet and snow what colder weather Street cars are keeping schedule.

First Snow in Years.
Augusta, Ga., Jan. 13.—The first real snow storm that has occurred here in a dozen years began at 4 o'clock this morning and shows no signs of abating. The snow is accompanied by a stiff wind. Traffic is tied up and there is considerable suffering among the poor people of the city. The temperature here last night at 11 o'clock was 48 degrees but it began to drop rapidly until this morning it is 26. The snow is about four inches deep.

Philadelphia Shivering.
Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Zero weather was experienced in Philadelphia today for the first time in eight years. Throughout the state and in New Jersey and Delaware the temperature was the lowest in years, the mercury going to 12 and 15 degrees below in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for Charlotte and vicinity.
Snow this afternoon and tonight; Sunday, clearing. Brisk and probably high northeast winds.

MASONIC TEMPLE TO BE BUILT ON SOUTH TRYON

The Masonic Temple, which several generations of Charlotteans have hoped to see erected, is to be built in this year of Our Lord, 1912. The Temple is to be built on the corner of Tryon and Second streets which lot, until a few years ago, was the lower part of Mr. L. W. Sanders' property. This lot has been bought by the Masonic Temple Association, from Mr. E. D. Latta, for the sum of \$32,500. The association met last night, at which time the trade was made. The association's plan is to erect a building of not less than six or seven stories, to be used as a Masonic Temple, and office building. The details have not been entered into but the News has been told enough to authoritatively state that the building will be an ornament to South Tryon, and a pride to the association and the city.

TEXTILE MILLS AT LAWRENCE WERE REOPENED

By Associated Press.
Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 13.—All the textile mills were re-opened today without signs of disorder from the striking operatives. At the Washington, Wood, Ayer and Lawrence Dyeing Company, mill the workmen were confronted by guards. The men showed no signs of creating trouble and marched into the buildings in an orderly manner. Soon afterwards the paymasters began the work of distributing the weekly pay envelopes, which was the cause of the strike being started, the pay of the workers having been reduced incidental to the decrease in hours of labor to 54 a week. Whether a general strike would be called was to be decided upon at a meeting of the labor officials today. The mill officials plan to reopen for work next Monday morning and state that all the strikers who desire to return to employment will be allowed to do so.

Serious Fire In Philadelphia

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—Fire which for a time seriously threatened the business center of the city damaged property early today to the extent of about \$200,000. The temperature was at zero.

Barge And Four Men Lost in Storm

By Associated Press.
Charleston, S. C., January 13.—The towboat Margaret, which arrived today, reported the loss of one of the two phosphate laden barges she was towing from Norfolk to Wilmington, the other barge being picked up by the steamer Olive Grove. The captain of the Margaret said he lost his tow off the North Carolina coast in heavy weather. It is feared that the barge has been lost, her crew of four men perishing in the matter.

Reports Of Italian Successes In Tripoli Greatly Exaggerated

ATTACKED TAFT FOR FAILURE TO PROTECT BORDER AMERICANS
By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative Smith of Texas, a democrat, attacked President Taft in the house yesterday afternoon for alleged failure to protect Americans on the border during the Mexican revolution last year. Mr. Smith arraigned the republican administration for pursuing a policy of "spineless diplomacy," and for alleged refusal of all practical aid to Americans in the prosecution of their claims against the Mexican government, through Germany, China and other nations were pressing their citizens' claims.

Coal Dealers Reap A Rich Harvest

By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 13.—Coal dealers here are reaping a rich harvest as a consequence of the fall of the coal miners, which unofficial reports state to be largely in favor of a nationwide strike for a fixed minimum wage. The dispute affects about 900,000 men. There is no doubt that the requisite two-thirds majority in favor of a strike has been secured, but that fact does not necessarily mean that the strike will occur, for the employers and workers have until the end of February to reach a settlement and the prospects of an agreement being arrived at are favorable.

LIVED LIKE A MILLIONAIRE FOR A DAY

By Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 13.—Word came down from the room of John Jay McDevitt of Wilkesbarre, who was consumed with an ambition to live like a "millionaire for a day" and tried it yesterday when he came to town on a special train, that he was sleeping late this morning in keeping with the belief that it was a millionaire's privilege to stay under the covers as long as he wanted, especially when the thermometer was three degrees below zero.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

By Associated Press.
Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 13.—Fire which started in Minors department store at Logan, the county seat of Logan county, sixty miles south of here early today swept the whole business block and spread to the county courthouse which was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, only partially covered by insurance.

NEGRO HANGED AT NASHVILLE

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Tom Kinnon, a negro, was hanged at the state prison here this morning for criminal assault.

Letters From Officers And Men With Invading Army Describe in Detail the Extremely Unpleasant Position of Italian Troops at Front.

Fights Claimed as Victories in Reports of Commander-in-Chief Declared to Have Been Reversed—Engagements with Turks Frequent and Furious.
By Associated Press.

Rome, Jan. 13.—Letters from Italian officers and men serving with the invading army of Tripoli and Cyrenaica received by their friends in Italy, describe in detail the extremely unpleasant position of the Italian troops at the front.

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CHARLOTTE IN THE EMBRACE OF THE ICE KING

With the mercury at 15 degrees this morning at 8 o'clock, 14 degrees at 10 o'clock, 16 degrees at 11 o'clock, 4 inches of snow at 12 o'clock and a piercing northeast wind blowing Charlotte today is having her inning with boreal weather and everybody is regretting out of regard for the fitness of things, that it didn't all happen Thursday while Dr. Cook was here. Every other man you meet on the street is ready with the remark that "This is Doc. Cook weather, all right." If that isn't his exact remark he will at least refer to the (at present) prevalent superstition that this weather is following in the wake of the celebrated explorer.

SUNDAY DELIVERY OF COAL

In view of the fact that so many people are in need of fuel, Mayor Bland has issued a permit allowing the fuel dealers to make deliveries tomorrow. This will prove a great convenience to the public, for in many instances families have allowed their supply to run short and a great number of people get paid off Saturdays too late to get fuel today, therefore, tomorrow's deliveries will, in many cases, relieve needs.

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