

## Charred Bodies of Four Italians Taken From Ruins of Burned Stable

As Result of Several Fires  
in New York Four Men  
Are Dead and Damage  
Amounting to \$200,-  
000 Done.

Two Hundred and Fifty  
Horses Were Cremated  
And 12 Firemen Were  
Seriously Injured as Re-  
sult of Collisions.

New York, April 23.—Four men burned to death, 250 horses killed, 12 firemen injured, two engines overturned and wrecked by collisions with street cars, several thrilling rescues from burning buildings, and a property loss of \$200,000—that is the story of the fire department for five hours following midnight.

Six different fires on upper East Side, Broadway, on Middle East Side and the big stable fire at Christopher and Barrow streets kept the firemen constantly at work.

The dead are four Italians, whose bodies, burned beyond recognition, were found in the ruins of the burned stable, where also 250 horses perished.

The loss in the stable fire is estimated at \$100,000.

WAR PRICES IN THE SOUTH.

Quinine \$1.700 an Ounce—Flour \$300 a Barrel—Fish \$5 a Pound.

In 1865 an ounce of quinine could not be purchased for less than \$1,700 in the South. Provisions were simply enormous in price. Here are just a few instances: In February a ham weighing fifty pounds sold for exactly \$750, or at the rate of \$5 a pound. Flour was \$200 a barrel.

Fresh fish retailed all over at \$5 a pound and ordinary meat was at \$50 a bushel. These who lived in boarding houses paid from \$200 to \$300 a month. White beans retailed at 75¢ a bushel. Tea went for anything from \$20 a pound to \$60, and coffee in a like ratio.

The most ordinary sugar was sold for \$10 a pound. Ordinary adamantine candles were sold for \$10 a pound. In a cafe breakfast was ordinarily \$10. In April sugar went to \$900 a barrel and articles of wearing apparel sold, at \$50, trousers at \$100 and boots at \$250.

Butter was \$15 a pound. Potatoes went for \$2 a quart. Tomatoes of the size of a walnut sold for \$20 a dozen. Chickens varied from \$25 to \$50 a pair. The prices on the bill of fare of the Richmond restaurant in January, 1864, were: Soup, \$1.50; bread and butter, \$1.50; roast beef, a plate, \$3; boiled eggs, \$2; ham and eggs, \$3.50; rock fish, a plate \$5; fried oysters, a plate, \$5; raw oysters, \$2; fresh milk, a glass \$2; coffee, a cup, \$3; tea, a cup, \$2.

These figures are taken from various sources and have the virtue of accuracy, if nothing else. Always was present the fear of famine, and time and time again did the soldiers donate a portion of their rations, taken from their apportionment in the field, to relieve the pressing necessities.

The shrinkage of the currency was of course responsible, and some idea may be gathered from a story that went the rounds at the time. A soldier galloped along a country road and a farmer leaning over a fence admired the animal. He called to the trooper offering to buy the horse:

"Give you \$20,000 for him, Johnny," he said.

"Not much, old man, I just paid \$15,000 to have him shod," was the reply.

Goldsboro's New School Building.

Raleigh, April 23.—It is learned from Superintendent E. C. Brooks, of the Goldsboro graded schools that Goldsboro is soon to build a \$15,000 public high school building, a portion of the money to be borrowed from the State loan fund.

Wake Superior Court is in session this week, E. B. Jones, of Winston-Salem presiding and a remarkable start was made for the term on the very first day in that seven decrees for divorce were granted.

Controversy Over Bottling of Beer

Columbia, S. C., April 23.—The controversy over the bottling of beer in this county was practically ended last night when Charles Narey surrendered to the county dispensary board the license he held as beer bottler. This was done after it was known that the board had accepted the bid of Narey for 10,000 cases of August beer at 50 cents per dozen pint bottles.

It has been known for some time that Narey's bid was very much lower than those of Watts and Letton, and the other licensed bottlers, and that the board would accept the Narey bid. It was claimed, of course, that the beer handled by Watts and Letton was of superior quality to that of Narey and there was some question as to the disposition of the bottles after use.

## Noted Case Comes to An Abrupt Close

Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The trial of the case of C. A. Morris vs. the North Carolina Home Insurance Co., expected to develop along sensational lines, came to an abrupt end this morning in the issuance of judgment for the plaintiff. This is the case in which the defense intended in to set up the plea that the house was burned by M. T. Norris, husband of the plaintiff, in order that his wife might collect insurance. Before the taking of testimony was begun Judge Jones made a ruling that would admit no evidence as to the burning of the house by the husband for the benefit of his wife without her knowledge.

This left only the question of the value of the house and the insurance company admitted the value and appealed on the ruling as to the evidence of the burning.

Some months ago M. T. Norris was acquitted by a jury of the charge of burning the house. He is a prominent merchant of this city.

A charter was issued today for the Unit Brick and Tile Co. of Charlotte, at a capital of \$50,000, by Paul Chatham, L. B. Kohnson and others.

MURDERED NEGRO WOMAN.

Of Six Young Men Charged With Crime Only Four of Them are Held.

Richmond, Va., April 23.—Of the six young white men, Joe Baugh, Tom Walker, Oscar Neatherly, John B. Talbot, Temple Young and Derby Weatherford, who were arrested at an early hour in a Danville suburb yesterday morning on the charge of having murdered Saturday Ellen Elliott, a negro woman, about 35 years of age, whose mutilated body was found in a public road, and who was dressed in men's clothes from head to foot. The two last named, Young and Weatherford, were released yesterday, it being shown that they were not directly implicated in the killing. Several negroes are being held as witnesses. The coroner's jury will make an investigation today.

The police have been unable so far to account for the woman taking men's clothes, unless it was that trousers enabled her to drink at the saloons.

Wants an Explanation.

Montgomery, Ala., April 23.—The State Federation of Labor wired the President for an explanation of his alleged assertion that Haywood and Moyer, the Idaho miners, are not desirable citizens.

## Grand Array of World's Navy

American Vessels Lie at  
Anchor in Hampton  
Roads. Magnificent  
Vocal Pageant Almost  
Ready for Expo.

Norfolk, Va., April 23.—The greatest fleet of American war vessels ever assembled in the historic waters of Hampton Roads—300,000 tons of floating steel—was made ready to receive the first of the visiting foreign warships, which are to take part in the Jamestown celebrations.

For the opening of the exposition the war vessels of Great Britain, Germany and Austria are expected. All the American vessels now at anchor belong to the Atlantic fleet. There are probably 25 battleships and cruisers in line, headed by the Connecticut.

The fleet has been arranged so as to give the visitors the best possible opportunity for viewing the fighting strength of the American navy. The cruisers of the fleet are all modern, though at variance in size, between the largest and smallest is as great as that which marks the heavier vessels of the battleship class. In the cruiser class, the most interesting vessel is perhaps the Brooklyn, the flagship of Admiral Schley in the battle with the Cervera's squadron off Santiago. The Brooklyn will also remain as a permanent naval exhibit during the exposition.

The English squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Neville, is expected in Hampton Roads either tomorrow or Thursday.

Fifteen hundred bluejackets will be landed from the American vessels to take part in the military and naval parade Friday, which will be reviewed by the President.

EVIDENTS OF INCENDIARISM.

Investigation Brings to Light Evidence of Incendiarism Involving Lives of 48 Families.

Rochester, N. Y., April 23.—Evidence of incendiarism involving the lives of 48 families in a tenement block were discovered in an investigation which broke out this morning.

One of the things a man can't understand is why his enemies have any friends.



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NEW 4C'S BUILDING JUST AFTER COLLAPSE.

## Dread Poison Carries Death And Suffering to Wadesboro Family. Two Members are Dead; 2 Dying

President Finley Asks  
Co-operation of South

Memphis, Tenn., April 23.—In the course of his speech, at a reception given in his honor by the Merchants' Exchange, President Finley of the Southern Railway, declared that the results accomplished for the good of the country by the railroads, in extending their lines into unoccupied territory and seeking new resources to be developed in the territory already occupied, would have been impossible had they been hampered and restricted by the spirit of popular and legislative antagonism and by repressive and restrictive laws.

He referred to the systematic efforts of the Southern, acting in co-operation with the communities along its line in the Southern States, to advance the development of every locality in the section traversed by it.

He said it has been the sole duty of the Southern to give its co-operation without any charge to every individual and organized effort for the material and social advancement of the South.

On this point, he said: "It is constantly working to develop the new resources in the Southern field," he said, adding "this work is to be continued and the road is to be made, if possible, a more important factor in Southern development than it has been in the past. It asks for the support of public opinion and from the Southern legislatures only such wise and economically and sound conservatism as has been displayed by the legislature of Tennessee."

LONG LOST MAN FOUND.

Body of Noted Theatrical Member Found in Stream—Lost Since December.

New York, April 22.—The body of Peter J. Kennedy, a well-known theatrical manager who disappeared in December last, was found in the water last night off South Brooklyn.

The body was badly decomposed, but was identified by Mrs. Kennedy. The clothes were torn into shreds. Kennedy disappeared December 28 last. His hat and overcoat were found on a ferry boat which landed at Thirty-ninth street, South Brooklyn, from the Battery, Manhattan. The same night Mrs. Kennedy received a special delivery letter from her husband in which he stated that he was about to drown himself.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the best known of theatrical men. At one time he managed John L. Sullivan, and later made a fortune with the comedy "Von Yohannon." His wife, who was Miss Beatrice Norman, a daughter of Mrs. Annie Mack Berlin, a well-known actress, had starred for several seasons under her husband's management. She appeared on the road in a number of plays, including "Captain Jinks," under the name of Elizabeth Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy's last venture was with Ella Wheeler Wilcox's Mizpah, with Mrs. Kennedy as the star, which played for a short time on the road and closed at the Academy of Music October 20, after a brief run. This play, in which Mr. Kennedy invested all his money, was a failure and it is supposed that brooding over this caused him to take his life.

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Dread Plomaine Poison  
Carries Sorrow to Home  
Of Hugh Jordan, of  
Wadesboro. Only Mother  
so Far Escapes.

Wadesboro, N. C., April 23.—Mr. Hugh Jordan, who works at the silk mill here became ill Friday and suffered apparently some stomach trouble. On the same day his three children, Albion, Fanny and Clara, were taken ill and suffered from the same symptoms.

Sunday afternoon two others became ill, growing steadily worse until last night when both died.

These were Lela and Sallie aged 8 and 4 years.

Yesterday, Cleveland, Lester and Ed, aged 17, 7 and 9 years, began suffering apparently from the same cause.

At 5 p. m. yesterday Doctors Bennett and Ashe were called in, and have been unable to secure any substance to indicate in any way the nature or cause of the poison.

The family had been dieting on fruits, canned goods, and meats and it was thought that plomaine poison resulted from this combination of diet.

The mother alone of the entire family is not suffering from the terrible poison.

Two of the family are now in a dying condition, death being expected at any moment.

—Mr. Frank F. Jones, the notary public, has received commission from the governor, reappointing him for another term of two years.

## Falling Walls Injured Many

Fire in Arsenal Assuming Alarming Proportions. Thirty Victims of Falling Walls Carried to Hospitals.

Toulon, France, April 23.—The fire at the arsenal has assumed alarming proportions. Private residences outside the arsenal are threatened, immense quantities of stores have been burned and the damage amounting to many millions of francs has been done.

The wall of the storehouse fell in, burying 20 men, ten of whom were severely injured.

A Later Account.

Some houses occupied by workmen and situated near the arsenal caught fire, and collapsed, burying 12 men, who, however, were rescued, though most of them were badly injured. The number of men were injured by the fall of a wall of a storehouse was greater than at first reported. It is now said 30 have already been taken to the hospitals.

Is Said to Be Husband  
Of Seventeen Wives

Marshall, Mich., April 23.—Dr. John Carver, an alleged bigamist, said to have at least 17 wives, was captured at Fort Smith, Ark.

Carver is also charged with defrauding them out of \$1550,000.

Carver is wanted in seven cities, including Norfolk.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK.

Double Wreck on Southern—Number Were Injured.

Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—As a result of a double wreck on the Southern Railway a short distance east of Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, early yesterday, two men are dead and a number injured.

The dead:

CAL. B. HARRIS, fireman on the wreck.

TOM BEVERLY, brakeman on the wreck.

The injured are James Wages, Atlanta, engineer, skull fractured, head hurt and face scratched; S. H. Hill, engineer, internal injuries; Thomas Powell, engineer, bruises on body; white fireman, shoulder dislocated; two postal clerks, slightly injured; white passenger, knee cut.

The unusual character of the wreck makes it surprising that the casualties were not more. A freight train with a dead engine on the rear, was coming toward Birmingham. The operator, it is said, allowed No. 37, the fast passenger, to enter the block and it crashed into the dead engine, smashing them both and demolishing several cars. Three cars of the freight train were thrown across the eastbound track, almost at the instant that the Southern wrecker en route to Heflin, Ala., passed. The wrecker struck them and practically the whole train piled into the ditch. Two men were caught under the engine.

Asks \$50,000  
For Damages

Greensboro, N. C., April 23.—Owing to the fact that Judge Justice was unable to reach Greensboro until 2 p. m. there was no session of Guilford Superior Court Monday morning. In the afternoon the case of Estella M. Haines vs. the Southern Railway Company was taken up. The plaintiff claims that she sustained damages to the extent of \$50,000 for personal injuries while a passenger on one of the trains of the Southern Railway Company.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president of Greensboro Female College, announces that the baccalaureate sermon at the approaching commencement will be preached on the morning of Tuesday, May 21st, by Rev. Dr. W. J. Young, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond Va. The annual literary address before the graduating class will be delivered Wednesday morning, May 22, by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the chair of English of the University of North Carolina.

Bryan Has Conference.

Boston, April 23.—In his second visit to Boston this year William J. Bryan held conferences yesterday with several Democratic leaders, including former Governor William L. Douglass, and later delivered an address on "Problems of City Government" at the Mayor's Club, an organization of chief magistrates of Massachusetts. Mr. Douglass stated that his conversation with Mr. Bryan related to the tariff.

## New Power House Walls, Under 168-Ton Weight, Crash Down in Ruins

Gloomy Opinion of  
Reform Movement

London, April 23.—The progress of the reform movement in China is described from a point of view much less eulogistic than the recent reports from the English correspondence in a letter received from Peking.

The writer tells the inner story of the downfall of Tang-Shao-Yi, who until recently was one of the most powerful men near the courts. He speaks of disaffection in Yuan-Shi-Kai, much advertised army, and takes a discouraging view of the Government's financial status, of the attempts at educational reform and the suppression of opium.

JOYNER TO CONFER.

Hopes to Remedy Complaints Relative to Depositories For Sale of Text Books.

Raleigh, April 23.—There will be a conference here on Wednesday between State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner and representatives of the book publishing houses which have the contracts for furnishing the text books for the North Carolina public schools with a view to remedying complaints from many counties of inadequate depositories for the sale of books. The State superintendent has procured from each of the county superintendents statements showing the location of all depositories at present and points where additional ones should be established. These lists will be compared with those of the publishers and a complete revision made so that there will be no further room for complaint on this score.

## Richmond For Good Roads

Rockingham, April 23.—At the elections held Saturday in Steeles Township, Mineral Springs Township and Black Jack Township, to decide upon the issuance or non-issuance of bonds for the construction of good roads, the result was in favor of good roads in all three townships, and bonds will shortly be issued.

This will make five of the seven townships in the county which will have good roads.

"Yes," said the reformed cannibal chief, "I used to eat every missionary that came out here."

"That was before you got religion, eh?" queried the new missionary.

"No, but before I got indigestion."

—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Man Killed At Spencer

In Head-on Collision at  
North End of Spencer  
Yards T. L. Royal was  
so Badly Injured, Died  
Short Time After.

Charlotte News, April 23d.

Mr. T. L. Royal, of Greensboro, was killed at Spencer Tuesday morning in a head-on collision between a wrecking train, southbound, running as second section of No. 29 and a northbound freight No. 22.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock at the north end of the Spencer yards.

Mr. Royal was fireman on the freight. Besides internal injuries his legs were smashed from the knee to the ankle. He was removed from the cab as quickly as possible and hurried to the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium where he died two hours later.

The freight train was in charge of Conductor Shubert Moore and Engineer Thurman Holt and the wrecking train was in charge of Charles Franklin, conductor, and William Roach, engineer.

No cause for the accident has been given out here by the Southern officials.

As the collision occurred in the yards the trains were running slow.

The engines of both the freight and wrecking train were badly damaged, though neither left the track, and for this reason the line was not blocked.

Mr. Royal was 23 years old and was single. He had been employed by the road about a year.

## Steamer Arcadia With Crew of 16 is Lost

Pentwater, Mich., April 23.—The steamer Arcadia has been lost off this port with a crew of 16 men.

BIG LUMBER MILL BURNED.

Largest Lumber Mill on Coast Burned.

Loss Nearly \$500,000.

Seattle, April 23.—Fire destroyed the Port Blakeley Lumber Mill, the largest on the coast.

The loss is estimated at between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

The Four C's Company  
Sustains Estimated Loss  
of \$25,000 in the Col-  
lapse of Huge Brick  
Structure.

Officials Think Rain Dam-  
pened and Thus Weak-  
ened the Walls. No  
Workmen in the House  
at the Time.

Charlotte News, April 23d.

Accompanied by a crash that sounded for many blocks, the new power house of the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, in process of erection at Dilworth, collapsed last night at 7 o'clock, carrying total destruction to the splendid edifice and entailing an approximate loss of \$25,000 to the company. The wreck is complete in every particular. Only the two end walls of the building remain even partially intact, and these will probably have to be torn away in the process of re-construction. Luckily because of rain no workmen were in the building, else there would have been sad loss of life.

The cause assigned by the company for the wreck is the fact that the new concrete roofing had just been placed. Saturday afternoon, forty pounds to the square, or a total of 168 tons. The heavy rain of yesterday is said to have added to the cause of destruction. The theory of the company is that the rain increased the weight of the roofing, and because of the fact that the cornice work remain unfinished, trickled through the walls, softened the mortar and brick compound and thus became the direct cause of the collapse.

Contractors who were heard talking of the affair on the scene this morning estimate that the cause is assignable more especially to the fact that the walls were totally unable to support the massive weight that was placed upon them. The large number of windows and doors, detracted from the solidity of the brick wall and when the heavy roofing was placed, the 25-ton crane adjusted, the building over-topped, making the destruction complete.

The building was 40x160 feet, single-story, with the interior lined with enameled brick, costing about \$35 per thousand. Steel girders supported the roof, meeting in the center with their bases resting on the eastern and western ends of the building. This architecture placed the entire weight of the roof on the girders.

The loss falls heavily on the Four C's Company. Its officials were having the work done by their own architects and contractors, and the entire destruction must be borne by them. They had worked faithfully to complete the building and had just reached the stage of operations where the machinery could be placed. For this purpose the large crane across one end of the building had been lifted and the work of installation was to begin in a few days.

When the forces reached the scene this morning they found a large tumbled mass of brick, iron, steel and wood, all a total wreck. Only a small per cent of the brick can be used again, and even the steel girders are so twisted and bent that considerable work will be required before they can be fitted for service again. The large crane can possibly be utilized without any great amount of repair.

The working force of the company were at the building at an early hour this morning, going about the job of tearing away the rubbish with a look of dire discouragement. All the efforts of months have been wasted and lay in ruins. There was nothing to tell of their labor but two partially remaining end walls, and one great mass of wreckage.

The building will be replaced just as rapidly as possible. The work of clearing up the debris will require weeks. After that time the construction of the building will begin from the ground up.

Machinery, which was to have been placed this week, had been hauled to the building and was placed on all sides just outside. This is therefore saved. The big crane which contributed in the cause of the accident had been lifted to raise the machinery to place.

Reichstag Will Assent.

Berlin, April 23.—Now that the economic committee which acts in an advisory capacity to the government in tariff matters, has accepted the provisional arrangement with the United States Government the circles anticipate the Reichstag will readily assent to the step taken.

President To Jamestown.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—The President will leave here at two o'clock Thursday on the Mayflower for the Jamestown Exposition. Accompanying him will be Secretary Loeb and several of the President's children and perhaps some other guests.