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A FATAL HOTEL FIRE AT LOWELL

Three Known to Have Lost Their Lives

TWO OF THEM WOMEN

More Than a Score Injured—A Number Jumped from Third and Fourth Floors—Delay in Getting Aerial Ladders to the Scene—Fire Started in Kitchen.

(By the Associated Press.) Lowell, Mass., Jan. 27.—Three lives were lost by the burning of the Richardson Hotel here at about 7 o'clock this morning, and several persons sustained injuries, one of whom is likely to die. The dead:

M. C. HARDING, of Somerville, Mass. CHRISTINE NELSON, pastry cook, of Boston. MISS JOSEPHINE KIENNESTON, nurse Franklin Park's N. H.

The injured:

A. S. ANTHONY, New Bedford, cut by falling glass and also injured by dropping from an upper story to a life net.

E. H. DICKEY, Portland, Me., number cut and bruises caused by pumping from a window on the fourth floor.

JOHN F. HAICH, New York, badly burned and almost overcome by smoke.

ANDREW LYNCH, Lowell, badly bruised by fall from rope fire escape, also burned.

JOHN HUTCHINSON, New York, severely bruised by jumping from ladder also somewhat burned.

IRA ALLEN, of Lowell, injured by fall from fire escape.

There were more than forty guests in the building when the fire broke out, and as the hotel register was not available for hours it was feared that many had lost their lives. A search of the ruins made this afternoon, however, revealed the fact that only three had perished. The two upper floors of the hotel were burned out. The two lower ones were wrecked by falling debris and smoke and water.

Those injured were either burned, cut by falling glass or received injuries in jumping from the windows. There were many thrilling escapes, including that of Mr. Anthony, the New Bedford man, who hung from a window ledge several of his strength would permit. Several of the guests leaped into life nets held by the firemen. The hotel was owned by Thomas T. Hoban who estimates his loss at \$60,000.

The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen from an overheated stove. It is thought that it had been burning for nearly an hour before it was discovered at about 7 o'clock.

The hotel, a four-story brick structure, was situated on the corner of Middlesex and Thordike streets opposite the Boston & Maine Railroad station. The flames originated on the Thordike street side, in the rear of the building, and worked up to the upper floors.

During the evening there had been a meeting of business men at the hotel, and after the meeting adjourned many of those who attended remained at the hotel to play cards in a room on the second floor. About 2 o'clock there was a smell of smoke, and when the door of the room was opened by some investigator, there was a strong rush of smoke and heat into the room. It is due to the presence of kind of those in the room that the list of casualties was not greater. While one of the number went outside to give the alarm, the others ran through the corridors kicking at the doors and arousing the occupants of the various rooms. All the guests on the second and first floors were aroused, but when an attempt was made to reach the third and fourth floors, the men were driven back by the smoke and flames.

All the persons in the first and second floors escaped without injury.

When the firemen arrived many persons on the third and fourth floors were hanging from the window ledges. Unfortunately the fire apparatus responding to the first alarm did not include enough aerial ladders to remove these persons from their precarious positions. A second alarm was sounded, and when sufficient long ladders had reached the scene all of those who were vitally in peril were rescued.

Some of the persons who were hanging from the windows, however, had become exhausted before this time, and had dropped into the life nets that were spread below. Among this number was A. S. Anthony, of New Bedford, who occupied a room on the fourth floor of the hotel. Mr. Anthony had hung by his hands from the window ledge for twelve minutes. His strength was rapidly giving out, and fearing that the flames would reach them he dropped into the life net. He suffered no burns, but his face was badly cut by falling glass and he was somewhat injured by his fall.

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GOLD FOOT SPURNED

Kicked About on Valencia's Broken Deck

J. B. Graham, Passenger Around the World, Had \$1,500 in Gold—Offered it to Anyone Who Would Get Him Ashore—Little Hood Paid in His Pleasings.

(By the Associated Press.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Among those who are supposed to have perished when the Valencia went in pieces was J. B. Graham, a passenger, and with him went a bag containing \$1,500 in gold. Survivors of the wreck say that Graham frankly offered the bag of gold to any one who would place him on shore.

But the others paid little heed to the pleadings of the man, and his gold lay on the broken deck, kicked under foot, so one bothering even to pick it up.

"It was one time when gold could not buy what was wanted," said one of the survivors, as he related the story on the steamship Topeka.

"I'm coming into a safe harbor without a cent. Why, even this shirt I have on belongs to another man, and I have not even a hat."

Graham recently sold a mine in Alaska for \$60,000.

THE COLD WAS FATAL

Twelve Perished in the City of Mexico

Governor Landahad Built Fires in the Streets for People Out at Night—A Remarkable Period for Mexico and Gulf Coast.

(By the Associated Press.) Mexico City, Jan. 27.—The great cold wave which has caused so much suffering in central Mexico and even on the gulf coast has abated, and the warmth of the sun has been most welcome after three days of clouds and north winds.

The police report that night before last twelve members of the lower class perished on the streets from cold and exposure, being poorly clad and most of them being victims of alcoholism. The cold produced congestion of the lungs, and the victims died sitting in the doorways of business buildings.

Governor Landahad built fires in the streets for people out at night. The poor have suffered greatly during this remarkable period of cold.

Not Going to Venezuela.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 27.—The British admiralty says that the rumors that the British battleship is going to Venezuela are groundless. She will leave Halifax, N. S., to-day for home.

HENRY G. DAVIS ON RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—At the annual dinner of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and District of Columbia here last night Henry G. Davis, former Democratic candidate for vice-president, was introduced as the man who had done much for the association's movement in West Virginia.

"The world in the last century," said Mr. Davis, "has made more progress in material affairs than in all the ages preceding. But in this they have not eliminated or lessened to any great degree the faults of civilization."

"Many railroad companies and manufacturing plants are providing for associations, composed largely of their employees, or assisting to support others where their men had rest and recreation while on duty. The employer knows that his interests are best served by the employee whose habits are good, surroundings wholesome and thoughts pure."

"Washington citizens are not content with the work accomplished here along this line, but are reaching out into the neighboring States of Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia."

J. Harry Tyler, of Baltimore, and Francis A. White, president of the Baltimore association, told of the work in Baltimore.

THE CAPTAIN OF WHEELER'S OLD SLOCUM GUILTY

Failed to Have Fire Drills on Steamer

Jury Disagreed As to the Employment of Bad Quality Life Preservers.—Steamer Burned in East River in June, 1904, with Loss of Over 1,000 Lives.

New York, Jan. 27.—Capt. William H. Van Schaick was today found guilty of criminal negligence in failing to have fire drills on the steamer General Slocum, which he commanded in June, 1904, when that steamer burned with the loss of over 1,000 lives.

He was immediately sentenced to ten years imprisonment by Judge Thomas of the United States District Court.

The jury disagreed as to two other counts, in which he was charged with criminal negligence by the employment of life preservers of poor quality.

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TRY TWO FOR MURDER

Shockley and Lamb at Wilmington

McCraw Case Continued Till April Term—Shockley Killed Frank Talbot—Lamb Slew a Dissolute Woman Named Alice Owens Last August.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 27.—Rapid progress is being made in disposing of the large number of cases docketed for this term of court. Judge Webb is being congratulated on the manner in which he is dispatching business.

The first important case was that of the negro, Frank Anderson, charged with burglary. He was found guilty of burglary in the second degree. Sentence has not been passed.

The case of State against T. A. McCraw, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law on the night of October 11th is continued until the April term.

M. W. Shockley, charged with killing Frank Talbot, a stonecutter, will be tried next week.

T. C. Lamb, formerly of Florence, S. C., against whom a true bill has been returned, will also be tried next week for murder. He is charged with killing Alice Owens, a dissolute woman, in August last.

MADE TO STUDY BIBLE ALL TIME

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Tribune from St. Paul, Minn., says:

Pearl Hall, aged 11, who was adopted when a baby by her grandfather here, Anton Myers, has spent the last five years of her life mainly in studying the Bible. The girl did so on bread and water diet with an occasional bit of boiled rice. Since she was six years old her grandfather compelled her to read the Bible at all hours of the day. The girl would not even be allowed to go out and play. Her health has been seriously injured. The humane society interfered in her behalf yesterday, and the court placed her in another family.

Tucker Saw President.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition, had a talk with President Roosevelt today about the results of his visit to foreign countries in the interest of the exposition. Mr. Tucker met with great success on his trip. The President assured him of his sympathy in the efforts he is making to insure the success of the exposition.

WHEELER'S OLD CAVALRY IN LINE

Confederate Veterans of Co. A from Atlanta

Body Will Lie in State in St. John's Church, Washington, from Ten Till Two Monday. When the Procession Will Proceed to Arlington.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Major William H. Van Schaick, of the general staff, today gave out the details of the funeral services in this city for the body of General Wheeler. The body will arrive about midnight Sunday early Monday morning, and be taken to St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, where it will lie in state with a guard of honor from 10 a. m. Monday until 2 p. m. when the funeral service will form at the church and proceed to Arlington. Full military honors will be paid. There will be no services at the church here, but the body will accompany the body to Washington and conduct the funeral services at the grave. The body will be taken to the church here, but the body will accompany the body to Washington and conduct the funeral services at the grave. The body will be taken to the church here, but the body will accompany the body to Washington and conduct the funeral services at the grave.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS VISIT TO ROOSEVELT

He Was Requested to Withdraw Nomination of Frazier in Order to Afford Douglas' Friends an Opportunity to Present to Him Some Further Facts.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—A vigorous fight is being made on Cyrus A. Frazier, who has been nominated as postmaster of Greensboro, N. C. The effort is to secure the withdrawal of Mr. Frazier's nomination and the appointment of H. D. Douglas, Jr., editor of a Greensboro newspaper in Greensboro. Mr. Douglas is a grandson of Stephen A. Douglas.

A delegation of organization Republicans of North Carolina, including National Representative Senator Butler, Judge H. M. Douglas, H. D. Douglas, and other prominent Republicans, National committee members, called on the President today to urge the withdrawal of the nomination of Mr. Frazier and the appointment of Mr. Douglas.

The President was requested to withdraw the nomination of Frazier in order to afford Douglas' friends an opportunity to present to the President some further facts in the matter. No decision of the question yet has been reached but there are indications that the nomination of Frazier will not be withdrawn.

"HERAUSS MIT DEM!"

Core Sound Folks Smoke out Mormons

Building Where Missionaries Held Services Burned Down and the Proselyters Told to Get Quick or Tar and Feathers Would Be Their Lot.

(Special to The Evening Times.) New Bern, N. C., Jan. 27.—Citizens of Harkers Island, Core Sound, became indignant at efforts of Mormon missionaries to establish a church in that vicinity and set fire to the building where they held services and destroyed it.

The missionaries themselves were told to spare no time in getting away. If they should loiter over long on the island a coat of tar and feathers would be presented to them.

The missionaries have not had the most cordial reception in that part of the country, and they have had no converts to the faith.

Lexington Business Change.

Lexington, N. C., Jan. 27.—Mr. B. G. Robbins has purchased the stock of goods belonging to Mr. Henry Hege, who will retire from the mercantile business.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN VENEZUELA OFFER PROTEST.

(By the Associated Press.) Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Jan. 25, via Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Jan. 27.—Twenty-five members of the diplomatic corps today delivered to the Venezuelan government a formal joint note stating that they cannot accept Venezuela's position that M. Taigny, the former French chargé d'affaires here, had been deprived of his official character, and that he only ranked as a French citizen at the time of his forced departure from this country. The diplomats have communicated the text of this note to their respective governments.

Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Jan. 25, via Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Jan. 27.—A French line steamer which arrived at La Guaira today was granted the usual privileges of communication with the shore.

DUKE DENIES HIS WIFE'S CHARGES

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 27.—James B. Duke to-day filed in the court of chancery his answer to the cross petition for divorce filed against him by his wife Lillian N. Duke. Mr. Duke denied specifically Mrs. Duke's charges against him of cruelty and improper relations with a woman.

FRAZIER'S NAME TO DIE JUNE TENTH

Mabel Page's Murderer Pales When Sentenced

Judge Edgar A. Sherman at Cambridge, in Prosecuting Sentence, Held it an Unfortunate Term in the Westchester and County of the Murder.

(By the Associated Press.) Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 27.—Charles L. Tucker convicted of the murder of Mabel Page of Weston on March 21, 1904 today was sentenced to death by the court during the week of June 10th. When asked if he had anything to say, Tucker addressed the court as follows:

"Your honor, will I have to say that I am absolutely innocent of this crime?"

The court then proceeded to read Judge Page's statement of the facts of the case, and then referred to the jury's verdict. Tucker then made a statement to the court, and then addressed the court as follows:

"After having to the best of my ability appeared for a new trial by the highest court of the State, Judge Sherman said:

"When you left the lifeless body of Mabel Page on the floor of the Page house that day, you carried away with you many minds and silent witnesses of your guilt, enough, with the other evidence in the case to satisfy a jury of your peers beyond a reasonable doubt of your guilt."

Oil and Candle Factory Burned in New York

In Heart of Eastside Tenement District and Within Half a Block of Gouverneur Hospital.—Eighty-nine Patients Prepared for Instant Removal.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 27.—Fire which swept Tolia Pargmont & Company's three-story oil and candle factory on Water street near the East River today threatened the surrounding buildings for a block on every side.

The fire was near the heart of the Eastside tenement districts and within half a block of Gouverneur Hospital. This institution was enveloped at times in masses of black smoke from the burning oil and the 89 patients in it were prepared for instant removal. The fire was then burning furiously and the firemen devoted all their efforts to prevent the flames spreading to the hospital and other nearby buildings.

The flames were checked after the oil factory and a three-story frame building adjoining had been destroyed. The loss is about \$100,000.

PROOF THAT SWITCH WAS WIRE LOCKED

(By the Associated Press.) St. Albans, Vt., Jan. 27.—The theory held by the Central Vermont Railroad authorities that the derailment of the New England States limited express from Boston for Montreal at Bolton last night was the result of a deliberate attempt to wreck the train was further strengthened by to-day examination.

W. E. Mullens, superintendent of transportation on the Central Vermont Railroad to-day issued a statement declaring that there appears to be no question but that the mishap was the work of some miscreant. The statement says that immediately after the accident an examination developed the fact that the switch had been removed from the socket and turned down, fastened by a wire so that it showed the main line position while the switch lock was found on the ground a short distance from the switch. A man who resides near the scene told Mr. Mullens that he heard some one running from the place as the train approached.

The train was running at a speed of fifty miles an hour at the time of the accident, but luckily none of those on board was injured.

JUDGE'S FINE TOO HEAVY

Ward Asks Governor to Change Sentence

Governor Glenn, upon the urgent request of the trial judge and many good citizens, commuted the fine of \$300 and costs imposed by Judge Geo. W. Ward on a Sunday School superintendent for selling soft drink containing alcohol to a fine of \$50 and costs.

The man upon whom Judge Ward imposed this heavy sentence was J. D. Parker, a respected merchant and business man of Monroe and superintendent of the Episcopal Sunday School in that town. Now the judge, the solicitor, the leading citizens of Monroe, and the ministers of the town urge the Governor to reduce the fine.

Mr. Parker came here, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. A. M. Stack, of the firm of Redwine & Stack, of Monroe, and appealed to the governor. However, the chief executive had already made up his mind to commute the fine and he so told these gentlemen.

The case is peculiar and Governor Glenn has recently been flooded with letters from Union county in the matter. A special act was passed by the Legislature for Union county to prohibit the selling of any beverages there which contained alcohol. Mr. Parker was indicted under this law and upon the testimony of three men, who swore that they became intoxicated from a drink sold in Parker's store, he was convicted. Mr. Parker testified that if the drink contained any intoxicant he was not aware of it, and he had had ministers and others to sample the beverage and they could detect no intoxicating tendency in it.

When the jury brought in a verdict of guilty Judge G. W. Ward fined Mr. Parker \$300 and costs upon condition that he would not take an appeal. If he did not appeal the fine was to be reduced to \$50 and costs. Mr. Parker decided to appeal, and the Supreme Court later upheld the lower court.

After this was done Judge Ward appealed personally to the Governor to reduce the fine to \$50. Mr. Parker was shown to be a man of the highest character and Governor Glenn, after carefully studying the case, said to-day that as for himself he was convinced that there had been no intentional, if any, violation of law by Mr. Parker.

SAYS MRS. PARKER DIDN'T BURN YACHT

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 27.—A verdict of \$1,663 was returned today in the suit brought by the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company against Mrs. Susan Day Parker. The insurance company sought to recover \$7,000 insurance paid by them to Mrs. Parker for the burning of the yacht Scythian.

The company paid the defendants \$21,000 insurance, but claimed that this was \$7,000 in excess of what should have been paid. The jury in rendering its verdict made a statement that they believed Mrs. Parker to have been in no way responsible for the burning of the yacht. Captain Cardiff, formerly in command of the Scythian had testified that he set fire to the yacht by order of Dr. Parker's husband of Mrs. Susan Day Parker.

GASTONIA'S NEW COTTON MILL ELLECTS OFFICERS.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 27.—At the meeting of the stockholders of the Clara Manufacturing Company Mr. R. P. Rankin was elected president, Mr. G. A. Gray, vice-president, and Mr. C. B. Armstrong, secretary and treasurer. The directors elected were Messrs. C. B. Armstrong, G. A. Gray, R. P. Rankin, W. T. Rankin and C. M. Dunn.

It was decided to make the capital stock \$100,000 to begin with instead of \$65,000, as was contemplated when the charter was applied for some time ago. Building operations will begin at once. The mill will be located on the C. & N. W. Railway just south of town on the old brickyard place.

BURGLARS ROB NEW BERN STORE.

(Special to The Evening Times.) New Bern, N. C., Jan. 27.—Burglars entered the store of J. O. Lund last night and stole goods and cash to the extent of \$150. The cash register was broken open.

Burglaries were attempted at other stores, but without success.