

HUNDREDS OVERCOME BY SMOKE IN N. Y. SUBWAY FOLLOWING STALLING OF TRAINS BY BLOWOUT FROM DEFECTIVE CABLES

Traffic In Tube Tied Up for Hours—At Least Three Are Dead and Others Reported to Have Succumbed to Injuries

EVERY FIREMAN AND AMBULANCE IN CITY CALLED

Official Investigation of Worst Disaster in Tube Travel's History to Be Held—Hospital Holds 150 Victims—Heat Unbearable in Stalled Cars and Windows Could Not Be Raised for Smoke—Firemen Worked in Short Relays and Many Were Rendered Unconscious

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 6.—The entire New York subway system was tied up for hours today as the result of a blow-out in the tube at Fifty-ninth street, which started a fire that filled the entire system with smoke. The trains were filled with passengers and a wild panic ensued. All the ambulances in New York were called to treat passengers overcome by the smoke. In answer to three alarms all the firemen in the city were called on to aid in getting the people out of the tube filled with smoke for more than a mile. All police reserves were called out. Great danger threatened the cars stalled in darkness and filled with passengers. A hundred were overcome by smoke and are in a serious condition. It was impossible to open the windows of the cars and the heat became unbearable. Women collapsed. All the lights on the trains were out. Victims were stretched on the sidewalks and given first aid. Many firemen, overcome by smoke, were carried out in an unconscious condition.

Thirteen persons are in a very serious condition. Seven hundred are suffering from shock and smoke asphyxiation.

It was the worst disaster in the subway's history. Three hundred were overcome by the smoke and 150 were taken to the Polyclinic Hospital. Many were burned. The firemen worked in five-minute relays. It is reported but not confirmed that some were smothered to death in the tubes. Doctors giving first-aid reported three showed no signs of life. An unidentified woman victim of the subway accident is this afternoon dead in the Polyclinic Hospital. The disaster will result in a complete investigation of subway methods, according to District Attorney Perkins. The fire was out at 11:30.

Officials of the Interborough insisted that none of their trains were burned. The fire was due to faulty insulation of cables. Fire Commissioner Adamson said as trains were stalled they were searched as rapidly as possible for dead bodies. According to R. J. Lewis, a passenger on one of the trapped trains, the guards locked the doors and deserted the imprisoned passengers. Men and women fainted. Those standing in the aisles began dropping like ninepins after the cars had been stalled a few minutes. Windows were broken with fists and heels.

STAND GUARD ALL NIGHT TO FIGHT OFF OFFICERS

Joseph Boyer and Brother-in-Law Baricaded Themselves on the Island in Icy Stream With Guns Turned on Pursuers.

(By the United Press)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Determined to fight to the death to evade arrest on a charge of robbery, Joseph Boyer and his brother-in-law, Harry Shefter, all night stood with rifles in hand to prevent a sheriff's posse from approaching an ice-locked island in Roche river, where they had barricaded themselves.

DEAN SUMMER BECOMES THE BISHOP OF OREGON

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Dean Walter Taylor Summer, long prominent in social welfare work in Chicago and chairman of the vice commission whose work attracted national attention a few years ago, was today consecrated bishop of Oregon with impressive ceremonies, at the Catholic of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

NEGRO BOYS DANCED WITH WHITE GIRLS IN CHICAGO SCHOOL

Principal, Protested to, Put Stop to Mixing of Races at Play—Action Upheld By the City Superintendent of Schools

(By the United Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Chicago's superintendent of public schools today upheld Principal Fanny Smith's division of the white and negro children in her school's social affairs. Miss Smith divided the whites and negroes when the parents of whites protested against negro boys dancing with the white girls.

CITY AUTHORITIES WILL HEAR OTHER BIDDERS

If Leach & Co. Defer Consummation of Their Purchase Much Longer. Note to That Effect Has Gone Forth to New Yorkers.

If Leach & Co., of New York dilly-dally much longer about closing the deal for the \$100,000 worth of city bonds they some time ago obligated to take from the Kinston City Council, the council will call the thing off and sell the issue to somebody else. A telegram to the Leach company on Tuesday conveyed that information, couched, of course, in polite language. A reply came immediately stating that the delay in the consummation of the negotiations rested with their attorneys, and that they would hurry their consideration to an immediate conclusion.

A Toledo, O., firm of brokers has asked the city authorities if the bonds are still on the market and available for an immediate transfer, and it seems that there are plenty of other would-be purchasers of the issue, which is the one voted last summer for street, sewerage and lighting improvements.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER COMING TO THIS STATE

Reidsville, Jan. 5.—Anthony Caminetti, commissioner of immigration in the Department of Labor in Washington, will visit Spray and Wentworth during the next few days. He was invited by Col. Frank Mehane of Spray, owner of an immense Hereford cattle farm and for many years a prominent cotton manufacturer.

NEW BERN NEGRO BANK CLOSED BY THE SHERIFF

New Bern, Jan. 5.—Acting upon legal instructions, Sheriff Richards B. Lane this afternoon closed the doors of the Mutual Aid Banking Co. of this city, and telegraphed the Corporation Commission to send an examiner to look into the affairs of the institution, which is operated by negroes.

WHEEBEE SAYS JUDGES WASTE MUCH BREATH

Wilmington, Jan. 5.—In charging the grand jury at the opening of Superior Court here yesterday Judge H. W. Wheebie of Greenville, remarked that he had come to the conclusion after his four and a half years' experience on the bench that 95 per cent. of what a judge says in his charge is a useless consumption of time.

OVATION TO WOOTEN WHEN PRESENTED TO HOUSE AS SPEAKER

Unanimous Choice of Caucus When Opponents Read "Handwriting" LEGISLATURE ORGANIZES

Governor's Message Thursday — Kinstonian Says Business Will Be Conducted With Dispatch In the Lower House

(By W. J. Martin.)
Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Emmett R. Wooten was given an ovation when presented to the House as Speaker today. In acceptance of the office, Mr. Wooten announced his determination to see to it that the work of the session both in committees and on the floor of the House, will be dispatched in such a way as to make sure to avoid congestion in the last days and weeks of the session, and that the work will be completed within sixty days, the constitutional limit.

Both branches of the Legislature were duly organized today by the election of officers chosen by the Democratic caucuses.

MARY GARDEN



Mary Garden, the American prima donna, came to America for the holidays, but intends to return at once to France, where she converted her home into a hospital and has been devoting herself to nursing wounded French soldiers. She intimates that she may never return to the opera stage.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The short lines of North Carolina railways today committed their interests to Collector J. W. Bailey of Raleigh, who will present their case to the General Assembly. They ask the repeal of section 9 of the Justice act—the long and short haul clause.

HIGH SCHOOL NOW IN HANDSOME NEW \$42,000 BUILDING

Grammar School Grades Will Also Use Building—650 Children Will Be Benefited by Completion of the Structure

The handsome new East Lenoir street schoolhouse was occupied this morning at 9 o'clock by the high school and eight grammar grades and Superintendent of Schools Barron Caldwell, who will have his office in the building. Eighteen rooms are being used by the 650 children entered there.

The new schoolhouse was to have been put into commission on Monday, but the failure of the architect to arrive to formally accept the building interfered with the authorities' plans and kept the children out of it for two days. Architect Frank H. Thomson has not yet arrived from Charlotte to accept the work, but the officials were allowed to go ahead with the use of the building since no doubt exists as to the safety and adequacy of the heating and ventilating facilities of the house.

The finishing touches to the exterior are being put on today. The work does not interfere with the study of the classes, however, and the children were at work soon after their admission, and as much as ease as in their old quarters. The interior of the East Lenoir street building is airy, light and altogether inviting. The appointments in every particular are of the most modern. The structure cost, equipped, around \$42,000, and is one of the finest public school buildings in North Carolina.

KEITH GORE, SHOT BY GIRL'S BROTHER, DEAD

Warsaw, Jan. 5.—Keith Gore, who was shot at Bowden over a girl, is dead.

CITIES PROTEST TODAY ON RESERVE BANK LOCATIONS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 6.—Rival claims of Richmond, Va., and Baltimore, Md., for financial and commercial supremacy were aired here today. Hearings were begun by the federal reserve board upon the protest of Baltimore against the location of the regional reserve bank at Richmond instead of Baltimore. Failing to win out in a fight with Richmond to have the regional bank located at Baltimore, interests of the latter city, request, as one alternative, that Baltimore be included in the Philadelphia instead of the Richmond banking district.

Other protests of geographical divisions of the new banking system were heard by the board later. The regional banks were assigned by the "organization committee" before the board was appointed. The board has authority to re-district and change banking districts at any time. As secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of currency John Skelton Williams were members of the organization committee making the original selections and are now members of the board, it is thought that important changes in the present geographical make-up of the new system are doubtful.

Prominent bankers and business men of both Baltimore and Richmond appeared today. They filed reams of documents pro and con. The oral arguments today, however, were the first held by the new board.

BIRMINGHAM'S GREAT NEW RAILROAD YARD

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 5.—Finley yard, the new gravity classification yard and engine terminal of Southern Railway, just north of Birmingham, containing 36 miles of track with a capacity of 2,000 cars, has just been placed in service.

CHAMBER COMMERCE TO CONSIDER FOUR IMPORTANT TOPICS COMMITTEE TO BE HEARD

Fair, Better Roads, City Manager and Enlarging State School

Men Who Have Been Considering Five-County Fair to Make Report Expected to Be Favorable for the Project

Four important matters will be discussed by the Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Thursday night, President J. H. Canady announced today. The meeting is expected to have a full attendance, having been postponed from Tuesday night for the accommodation of members who were out of the city and will return during the next twenty-four hours.

The proposed five-county fair will be discussed and the committee appointed to investigate its feasibility will make its report. The committee is comprised by Messrs. J. F. Taylor, P. S. B. Harper, Dr. J. M. Parrott, N. J. Rouse and F. C. Dunn. They are expected to make a favorable report, and it is not at all unlikely that the Chamber will take definite steps to promulgate the plans advised by them.

Good roads will be a matter of discussion hardly secondary in importance to the fair. County commissioners and others interested in better highways will be welcomed in the meeting and given a voice in the consideration of the subject.

A city manager for Kinston will be another subject the merits and deficiencies of which will be threshed out at the meeting. Since the city authorities have taken the initiative in bringing it up, numerous leading citizens have suggested that it be given a place in the Chamber's program for Thursday night, Mr. Canady says. Members of City Council are invited to join the Chamber in its discussion.

LABOR DEPARTMENT INTERFERES IN STRIKE

Washington, Jan. 5.—Federal intervention in the eastern Ohio coal miners strike was ordered today by Secretary of Labor Wilson. Daniel J. Keefe, labor expert and former commissioner general of immigration and Hywel Davies, former mediator in the Colorado strike, were designated to undertake an amicable adjustment.

EVERGLADES PROMOTER TO JAIL FOR TWO YEARS.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Dr. E. C. Chambers, who yesterday was refused a new trial on the charge of fraudulent use of the mails, was today sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of \$6,000 by Federal Judge Pollock. Chambers was the promoter of the Chambers Land Company, organized to sell land in the Florida Everglades.

RALEIGH YOUTH LOST ON BARK WHICH FOUNDERED

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5.—From reports received here Earl Lloyd, twenty-one years old, of Raleigh, was the only member lost of the crew of the American bark, Pilgrim, formerly the British bark Gale, which foundered in mid-Atlantic December 15.

TURKISH FORCES IN SHAMEFUL RETREAT FROM THE CAUCASUS

Leave Behind Guns, Equipment and Standards of Their Regiments MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Russians Capture Corps Commander and Fifty Thousand Men—Englishmen Dying From Rheumatism and Pneumonia

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Jan. 6.—The entire Turkish campaign in the Caucasus has failed. The Turkish army is in disgraceful retreat, abandoning their equipment, guns, ammunition, and in a number of instances their regimental colors. The Russians have already captured fifty thousand prisoners. Iskhan Pasha, the commander, and entire ninth corps are prisoners. The Russian advance in Hungary is practically unopposed. In Poland and western Galicia there is practically no change in the situation.

French Attack St. Mihiel

Paris, Jan. 6.—The French on the east front are endeavoring to retake St. Mihiel, the only point where the Germans have crossed the Meuse. Hundreds are dying of pneumonia and rheumatism, mostly English. The French advance is steady in Alsace.

Germans Claim Advance

Berlin, Jan. 6.—It is officially announced that the Germans are gaining ground in Alsace. The Germans will reinforce the Austrians in front of Cracow. Reports from Constanti-nople say the Allied fleet has again been driven from positions in front of the Dardanelles forts. A torpedo badly damaged one vessel and the entire fleet was forced to withdraw beyond gun range.

Germans Attack in Hard Rain

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Germans, despite torrential rains, essayed two attacks today to attempt to retake St. George's. They were driven back with heavy losses. The Germans in the region of the Aisne and around Rheims were forced back 100 yards northwest of Rheims and near Courtechausse, the French dynamited and demolished 800 yards of the Germans' trenches, capturing half of the trenches.

Germans Advance Beyond Vistula

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The French heavy guns are bringing destruction to villages behind the German lines. Near Honain, in the Argonne region, the Germans have captured several trenches, two officers and 200 other prisoners. On the eastern front the Germans have penetrated past the Vistula as far as the Sucho branch, capturing several Russian positions, 1,400 prisoners and nine machine guns.

DUPONT POWDER MILL BLOWN UP

(By the United Press)
Wilmington, Del., Jan. 6.—The large mill of the DuPont Powder Co., at Rockland Yards, exploded today. The mill contained many tons of black powder. A watchman was injured. A whole district in Pennsylvania was rocked as if by an earthquake.

COAST STEAMER TRANSFERS TO TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE

Wilmington, Jan. 6.—Significant of the attractiveness of the trans-Atlantic freight rates and the scarcity of neutral vessels to transport American goods to Europe, is the sailing from here yesterday of the American passenger steamer, City of Savannah, with a cargo of 9,529 bales of cotton for Rotterdam. The City of Savannah usually plies between New York and Savannah, Ga., which run the vessel left to enter the trans-Atlantic freight business.