

Already Seven are Dead From Explosion And Three More Will Die

When the Powder Burst Into Flames Twenty-one Men, Penned in Steel Cage, Were Entirely Enveloped.

Six of Injured Died on Way to Hospital. Three More Are Seriously Burned and Will Probably Die.

Boston, Mass., July 16.—The 13 survivors of those injured through the ignition of a bag of powder in the turret of the battleship Georgia, while the vessel was engaged in target practice, three are believed to have but small chances of recovery.

Three men whose lives are despaired of are Edward J. Walsh, a seaman of Massachusetts, whose chest and face are badly burned; Louis O. Morse of Ohio, an ordinary seaman, whose arms, face and chest were burned, and James P. Thomas, an ordinary seaman, of New York, whose face, arms, chest and back were burned.

Carried Six Corpses. When the Georgia arrived yesterday she carried the corpses of six of her crew who had died from their burns on the way from the target grounds to the hospital, and last night two more succumbed to their injuries.

Cause of Accident. The cause of the accident was the falling of a spark which was probably blown from one of the Georgia's smoke stacks on a bag of powder, which a leader was carrying to a gun in the turret.

The powder burst into flames and enveloped 21 men who were penned in a steel cage.

The battleship suffered comparatively little damage from the explosion and resumed the target practice.

Report Sent to President. Washington, D. C., July 16.—Advices at the navy department are to the effect that the battleship Georgia returned to the practice grounds today. It is generally expected at the navy department that the board of examination will be made up of commanders of the ships composing the second division of the battleship fleet and of the Louisiana. A brief report of the accident has been sent to the president.

Tells of Tragedy. Acting Gunner Captain C. H. Hansel, from his cot in the naval hospital, in telling the story of the explosion on the battleship Georgia, said the first flash was followed by a second from the other bag of powder, each containing about 100 pounds of powder.

"That was the moment of terror to all still conscious," he said, "but they were few. The men were lying in heaps, moaning, dying, unconscious, baking and suffocating."

Frightful Work of Fire. He added: "She next minute seemed an entire eternity, but help from the outside came quickly. But the living men could not enter the turret until the heat had been overcome by water. These poor fellows were terribly burned, some so as to be unrecognizable. Eyes were burned out, faces, bodies and arms and legs blackened and there were a few left on some charred faces."

"Lieutenant Goodrich," he said, "took great pride in the work and had all the men worked up to enthusiasm. We were making a record all right." He said Captain McCrae won the love of all on board the ship by going to the hospital time and again. All the officers and men behaved splendidly he said.

Edwards Gave Bond. Washington, D. C., July 16.—Chas. A. Edwards, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, today gave bond in the district court in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance for trial under indictment charging him with assault upon Alejandro Garland, of the Peruvian legation.

Bankhead is Senator. Montgomery, Ala., July 16.—The two houses of the legislature, in separate session, elected John H. Bankhead to the United States senate.

Strike Situation at Very High Tension. San Francisco, July 16.—The tension of the situation in the strike of the telegraph operators was not relaxed yesterday and no visible headway was made toward peace.

The men insist that the Western Union agree to meet a committee from the Union. According to one of the officials of the local Union, should the company show a desire to treat with the striking operators, little difficulty would be experienced in arranging a compromise, as far as the men are concerned.

Men Who Turned States Evidence, Implicating Men in Lynching, Testified To-day in The Trial

Charlotte News, 16th. Monroe, N. C., July 16.—When court convened this morning at 9 o'clock Sheriff Bogan was recalled to the stand. He reiterated his testimony of yesterday, stating that on the night of the lynching he recognized John Johnson, who is now on trial.

On cross-examination Mr. Bogan seemed to be less confident about his testimony. The defense attacked his character, vigorously beginning 45 years ago and tracing his career to the present time, asking him about indictments, etc. in almost every year. He admitted he had on two occasions been tried for letting prisoners escape.

The next witness was Miss Alice Bogan, daughter of Sheriff Bogan, who also testified as yesterday. Miss Bogan stated she did not recognize anyone on the night of the lynching but H. C. Kendall, Jr., whom she said she saw at the door of the jail.

H. C. Kendall, Sr., on the Stand. The next witness called was H. C. Kendall, Sr., who turned state's evidence, implicating members of the lynching party in the affair.

Kendall is about 54 years of age, has a red moustache, sallow skin and dead-colored hair. He wears a clerical costume. On direct examination he testified to about the same facts as those stated on the examination before Judge Neal, immediately after the lynching.

On the morning before the lynching (May 27th, 1906), he said he went to church at Morven, N. C. That afternoon he said he visited the home of John V. Johnson, who was lynched the next night. He went there, he said, to see the children, who were afflicted with measles. He then went to see Tom Johnson, brother of the lynched man. He came back home that night and told his family that a crowd was assembling to lynch John V. Johnson that night.

On the evening that Johnson was lynched he said he met a crowd at Jones' Branch, near Wadesboro, about 10 or 11 o'clock. He said there were 125 or 175 in the crowd who had gathered at the branch. He said one of the first persons he saw was John Jones, the man now on trial. However, on cross-examination, he stated the night was very dark and that the meeting place was in the woods, and that the might have been mistaken as to the identity of Jones.

Countess is Divorced. Paris, July 16.—The appeal of Countess Bonnie DeCastellane from the decision of the court granting a divorce to Countess Bonnie DeCastellane, was dismissed and a final decree of divorce granted today.

Noted Russian Killed By Bomb Because of Rigorous Methods in Suppressing Disorders, General Alikhanoff was Killed. Children of Gen. Hurt.

St. Petersburg, July 16.—General Alikhanoff, Governor General of Kutais who rigorously suppressed the disorders in Trans Caucasia had brought down upon him the enmity of the Revolutionists, was killed by a bomb this morning, as he was returning home from a club.

General Alikhanoff was seriously injured by a bomb at Berjam May 30, last year, and for a time his recovery was in doubt.

Others Were Hurt. Alexanderoff, Russia, July 16.—General Alikhanoff, former governor general of Tiflis, Madame Gilboff, wife of General Gilboff, and a coachman who was driving their carriage, were blown to pieces by bombs thrown at their conveyance this morning.

The son of General Alikhanoff, and daughter of General Gilboff sustained serious injuries.

The party was returning to the residence of General Alikhanoff from his club. General Alikhanoff was nick named "The Wild Beast" by the Caucasian members of the Lower House of Parliament.

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WOMEN AS HARVEST HANDS. Washington County Farmers Forced to Get Aid of Wives and Daughters.

Hagerstown, Md., July 16.—Washington county farmers are experiencing much trouble in getting their wheat harvested.

They are now in the midst of one of the latest harvests ever known in this section. Cold weather early in the summer prevented early ripening of the grain. Lately heavy rains have caused a suspension of work in the harvest fields, as the ground is too soft for the self-binders. Further delay in cutting the grain has been caused by a notable scarcity of harvest hands.

Many farmers unable to hire men to go into the harvest field, although offering the highest wages, have been compelled to press their wives and daughters into service, and it is a common sight to see women at work in the wheat fields.

Wing Family Reunion. Boston, Mass., July 16.—The Wing family of America began its fifth annual reunion in Boston today with a large attendance, many of the members coming from distant parts of the country. A program of exercises and entertainment covering three days has been arranged for the gathering.

Continuing on direct examination, Kendall said he and John Jones went on horseback to meet a crowd who was to come from Richmond county and a crowd expected from Wadesboro. He said they missed the crowd and returning met them.

Hot Fire Cross Questions. On cross-examination Kendall admitted to having helped get up the mob to murder Johnson. He said they all felt that they were doing their duty, that if Johnson were released he would kill some one else.

He said after the mob had secured Johnson and lynched him, he (Kendall) went home and slept awhile and later went to the funeral of Johnson, in company with Johnson's widow and mother. He said he knelt at the grave of Johnson with the mother of the lynched man and prayed aloud.

He said he asked God to take care of the mother of the dead man. When asked if he told his Maker that he helped to kill Johnson, he said he did not, that he wanted to keep that a secret.

Under the merciless fire of cross-examination Kendall admitted that he had formerly told certain persons that he did not recognize any members of the lynching party. He also admitted that he had, on several occasions, mistaken the fact. He said that he had not always told the truth about it.

"How do you expect the jury to believe you then?" he was asked. In reply he said he tried to tell the truth most of the time.

At this point the court adjourned until 2:50 this afternoon. The first witness called this afternoon was young Henry Kendall, who also turned state's evidence. At the previous trial Henry Kendall did not implicate any one in his confession.

After he had testified young Meeks, who also turned state's evidence was called to the stand. Both of these young men told practically the same story they did at the first hearing.

After the cross-examination of Kendall, Sr., the sentiment seemed to be stronger for the defendants.

Yesterday's Proceedings. That only 10 of the 20 defendants should be tried the first week of court was the decision of Solicitor Robinson at the opening of court yesterday morning, in the cases of the alleged lynchers of J. V. Johnson, which were called yesterday morning.

Fewer people from Anson county were present than were expected when court opened.

Little was done at the morning session. When court assembled in the afternoon the state sprang a surprise by calling as the first case that against the Jones case. It had been supposed that the case against Zeke Lewis, the first one taken up at the previous trial, would come up originally. Jones is the son of Peter Jones, of Morven, he is 23 years old and appeared to be thoroughly frightened.

Motion was made by Attorney Jerome, counsel for the defense, to quash the indictment, but it was overruled, and an exception noted.

Personnel of the Jury. C. A. Austin, B. F. Moore, D. V. Griffin, H. R. Lane, D. C. Rape, R. P. Rowell, T. S. Preson, J. C. McIntyre, S. J. Richardson, W. L. Mills, S. F. Broom and S. J. Crow.

Charges against the defendant are as follows: Conspiring to break into the jail of Anson county; actually breaking into said jail and taking therefrom John V. Johnson, and feloniously lynching and killing the said Johnson.

Miss Alice Bogan, daughter of Sheriff Bogan, of Anson, county testified that on the night of May 26th, 1906, she heard some one knocking at the door of the jail and enquiring for the sheriff. She found her father and brother at the door. She told of how the mob gained entrance to the jail. She stated that she identified several of the mob, but the defense objected and the state withdrew the witness.

Sheriff on the Stand. Sheriff John A. Bogan told how the mob, under pretense of putting in a prisoner, gained access to the jail. He himself being pulled out of the door, which he had opened and which his son and daughter succeeded in closing.

The mob then broke in another door and went at once to Johnson's cell. Ignoring his request not to molest the prisoner, they tied him with ropes and took him away, along the Morven road.

Recognized Several of Mob. The witness said he recognized the defendant, John Jones, standing in the yard with a gun in his hand, near a man who had fired at him (the sheriff). He also saw him later on in the jail.

"I also recognized little Henry Kendall, W. C. Daven, Tom Johnson and Zeke Lewis."

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First Clash Between the State Courts And The Federal Court

Many Guests At Hiddenite. Hiddenite, N. C., July 16.—The Davis White Sulphur Springs Hotel is enjoying a season of prosperity equalled by few of the pleasure resorts. Over one hundred guests were registered last Sunday from all points in North Carolina and many from other states as far away as Texas and New York.

The water here is undoubtedly as fine as can be found anywhere, three fine springs—sulphur, iron and free stone—are located near the hotel and guests can have their choice. The hotel is located in a beautiful forest and with the creeks, hills and mountains nearby it makes an ideal place to spend Sunday or an entire vacation.

The service rendered by the Davis Bros. is the very best and the hotel has a home like appearance that is seldom found at any resort, and each guest goes away well pleased and a "talker" for the hotel, this is one secret of their success. Charlotte has been well represented here all summer many coming here to spend the entire summer. The following Charlotte people were here Sunday:

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wallace, Mr. R. Allen Young, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Alexander, Mrs. O. W. Loving and child and Miss Annie May Loving, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Simms, Miss Mabel Cuthbertson, Miss Miriam Long, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw and Master Sam Ross Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Presson and son, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Presson, Col. R. O. Coit, L. N. Maloney, J. M. Davenport, Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Harding and Mrs. J. Lester Wolfe.

Catawba Springs Hotel Crowded With Guests. Correspondence Charlotte News.

Hickory, N. C., July 16.—This is a delightful quiet and restful place. The guests, about 30, are very congenial and vie with each other in making it pleasant for all. Last night Rev. Colin A. Munroe, pastor of the Methodist church, preached to an attentive audience of 25. His sermon was very practical. After service he and his wife drove back to Hickory a distance of 7 or 8 miles.

Your townsman, Mr. Sam Wittkowsky arrived Saturday and is always the center of a group of interested listeners. He is full of reminiscences and jokes and keeps the crowd laughing.

Mr. Jas. McComb drove Mr. Wittkowsky's fine horse through the country, here in about 14 hours.

The fare here is good and wholesome and every thing clean and neat. The dining room is served by four young white women, who are very attentive and accommodating. Mr. Glenn has a knack of managing his horse. He is kind and considerate of them and they all like him and have his interest at heart.

Some of the guests here at present are: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Foy and children, Mr. S. Wittkowsky, J. W. McComb, C. N. G. Butt and wife, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunbar, Ed Alexander, Mrs. J. H. Marion, Mrs. Vana Dandsey, Master Robert Dandsey, Miss M. B. Gaston, Master David Aiken Gaston, all of Chester; Mr. J. B. Rodgers of Moseville; Mrs. J. D. Hester of High Point; T. C. Strong, wife and daughter of Cornwall, S. C.; Mrs. M. L. Mott, Miss Mott, Miss E. K. Mott of Winston, N. C.

Mrs. R. W. Stokes and baby and Miss Flora Johnson left Saturday. Mr. W. B. Owen is chief clerk and is watchful of the wants of the guests as head waiter but for the last several years has been chief cook and is a good one. Ellen is the chief chamber maid and does her work well. There are four colored musicians, who play well and dancing goes on every night. Sam Meeks, who plays the big violin, is a genius. He dances the clog dance well and is possessed of a remarkable fine baritone voice.

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Atlantic City Horse Show. Atlantic City, N. J., July 16.—With a blare of trumpets and a flutter of finery the annual exhibition of the Atlantic City Horse Show Association was opened today at Inlet Park. The list of entries is the largest in the history of the association, many of the finest horses from New York, Philadelphia and other cities being here. The show will last during the week, ending with Saturday afternoon. Some of the prizes this year are unusually handsome. The hotels are crowded to the limit, the boarding houses catching the overflow of visitors.

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City Ticket Agent for Southern Railway at Raleigh was Brought into Wake County Court on Special Capias.

Is Charged With Selling Tickets for Higher Rate Than That Prescribed by New Act. Preparation for Conflict.

Raleigh, N. C. July 16.—At 12:30 this afternoon T. E. Green, city ticket agent for the Southern Railway Company, recently indicted for selling tickets for more than the 2 1/2 cent rate, passed by the legislature, was brought into Wake court before Judge Long, on a special capias, this being the first step in the anticipated clash between the state and federal courts over the enforcement of the new rate act.

Ex-Governor Aycock and Speaker E. J. Justice, as counsel for the prosecution, demanded that the case be set for trial tomorrow morning.

This was resisted by Fabius Busbee, counsel for the Southern Railway, on the ground that Col. Rodman, of the counsel for the Southern and ex-Judge A. C. Avery, who has been retained by Agent Green, could not be here until tomorrow and that it seemed to him the defense could not be prepared for trial before the next term under any circumstances.

Counsel for the prosecution then demanded that Green be required to give bond in the sum of \$100, but this the defense declined.

This is taken to mean that the defense will at once apply to Judge Pritchard or Judge Purnell, of the federal court for a writ of habeas corpus and then the conflict between the two courts will be fully on.

Southern Wholesale Grocers in Session. Baltimore, July 16.—The annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association assembled here with 600 grocers from the South in attendance.

The delegation from Memphis will wage a campaign for the election of D. H. White, of Memphis, for president.

J. A. Van Hoose, of Birmingham, Alabama, the president for six years, is a candidate for re-election.

Distributors Hold Meeting. Detroit, Mich., July 16.—The Exclusive Distributors Association began its fifth annual convention in this city today, with headquarters at the Griswold Hotel. The association membership embraces several thousand distributors of cards, pamphlets and other advertising matter, located in all sections of the country.

The officers of the association are: President, George Altman, Columbus, Ohio; first vice-president, Sam Slocum, Dayton, Ohio; second vice-president, Fred J. Barr, Davenport, Iowa; secretary-treasurer, P. S. Floren, Indianapolis, Ind. Among the directors of the association are W. D. Kershaw of Newport, Ky., H. C. Sunderland of Lincoln, Neb., and H. J. Hummel of Newark, N. J.

Squirrel Stopped Cars. Gainesville, Ga., July 16.—A tiny ground squirrel, not more than six inches long, short-circuited the current line which brings power into this place from the dam, eighteen miles away, Thursday of last week, and stopped all street cars, put out all street lamps and incandescences, and shut down every factory and shop in the town for three hours.

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Elks Number Quarter Million

Elks, in Session at Philadelphia, Hold Business Session. Warm Contest Over Elections. Order in Fine Shape.

Philadelphia, July 16.—The first business session of the grand lodge of Elks was held today.

The campaign for office has been quite quite spirited and there was much wire pulling before the election for grand officers took place.

Among the reports submitted to the convention were those of the grand exalted ruler, Grand Secretary Robinson, grand treasurer, board of grand trustees and board of governors of the national home at Bedford City, Va.

According to the report of the secretary the order has now passed the quarter million mark in membership. The grand trustees recommend the per capita tax be reduced to 15 cents.

J. K. Tenen in Lead. The election of officers is expected to take place late today. All sings point to the election of John K. Tenen, of Pennsylvania, as grand exalted ruler.

Robbers Held up Train And Killed One Man. Cherryvale, Kan., July 16.—Two robbers held up a St. Louis and San Francisco freight train east of Cherryvale and shot and killed O. J. Brown, and seriously wounded Otis Taylor, harvest hands.

Posse After Robbers. Brown and Taylor were beating their way home. They resisted the efforts of the road men to rob them of their earnings.

The robbers escaped. A posse is in pursuit.

South Carolina Town in Grip of Flames. Greenville, S. C., July 16.—Advices received here this afternoon indicate that the town of Donalds is fighting a fierce fire.

A dispatch received at 2:15 says seven buildings have been burned on Main street.

Donalds is a town of 2,000, between Columbia and Greenville.

Hurt by Fall From Train. Winston-Salem, N. C., July 16.—Lone Coon, a negro porter on the train between this city and Charlotte, fell from a moving train near Cooleemee yesterday afternoon and had his shoulder bruised considerably.

Would Consolidate all Maccabee Orders

Detroit, Mich., July 16.—With 100 delegates present from all sections of the United States and Canada, representing 300,000 members of the triennial review of the supreme tent, Knights of Macabees of the World, opened here.

One of the most important matters that will be considered during the review is the proposition that all of the various Maccabee orders be consolidated into one great body, including the two organizations of the Ladies of the Macabees.

HAYWOOD TRIAL. Effort to Prove Perjury Against Orchard.

Boise, July 16.—It is possible the prosecution in the Haywood case will close the rebuttal this afternoon and that the arguments may be begun by Thursday.

A. C. Cogswell, of Wallace, Idaho, was called to further impeach Dr. I. L. McGee, witness for the defense, who is under arrest and who has been brought to Boise from Spokane, where he was taken into custody. Dr. McGee testified as to certain dates by fixing the date of the county republican convention in Wallace. Cogswell, the permanent chairman of the convention, gave different dates, the attorneys for the defendant moved to strike out the evidence as immaterial, and when this motion was denied they declined to cross examine.

While Cogswell was on the stand the state offered in evidence a copy of the Idaho Tribune, identified as the official organ of the local unions of the Western Federation of Miners at that time.

The paper contained an account of the blowing up of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mill, which the state desired to place before the jury in answer to Attorney Darrow's opening statement that the defense would show that the crowd which attacked the mill was an unorganized mob.

The judge took the matter under advisement.

TICKET AGENT ARRESTED. Case of Asheville Agent Continued Until Tomorrow.

Asheville, N. C., July 16.—The case of Southern Railway Ticket Agent Jas. Wood, who was yesterday arrested charged with violation of the state 2 1/2 cent railroad rate, this morning appeared before Police Judge Reynolds and on request of Judge Merrimon, who appeared for the railway, the case was continued until tomorrow. The complaints were made by J. B. Wells, a local business man, and Jas. Gresham, clerk of Berkeley Hotel, who were refused tickets at the 2 1/2 cent rate.