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THE LOSS OF THE MAINE

A National Calamity Far Greater Than at First Reported—Only 96 Survive Out of 354—Was It a Foul Perpetration?

For once the first news of a great disaster was far below the full reality. The blowing up of the Maine in the harbor of Havana was a tragedy far more fatal and appalling than at first reported. Instead of 100 lives lost, which it was hoped would figure much lower, the death roll is now placed at 258. Of the 96 survivors 29 are in the hospital with powder burns, abrasions, broken bones, bruises and blindness. A number of the lost are the brave and obedient men who were cool enough to obey cool commanders and go down into the ship to flood a large quantity of gun cotton.

It is believed that two explosions occurred, which would be most likely if it was a foul perpetration. Expert divers will be employed, and it will be ascertained whether the hull was bulged inward or outward. If the former, it will be conclusive evidence that the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo, but if the bulge shows that the explosion was within it will probably remain forever a mystery what was the cause of this the greatest calamity that has befallen our nation for many years.

It is said at the Navy Department that there is no lack of precedent for such disasters as that sustained by the Maine, all of which can be traced to accidental causes. In 1885 the United States man-of-war Missouri, then lying at Gibraltar, was totally wrecked by the explosion of her magazine. Another case famous in naval history is that of Her Majesty's ship Doterel. In 1887 she was lying at anchor off Punta Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan. An explosion wiped the ship from the face of the waters and left almost none of her crew alive. This was another case of magazine explosion, though it may have originated in the coal bunkers or boilers.

Until further developments form the basis of opinion it is needless to attach importance to any theory or surmise. It is yet but a time for the heart to overflow with sorrow for the unfortunate mariners and their bereaved ones, while we are humiliated in the loss of one of our finest battleships that could be so illy spared.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

Supposed to Be Married.

We suppose, by this time, Mr. Marshall Crowell, a young man employed in D P Dayvault's, and also a brother to Mayor Crowell, is now married to Miss Iva Parks, of this county. The facts are that Key Thompson, of the Methodist church, had been asked to perform the ceremony, but later this morning he received word that they had decided to go to Harrisburg. The license was issued early this morning. They left this morning bound for Rocky River. Mr. Baxter Parks, the father of the bride, and Mr. Louin Parks are in the city today, and Miss Lucia Parks is at the home of Mrs. S J Lowe.

FIRES, FIRES!

Tuesday's Driving Winds Reaping a Harvest of Fire.

Every staid and thoughtful citizen probably felt during the fierce winds of Tuesday, whose rate ran as high as forty miles per hour fearful it would be if fire were to break out, every thing being so dry as to invite the flames.

Besides those near, we see that near Spencer there was a woods fire that destroyed a lot of cordwood. Mr. C F Floyd, about 6 miles from Richfield, Stanly county, lost his barn and 200 bushels of wheat. It occurred from brush burning. At Davidson the fire alarm was given, but the fire was detected in its early stage and no serious damage was done. Albert Cathey, near there, lost his dwelling house and granary, and Baxter White his home. Near the same place a colored school house was burned, beside some forests. At Arlington, in Mecklenburg, the old Blair house, once the finest house in the county, was burned, and Mr. Isaac Burnett, the occupant, lost everything. Several fires raged in Clear Creek township. Mrs. Nancy White lost her dwelling and nearly all the contents. The fire nearly surrounded the premises and it was difficult to escape with anything from the house.

Hundreds of acres of woods were burned over near Monroe and several houses were lost.

In Iredell county at what is known as Spring Grove Mr. E T Goodman's house and all its contents were burned. The fire first caught in an old store.

Passengers on the Seaboard Air Line Wednesday morning said the forest fires yesterday swept the country between Sanford and Rockingham, a distance of 80 miles. At times the velocity of the wind was 40 miles an hour. The damage to timber is immense. Great forests are literally destroyed.

A Maxon dispatch says:

Heavy forest fires are raging in Robeson county. The trestle over the creek south of Lumber river on Yadkin Valley burned, arresting south bound passenger trains. The fires have crossed the creek and are heading for Maxton. The fire is in full view of the town and much anxiety is felt for the safety of the town and immediate peril to farm houses.

Near Pinehurst 5 or 6 miles of forests were burned.

A \$5,000 fire occurred in Spartanburg on Monday.

WISCASSETT MILLS CO.

Hold Their Meeting in Mr. Cannon's Office and Elect Directors and President.

Just before going to press the meeting of the Wiscassett Mills Co, closed its meeting which began about 2 o'clock. This is the company that will erect the large cotton mills at Albemarle.

The following Board of Directors were elected: J W Cannon, O J Webb, of Philadelphia; Jno. McGill, Jr., of Philadelphia; D F Cannon, K J Davis, W J Swink, J S Efrd, Dr. R S Young and Jno. C Leslie, of Charlotte.

Mr. Jas. W Cannon was elected president, but the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were not voted upon.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Robert Sappenfield, who is working in Charlotte, is at home.

—Mr. Walter Kirk, better known as "Pig Kirk," was in our city today.

—Mr. Joe Cannon has returned home from the University of Virginia. He will remain but a few days.

—Rev. Wm. P White and Mr. John M McGill, both of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mr. Jas. W Cannon.

—Misses Jennie Mitchell Rankin and Bessie Henderson will be the guests of Mrs. John F Yorke tomorrow night.

—Messrs. Sid Hearne and J S Efrd, two Albemarle's most prominent business men are in the city today attending the mill meeting for the new factory to be built at Albemarle.

COTTON SEED For Cows FOR SALE BY

Ervin & Morrison GROCERS

The Bal Poudre Tomorrow Night.

The Bal Poudre tomorrow night, which will be given for the benefit of the Base Ball Club, will open with the grand march at 8:30 o'clock, led by Dr. R S Young. Music will be given by the Concord orchestra.

Misses Jennie Mitchell Rankin and Bessie Henderson, two of Salisbury's belles, will arrive tomorrow and take part in the Bal Poudre. Tickets are on sale at the drug stores.

Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J Bogel, leading druggist of Shreveport, La, says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J F Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at P B Fetzer's Drug Store.

Col. Mowbray Will Not Be Here Tonight.

We are in receipt of a letter from Col. J E Mowbray announcing that he cannot fill the appointment he set tonight. The disappointment arises from some misunderstanding. He is to fill an appointment in Salisbury tonight instead of last night. Tomorrow night he will be in Statesville.

Had there been no misunderstanding he could have remained over and have lectured here Wednesday night. He will probably have an appointment with us at some other time.



Between Seasons All Kinds of Feet

Is a puzzling time of the year for most women. They are generally undecided what to buy.

We are always prepared for these unsatisfactory seasons, and have on hand no less than a complete line of the

advance styles in dress goods as it is possible to find. We can suit the most exacting woman in style, quality and price.

can be suited from our up-to-date stock of Shoes. We have exquisite shoes for slim feet, handsome shoes for any kind of feet, light and heavy shoes to please all tastes, but all good shoes. Shoes with style, durability and comfort combined, made of the best leather, and made to wear well and feel well.

Dry & Miller, Shoe Dealers.

Cannon & Fetzer Company.



Don't Come a Running.

We have enough to supply the demand of those those beautiful CARRIAGES at prices that knock competition out in the first round.

Buying at jobbers prices for spot cash, we are strictly in it

FURNITURE is the burden of our song. We are still in business at the old stand with the handsomest line of Bed Room Sets, ranging in price from \$9.00 to \$100.00 ever shown in Concord. Parlor Sets, Side Boards China Closets, Extension Tables, Centre Tables Book Cases, Candler Top Roll Top and Flat Top Desks, and every thing else to be found in a first class Furniture Store. Come and see us and we will make you glad.

BELL, HARRIS & CO.