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## DIE AMIDST THE FIRE AND SMOKE

### The Japanese-Battleship, Mikasa, Destroyed by Fire And Explosion—Hundreds of Lives Lost In Sad And Terrible Disaster.

## NEARLY 600 MEN MEET DEATH

A Fire on Board Ship Reached the Magazine, Which Exploded, Blowing a Hole in the Vessel, Which Instantly Sinks.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The Navy Department has announced that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of the magazine, causing a loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships who went to the rescue. The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight Sunday. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine, which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line and causing the ship to sink. An investigation is being held.

In the battle of the Sea of Japan the Mikasa was the heaviest loser of all Japanese ships, having 63 killed and wounded. She approached nearer to the Russians than any other battleship. The Mikasa was also the flagship of Togo. After the great naval battle fought off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904, on which occasion the Japanese flagship also suffered most, but continued in the fighting line. On that occasion the Mikasa had four officers and 29 men killed, six officers and 29 men severely and four officers and 29 men slightly wounded.

### AIKEN FLEES THE STATE.

His Father Helps Him to Escape the Law, for His Rash Deeds of Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Stell went down in the southern end of the county yesterday to search for John Aiken, the young lightning rod agent, who ran amuck, and attacked several of his companions at Wilburn Saturday, but the man had left the State. The man's father had carried him to Clayton, where he took the train supposedly for South Carolina.

### HAD FRIENDS ON THE SPOT.

The Sheriff of Rowan County is Exempted From the Provisions of the Machinery Act Reducing Per Centum for the Collection of Taxes.

The machinery act of the last legislature reduced the commissions for the collection of taxes of all sheriffs in the State who collected more than \$50,000, and this seriously decreases the incomes of the sheriffs of the larger counties, as the commissions remain the same as formerly up to \$50,000, which is 5 per cent, but all in excess of this amount only 2 1/2 per cent is allowed.

There is one sheriff, however, the sheriff of Rowan county, who had his friends on hand, and a special law was passed and ratified two days before the machinery act, which exempts him from this decrease.

This act is entitled an act to reduce the commissions of the sheriff of Rowan county for the collection of county taxes, and reads as follows: Section 1. That the sheriff of Rowan county shall receive as compensation for the collection of county, school, road, bonds and all other license and privilege taxes for county purposes, three per cent of the amount collected by him.

Sec. 2. That this act shall in no way apply to or effect the present sheriff of Rowan county, and shall not affect the percentage for the collection of State taxes.

Sec. 3. That all laws in conflict

with this act are hereby repealed. Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. As this act was ratified two days before the machinery act was passed, and this act applies to all the counties, and repeals all laws in conflict thereto, a question arises whether this special act was not repealed by the machinery act, and the sheriff of Rowan county abide by the regular act, and have his income decreased as well as the others.

### CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

And Admits That An Innocent Man Was Hanged for the Crime.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 12.—When my lifeless body is found, notify my mother, Mrs. Catherine Herzig, of Girard, O. The enclosed letter will reveal my identity and the awful secret of my wretched life. "I can endure it no longer."

The foregoing note was found by Frank Byer, who lives on a claim near Hildewood, this county. It was written by one of his harvest hands called Frank, who has disappeared.

In the letter, the writer, who signs himself Charles Herzig, says: "Dear Mr. Byer:

"In the early seventies Charlie Sterling, a supposed tramp, was tried for the murder of Lizzie Grombacker, a beautiful young woman, residing near Youngstown, in Mahoning county, O. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence and was hanged for the crime in the county jail at Youngstown.

"Charles Sterling was an innocent man. I am guilty of the murder of that young girl.

"CHARLES HERZIG." Byer and his neighbors have made a search without success for the body of Herzig.

### Insurance Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 12.—The inquiry into the methods pursued by life insurance companies has been resumed. The question of syndicate operations was taken up and Edmund D. Randolph, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Co., offered evidence to show that for ten years his company had made no syndicate transactions, which resulted in a loss, the net profits having been nearly two and one-half millions of dollars.

### New Bank Organized.

Wilmington, Sept. 12.—The Southern National Bank was organized here yesterday with a most flattering outlook for the beginning of business next Monday. The officers and directors elected are: President, Matt J. Heyer; first vice president, Hugh McRae; second vice president, D. L. Gore; cashier, Chas. N. Evans; directors, Hugh McRae, D. L. Arringdale, J. A. Taylor, L. Hanson, E. Abernethy, John H. Rehder, Isadore Bear, Matt J. Heyer and Z. W. Whitehead, all of this city; D. D. McColl, Bennettsville, S. C.; S. O. Middleton, Hallsville, N. C.; H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro, N. C.; C. C. Pridgen, Tarboro, N. C.

### Capt. Charles Price Very Ill.

Salisbury, Sept. 12.—Capt. Charles Price, a lawyer, whose fame is national, is very critically ill at his home on Fulton street. There is but the smallest hope for a change and his best friends fear that he cannot live more than a short while. Capt. Price has been in ill health for several years, but has not abandoned his work, with which he has been overwhelmed for a long time. Especially for the last three months he has been feeble and the past ten days a decline that is alarming.

### APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY.

Mr. F. D. Gold, Jr., of Greensboro, Highly Honored by the Elks. (Special to The Evening Times.) Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 12.—An order was recently issued dividing the State of North Carolina into two jurisdictions of the Elks, and Mr.

F. D. Gold, Jr., of Greensboro Lodge, No. 222, has received the appointment of district deputy for the western division of the State. He will have under his supervision the lodges at Greensboro, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Concord, Charlotte and Asheville. High Pater, who also named in the order, but there is no lodge there, though it is expected that one will be instituted at that place during the present administration. Mr. Gold was appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert W. Brown, of Louisville, Ky. The eastern district is composed of the 5th lodges at Elizabeth City, Washington, Durham, Wilmington, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern and Wilson. Mr. Gold is a past exalted ruler of Greensboro Lodge and one of its most popular members, and his appointment is not only an honor to him, but also to the Greensboro lodge.

### Boy Not in Penitentiary Confesses to Murder.

Salisbury, Sept. 12.—Sheriff Julian, who has returned from the State Penitentiary at Raleigh, where he took Elmore Phillips, colored, a mere boy, reports a remarkable confession. The little negro was indicted at the recent term of court for the murder of his step-father Will McKathan. The boy was but 15 years old, yet he murdered the old negro man while he slept, shooting him with a shotgun and then dragging the old fellow off by hitching a horse to his heel. McKathan was found a day later in a thicket. Everything pointed to the guilt of the boy. Yet he told a plausible story and impressed the lawyers with his cleverness. He protested his innocence and, by fortuitous humanity, won a recommendation for mercy. His lawyers pleaded the second degree of murder for him and he went to prison for 8 years. On the way to Raleigh, Phillips confessed, without regret, the whole crime and pleaded revenge as his motive. McKathan had struck Phillips' mother with a club and the boy laid for him until he slept, then blew his head off.

### Guilford Plaster Company Buys Cement Business.

Greensboro, Sept. 12.—Mr. Sidney N. Peters has resigned his position as manager of the cement department of the Odell Hardware Company to devote his entire time to the management of the Guilford Plaster Company, of which he is vice president and treasurer. The wholesale cement business of the Odell Hardware Company has been bought by the Guilford Plaster Company, which concern will handle cement by wholesale, in addition to its output.

### Cholera Victims.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—Eight new cases of cholera and three deaths is the record for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day, making a total of 166 cases and 61 deaths.

### Job Printers Strike.

(By the Associated Press.) Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Job printers here have refused to go to work, the Typotheta having refused a demand for an 8-hour day. Nine-teen offices are affected.

## CHILDREN WERE TRAMPLED TO DEATH IN PANIC

### Blood-Thirsty Tartars Massacre Armenians Without Any Distinction of Sex or Age, and the Few Survivors Forced to Embrace Islamism.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—A holy war has been proclaimed in the Caucasian districts of Zangezur and Jebrail, where the Tartars are massacring Armenians without distinction of sex or age. At the village of Minkend 300 Armenians were slaughtered. Dispatches say mutilated children were thrown to the dogs, and that the few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives.

### Preachers Visit the Jail.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Moment and Rev. R. J. Bateman, accompanied by a party of the Christian ladies of the city visited the jail to-day and talked with many of the prisoners.

Will Adams, the negro who is condemned to be hung on Thursday was spoken with, but he still stuck to the story that he was innocent of the charge against him.

Several ministers and ladies of the city visit the jail every Tuesday and talk and pray with the prisoners.

## THE FIRST DAY IN TWO MONTHS

### No Deaths From Yellow Fever in New Orleans Yesterday

## A NEW CULCIDE WILL BE USED FOR FUMIGATION

### But on Account of the Extreme Danger in Handling It, Dr. White is Thoroughly Educating His Forces in Its Use.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Sept. 12.—The fact that there were no deaths in the preceding 24 hours has had a most excellent effect upon the people of New Orleans and with such evidence that the fever is under control, it is expected they will respond to the appeal of Dr. White to exert themselves to the utmost in a war against the mosquito. It is felt by the authorities that it will be a matter of great difficulty to stamp out the fever if the people will faithfully follow the instructions, now that the malignant character of the disease has disappeared. Appeals continue to come to the Governor and the State Board of Health from the country for assistance.

### Control of the Situation.

New Orleans, Sept. 12.—The official report of the yellow fever situation in this city to six o'clock Monday afternoon was as follows: New cases, 38; total to date, 2,327. Deaths, none; total, 316. New foci, 18. Cases under treatment, 300. Cases discharged, 1,711.

The report of no deaths yesterday, the first time since the announcement of the presence of the fever here on July 21, when contrasted with the record of 1878, presents quite a coincidence, because September 11, 1878, was the record day for deaths during the epidemic, ninety being recorded. Algiers reported seven of the new cases yesterday. Of the new foci only two are above Canal street. Four are in Algiers.

Dr. White last night gave out the parts of the new culcicide, which will be used hereafter in fumigation, the discovery of which was announced Saturday. It is composed of equal parts of crystal carbolic acid and gum camphor, and three ounces will be sufficient thoroughly to fumigate 1,000 cubic feet of space. He advises against its use by citizens generally, on account of danger in handling it, and is having his forces thoroughly educated in its use before they will be entrusted with it.

## CHILDREN WERE TRAMPLED TO DEATH IN PANIC

### Cossacks Fired Volley After Volley into the Raging Mass of Infuriated People, Killing 30 and Wounding 70 Others.

(By the Associated Press.) Tiflis, Sept. 12.—Two thousand Social Democrats forced an entrance into the town hall, which was closed, owing to the celebration of a religious holiday—the beheading of John the Baptist. Revolutionary speeches were made and the chief of police ordered the meeting to disperse. Some obeyed, but the remainder refused and revolvers were fired. A large force of Cossacks, drawn up outside the building, fired a volley into the crowd time and time again, killing 30 and wounding upwards of 70. In the ensuing panic many persons fell and were trampled to death by their comrades and the pursuing Cossacks.

### ABJECT CREATURES.

Marion Woods and Ida Sheppard, of Holly Springs, in Jail Again. Marion Woods and Ida Sheppard, a white couple, living near Holly Springs, were brought here last night and placed in jail by Deputy Sheriff Stell, on a capias issued by the judge

at the last term of the court, they being charged with living together unlawfully.

Some time last spring, Deputy Sheriff A. J. Stevens, of Holly Springs took a hog from Woods, who was living at the house of the woman, for the payment of taxes, and immediately Woods hurried to Raleigh and paid the taxes to the sheriff, and when Deputy Stevens heard of this he at once sent the hog back by his two little boys. When the boys drove into the yard of the Sheppard woman she locked the gate and would not let them take the team away and when they climbed the fence she would not let them enter again. Stevens had to come to Raleigh and get out a claim and delivery for the team. The woman was then tried here for trespass before Justice of the Peace Saunders and the action was dismissed, but in the trial it developed that the man and woman were living together as man and wife unlawfully, the matter however was dropped as they promised to get married at once, but at the last term of the court the grand jury presented them and hence their arrest by order of the court.

The man and woman present a picture of the most abject poverty it can hardly be realized that within the confines of Wake county there live people of such a low moral plane. Their faces have the look of hunted, hungry animals, starved morally and physically. They both appear to be about fifty years old, but they may be younger. It is said by neighbors that for some time they have had nothing to eat but ears of corn. But with all their ignorance and abjectness they still linger in the heart of the woman that natural affection for her child. When she was in jail before, she would not be separated from her little boy, who is about five years old, and he was carried to jail with them.

They claim to have been married, and if this is so, the Solicitor will no doubt not press the indictment.

### A MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

Police Justice This Morning Taxed a Negro Woman With the Cost for Malicious Prosecution.

Judge Badger had a small docket this morning, there being only two cases before his honor, one of which he dismissed. Nick Chambers, a negro driver, was fined \$4.35 for driving over a paved street faster than a walk. There was a charge of being drunk and disorderly against Lucy Farrar and Randall Johnson, two negroes, but the judgment of the court was not guilty as it appeared that one Florence Spike, another negro, swore out the warrant to get even with her enemies. Florence was made to pay \$4.35 for zeal in prosecuting the offenders.

### Holiday in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12.—To-day is being celebrated as a legal holiday throughout the State in honor of the battle of North Point, fought in 1814, in which the State militia defeated the British and saved Baltimore from capture. The Stock Exchange, Chamber of Commerce and municipal buildings are closed and the anniversary is generally observed.

### Shot by a Burglar.

(By the Associated Press.) Greenwich, Conn., Sept. 12.—Mrs. C. W. Morell, daughter of E. C. Converse, of New York, an officer of the United States Steel Company, was shot by a burglar. The bullet shattered her jawbone and imbedded itself in her shoulder.

### CHIEF JUSTICE SIMMONS DEAD.

Was Head of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—Chief Justice Simmons, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, is dead of a complication of troubles. He was 65 years of age.

### Negro Giant Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—"Bud" Rogan, a Tennessee negro giant, is dead at Gallatin. He was 8 feet 9 inches tall. His hand was 12 inches in length and his feet were 16 1/2 inches long.

### Burned to Death.

(By the Associated Press.) Centre Ossipee, N. H., Sept. 12.—William Thompson and Mrs. Lydia Thurston were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Thompson's summer home.

### Kills Wife, Then Himself.

(By the Associated Press.) Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 12.—John Reeves murdered his wife and then committed suicide. Reeves was 30 and his wife 45 years old. He had not been living with his wife for some time.

## WATCHING THE CITY'S GATES

### For the Fugitive Motor-man Responsible for the Awful Wreck

## SEVERAL OF THOSE INJURED MAY DIE

### Fourteen of the Victims of the Fatal Accident Are so Badly Injured That Their Death is Expected at Any Time.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 12.—Policemen are watching every ferry and railroad station trying to capture Paul Kelly, the fugitive motorman of the wrecked elevated train, against whom the charge of homicide was made. The fugitive was a strike-breaker from St. Louis, who entered the company's employ six months ago while a strike was in progress. Fourteen of the injured are still in the hospitals, three so badly injured as to make their recovery doubtful. They are William Engle, whose right leg was amputated; Eliza Miner, of Nyack, whose skull was fractured and leg amputated, and William T. Niebuhr, who suffered a fractured skull. Several others are suffering from serious injuries and their condition might at any moment become critical. Seymour Roe, who had a fracture of the skull is one of these.

### WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

### In the Carolinas the Cotton Situation is Not Materially Changed.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 12.—The Weather Bureau's crop report says: In the Carolinas the cotton situation is not materially changed. In South Carolina a slight improvement is indicated in some localities and a deterioration in others, the plant having stopped growing on sandy lands, but continues green and is fruiting on clay soils. A slight improvement is reported from Alabama and portions of Louisiana and Texas, but in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas and the greater part of Texas there has been more or less deterioration, with a slight improvement over scattered local areas. Boll weevils and other pests are increasing in portions of Texas. Generally the weather conditions have been highly favorable for picking, which work has been actively carried on. Cutting and housing of tobacco is about half finished in Kentucky and nearly completed in Maryland, Virginia and Tennessee, and is completed in North Carolina.

### DEATH AT ELON COLLEGE.

Mr. J. C. Colley, Who Died Last Sunday, Was Greatly Esteemed. Elon College, Sept. 12.—Mr. J. C. Colley, of Truett, Ala., a ministerial student in Elon College, died here Sunday evening at 5 o'clock of acute bowel trouble. He left his home the first of last week and arrived here Wednesday morning very sick, and continued to grow worse, until his death.

Three physicians attended him and a trained nurse was with him in the final hours. The remains were taken home this morning. Prof. W. C. Wicker and Mr. E. M. Carter, a comrade and fellow ministerial student from Alabama, accompanied the body.

Mr. Colley was a young man of great promise and was highly esteemed for nobility of character and exemplary life and his death brings grief to a large circle of friends and relatives and to the entire Alabama Christian Conference, of which he was a member. He was 24 years old and was a member of the junior class.

### Advance Price of Oil.

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 12.—The Standard Oil Company has advanced the price of Pennsylvania oil 3 cents a barrel and other grades 2 cents.

### Chicago Wheat and Corn.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 12.—Clear weather sent December wheat to 83 1/2 c. December corn on liberal receipts, eased off to 43 1/2 c.