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DEADLY FIRE IN HOLD OF TRANSPORT MEADE

3 Bodies Found, and 3 are Missing, Supposedly Located Below Decks

WAS TO SAIL TODAY WITH 1,000 TROOPS

Third Officer George Wallace Among the Dead.—Fully Twenty-five Men Overcome.—Fire Broke Out Last Night and Raged for Many Hours. Under Control This Morning.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—Fire broke out last night in the hold of the transport Meade lying at Folsom street wharf. The fire raged for hours despite the efforts of the fire department. Fully twenty men were overcome by the deadly fumes, and at least three men were killed. The dead are: Third Officer George Wallace of the Meade; B. Hennessey, fireman of engine company 4; Capt. Charles Dakin of engine 4. The following are reported as missing, supposedly in the hold unconscious, perhaps dead: Charles Gill, operator for Chief Engineer; George Brown of engine 12; W. Reagan of engine 12. The injured are: Capt. George Wilson of the Meade, shoulder broken; First Officer L. A. Lark of Meade; F. Dahl second officer of the United States transport service; Louis Cook, foreman truck No. 1; Battalion Chief Fernandez of the fire department; Lieut. John Gilbert of engine 12; Capt. P. R. Sewell, engine 12; Lieut. A. Matlock of engine 5; Gabriel Cuneo, fireman. At 5 o'clock this morning the fire was well under control and the ship was flooded with water, a dozen engines pumping water down the hold. The Meade was to have sailed today for Manila with 1,000 men on board of the second infantry and the eighth and thirteenth batteries of light artillery. The forepart of the ship, where the fire broke out contained the personal effects of the officers and men of the regiment en route to Manila. The vessel also had on board a cargo of 3,000 tons of commissary and quartermaster supplies consigned to the Philippines. It is impossible to estimate at this hour the extent of damage to the ship and cargo. Third Officer Wallace was a native of Sydney, N. S. W., and was 25 years of age. Washington, Feb. 1.—The quartermaster general has received the following dispatch from Superintendent Devoil, of the transport service at San Francisco: "Fire discovered at midnight in hold No. 2, the Meade. Unable to put out fire without flooding hold. Fire out at 3 a. m., and now pumping out water. Third Officer Wallace and two city firemen overcome by smoke and killed. Sailing delayed for some days. Full report later." The damage to the vessel was not vital. Deeds of thrilling heroism marked the fire. The fear of an explosion prevailed, but this did not deter the firemen, though they knew there was a quantity of ammunition on board. The ammunition was stored in compartment No. 6 next to the last on the boat, while the fire began in No. 2 compartment, well forward. The flames, however, at 2 o'clock, had cut through No. 2 compartment and No. 4 and were eating their way towards the hold, where the explosives were stored. The utmost energies of those in charge were directed towards flooding this compartment and cutting it off by a volume of water from the encroachment of the flames. Eighty thousand dollars in gold, being carried as military treasure to Manila, was rescued from the ship and guarded by soldiers. Captain Dakin lost his life because of his dauntless courage in fighting the fire. D. Hennessey, fireman of engine No. 4, at work in the hold, fell into the water and was taken to the receiving hospital, where he died. Third Officer Wallace was overcome by smoke and lived but a short time.

SUCIDE AT ELIZABETH CITY

M. J. Sawyer Shot Himself This Morning

DIED ALMOST INSTANTLY

Was Despondent and Believed to Be Mentally Unbalanced.—Once Proprietor Arlington Hotel.—Leaves Wife and Eight Children, Seven Being Girls.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 1.—Dependent, and believed to have been mentally unbalanced, M. N. Sawyer, at one time proprietor of the Arlington hotel, committed suicide this morning at 7:45 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He died almost instantly. Sawyer was at home when he killed himself and the news was a shock to his family and his friends in this place. It is generally believed that Sawyer's act can be attributed to despondency and partly to mental aberration, although there had been no previous intimation, so far as his friends could see, that he had planned self destruction. He was fifty years old and leaves a widow and eight children, seven of whom are girls. The family is well connected in this part of the state and Sawyer has always been popular in Elizabeth City. He got rid of his holdings in the Arlington nearly a year ago and afterwards conducted a cafe and hotel on Poindexter street, but retired from that business after conducting it for an hour. It is not likely that an inquest will be held, the statements of those who first found the victim showing conclusively that the man killed himself deliberately.

SWANSON IS INAUGURATED

Favors Adjustment of Rates in Virginia

DEPLORES MONOPOLIES

Ceremony in House of Delegates at Noon.—J. Taylor Elliott of Richmond Sworn In as Lieutenant Governor.—Appeal to Lay Aside Factional Politics.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 1.—Claude A. Swanson of Chatham, who began public life as a member of the fifty-third congress and has been re-elected to every congress since, was inaugurated governor of Virginia, and J. Taylor Elliott of Richmond, former mayor, a confederate, and for the past fourteen years chairman of the democratic state committee, was inaugurated lieutenant governor at noon today. The ceremony was held in the hall of the house of delegates before a joint session of the two houses. The governor and lieutenant governor immediately took the oath of office and the former delivered his inaugural address followed by a public reception in the executive mansion. Tonight Mr. Elliott will give a reception in honor of the governor. Governor Swanson declared that the time for putting factional politics in the background had arrived, that it was the duty of the people of the state to stand together and to bend their energies to keep step with the spirit of progress and development everywhere apparent. "The glorious history of the past was but the prelude to still greater achievements by every sphere of life." He deplored the growth of monopolies, holding that combinations were in restraint of the spirit of American ideas. He favored a reasonable, sound and equitable adjustment of the rates to obtain on the railroads of the state, so that the promoters of enterprise might have a fair return for their investment and the people have a safe, quick and convenient transportation for their produce. As to immigration he laid stress on the desirability of good, honest, hard working people, but he preferred seeing the waste places filled than to have those come in who have no regard for the laws and customs of the state. He favored more schools and better schools with increased appropriations for them, and more and better teachers. Referring to the highways of the state, he said that "road taxes" paid by the people were the most burdensome. He wanted to see the convicts employed on the roads, the state to furnish at cost all the crushed stone, by the working of convicts in these quarries. He did not approve hasty and impracticable road legislation. Thorough work along this line was demanded and he urged state aid to county efforts. The governor recommended that the duties of the labor commissioner be increased so as to permit him to inspect the factories and mines of the state and see that the child labor laws were not violated. He commended this department heartily and extolled the work of the present commissioner. He asked that the general assembly make liberal appropriations for the disabled confederate veterans, who are growing fewer each year and whose necessities are continually increasing. He also recommended that the state should make the most of the Jamestown exposition, "the cradle of the state and of the nation." The oath of office was administered by Judge Stafford Whittle, of the supreme court of appeals. Governor Swanson's first official act was to re-arrest a man named Goodwin Owens, sentenced to hang for murder at Lawrenceville tomorrow.

MINISTER SAYS IT'S NOT A FAKE

Denies Mrs. Yerkes' Statement About Marriage

MIZNER ADMITS IT TOO

Widow of Millionaire Telegraphed Latter's Son That Report Was untrue, But New York Evidence Seems to Confirm First Dispatches. Mystery and Reasons for It Not Explained.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 1.—Charles E. Yerkes of this city, son of the late Charles T. Yerkes, declared today that Mrs. C. T. Yerkes (Mrs. Mizner) is the victim of a plot and that the publicity which has been given her affairs within the last two days is the result of trickery. Early today in response to a telegram sent to Mrs. Yerkes (Mizner) last night, Mr. Yerkes received the following: "New York, Feb. 1.—Telegram received. Story is simply ridiculous. (Signed) 'MRS. C. T. YERKES.'" After reading the message Mr. Yerkes said: "That is in response to a message sent by me. We are sure now that this great publicity is being played as a game in New York by some people who are conspiring to a certain end." "What is their motive, if their story is not true?" he was asked. "I cannot discuss motives," said Mr. Yerkes. Mrs. Yerkes Silent. New York, Feb. 1.—No statement from Mrs. Yerkes was obtainable here today as to whether she had been married to Wilson Mizner. The Rev. Andrew Gillies, of St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal church, however, declares that he performed the ceremony and Wilson Mizner was quoted today as confirming the news of the marriage. HE GOT HIS DAMAGES

BODY FOUND IN TRUNK HORRIBLY DOUBLED UP

COURT MARTIAL QUILTS

Takes Breathing Spell Until February 13

Adjudgment Ordered as to Not to Interfere With Examinations Which Began Yesterday—First Class Men to Graduate Regardless of Pending Charges.

(By the Associated Press.) Annapolis Md., Feb. 1.—The court martial which has been engaged in trying midshipmen on charges of hazing for over four weeks in the naval academy adjourned today with the consent of the reviewing authority, Admiral James H. Spence, to meet on February 13 next. The purpose of the adjournment at this time is to avoid interference with the examinations which began yesterday. The date selected for the resumption of the court martial is after graduation. The adjournment assures the fact that all the members of the present first class who have not already been tried will graduate to their charge. (Continued on Second Page.)

Young Man Just Discharged Honorably from U. S. Marine Corps at Norfolk

HIS ROOM MATE SUSPECTED MURDER

House Maid Discovered Bed Full of Blood and Police Broke Open the Trunk.—A Bloody Axe and Hatchet Found Are Supposed to Have Been the Weapons.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The murdered body of Walter F. Dolson, aged 24 years, discharged from the United States marine corps here on Saturday after an honorable service of five years, was today found packed down in a trunk, which had been purchased by the alleged murderer following the commission of the crime, and into which it was intended to pack the murdered man's clothing and ship the whole away from Norfolk before the murder could be discovered. Charles F. Taylor, aged 23 years, with whom Dolson had been rooming at M. F. Garrett's lodging house where the murder occurred, has fled. The crime is laid to him, and the police are now bending every energy to capture him. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the crime, as Dolson had upwards of \$300 on him when he left the marine barracks, and all of his money was gone today. The last seen of Taylor was when he left the Garrett house after having brought rope with which to tie up the trunk containing the body. A bloody axe and hatchet which have been found are supposed to have been the weapons used. A house maid discovered the bed on which Dolson slept full of blood, and a police sergeant was called. Police Chief Bough broke into the trunk and found the body doubled up in horrible fashion. Dolson was from Bromerton, Wash., where he enlisted in the navy and to which place he intended returning to visit his people.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONVENTION OPENS

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 1.—More than one hundred state officials, including several governors, commissioners of insurance, attorneys general, and representatives of insurance companies, were present at the opening session today of the national convention called to discuss measures for control of insurance companies in the various states.

Thomas A. Drake, insurance commissioner of the District of Columbia, presided at the opening and called the convention to order. The report of the committee on permanent organization was presented by A. L. Vorys of Ohio, naming Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota as chairman and Frederick H. Nash of Massachusetts as secretary. The report was adopted unanimously. The report of the committee on permanent organization recommended that a committee of fifteen be appointed by the chairman of the convention to formulate a bill, or bills, with a view to the establishment of a uniform system of statutory regulation of legal reserve life insurance in the several states. This committee of fifteen is to report at an adjourned meeting of the present convention.

BOOK AND JOB STRIKE

Declared Today in Boston for Eight Hours

Two Hundred Journeymen Quit Work—Strikers Have Unusually Strong Financial Backing—Many Larger Houses Yielded Before Strike Actually Declared.

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Feb. 1.—A strike was declared today by the book and job printers against all firms that have not acceded to the demands of the Typographical Union for an eight hour day. It is estimated that 200 journeymen quit work. The employees of the Norwood press, book printers at Norwood, were locked out yesterday afternoon. Both the employers, most of whom are members of the Typographical union, and the strikers express confidence in the outcome. The strikers have an unusually strong financial backing, and arrangements have been made for strike benefits of \$14 a week for married men and \$10 a week for single men until the trouble shall have been adjusted. Many of the larger printing houses, including the municipal printing plant, have already granted the eight hour day. It is understood that about seventy-five printing firms entered into an agreement to oppose the demands of the printers.

HE GOT HIS DAMAGES

Verdict Against Southern for Mental Anguish

W. I. Young, Who Paid \$700 for Special Train and Then Got in After the Regular, Awarded Price of Special and \$500 Damages.—Appeal.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 1.—A verdict in favor of W. I. Young in a suit against the Southern Railway was rendered yesterday afternoon in the Superior Court for \$700, amount paid for a special train, and \$500 damages for mental anguish in being delayed in getting here when his wife and child were at the point of death. The company will appeal to the Supreme Court. DANGEROUS FIRE BROUGHT UNDER. Cleveland, O., Feb. 1.—A fire in the building formerly occupied by the Cleveland Leader on Superior avenue early today was brought under control with a loss of but a few thousand dollars. The guests of the American house, two doors west, were aroused and made ready to leave their rooms, but the blaze at no time assumed serious proportions. WOULD PARDON CADET MILLER (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Bonaparte has recommended to the president, through the department of justice, that Midshipman Miller, of Kentucky, sentenced to dismissal from the naval academy, for having, be pardoned. Midshipman Miller stood near the head of his class and the evidence at his trial showed that he had done a great deal during his career at the academy to put down hazing. The offense of which he was convicted was shown to be of a mild form without brutality or intention of cruelty.

ROOSEVELT ACTS IN OLD SOLDIER'S CASE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—President Roosevelt took prompt action on the telegram of Thomas L. Hayes, department commander of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, and John H. Dunn, formerly captain of the 28th United States Volunteers, regarding the case of John J. Bowes, the former United States soldier, whom it is alleged has been denied a landing at Boston, where he arrived from Ireland on the 19th instant. The papers were sent to the department of commerce and labor yesterday afternoon, and Secretary Metcalf at once replied that the man has not been denied a landing but that action in his case simply had been deferred pending the outcome of the efforts being made to place Bowes in a national soldiers' home. General Martin McMahon, president of the board of managers of national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, now has the case in hand and Bowes in the meantime has been made comfortable at the immigrant station at Boston. President Roosevelt wired in reply to the telegram the substance of Secretary Metcalf's report. No doubt is felt here that Bowes will be cared for in some national home.

LUMBER GOES UP \$2 A THOUSAND

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The most sensational advances ever recorded in the price of lumber in the South Atlantic states was ordered at a meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association, held here today. The price on all grades of lumber was advanced \$2 a thousand feet for some of the better grades and 25 on some other grades, principally the lower. This means a net advance in prices of from about five to almost fifteen per cent, according to grade. Following closely as it does on the several advances in price ordered by the North Carolina Pine Association, last year lumber is now far higher than it ever before has been in the southern market.

SHAW'S PLAN NOT APPROVED

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 1.—Secretary Shaw's plan for the relief of the occasional stringency of money was disapproved by a committee of the chamber of commerce, which made its report today. The subject was offered to this committee several weeks ago as the result of a sensational speech made by Jacob H. Schiff before the chamber. The committee in its report expressed the opinion that Mr. Shaw's plan would prove a hazardous experiment, and recommended the repeal of the law restricting the redemption of national bank notes to \$2,000,000 a month. It is further recommended that the secretary of the treasury be empowered to deposit customs dues as well as internal revenue receipts against such security as the law may authorize in the national banks. To this might be added a provision for a low rate of interest not less than 2 per cent, upon such deposits.

A QUARANTINE BILL HAS BEEN FORMED

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—The members of the special committee named by the caucus of southern senators and representatives to frame a national quarantine bill which will extend federal control of quarantine in a manner satisfactory to the south met today in the committee room of Representative Williams (Miss.) and agreed upon a measure which will be reported to another meeting of southern delegations called by Senator Mallory for Friday night. Although the measure agreed upon is said to cover in a general way the strict federal control of both maritime and interstate quarantine sought by the recent Chattanooga convention, the committee had modified the provisions relating to national control of interstate quarantine in such a manner that it is believed the bill will be acceptable to the radical opponents for any measure which will limit the state control of quarantine.

TIPOS VOTED TO GO TO JAIL TO SAVE FINE

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 1.—Five hundred members of Typographical Union No. 16 voted unanimously yesterday to go to jail. As they are on strike, they estimated they might save the \$1,000 fine assessed against the union by Judge Holdom if they were permitted to work out the amount in prison. Their attorney, however, told them that if the fine was upheld by the higher courts it would have to be paid, and that there was no prospect of the debt being liquidated by the strikers going to jail.

A TERRIFIC FIRE IN PANAMA TODAY

Panama, Feb. 1.—5:30 p. m.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning fire started in a four-story wooden house, known as the Concordia, in the Carrera district. At 2:30 a. m. an adjoining three-story building was ablaze and a whole block composed of wooden houses was threatened with destruction. The firemen for some time were unable to successfully fight the flames because of the lack of water and a large block of houses between Constitucion, Doliego and Caldas streets was destroyed. At 5:30 p. m. the fire was under control. The losses are estimated at \$500,000 with very little insurance. Many women and children living in the tenements were rescued by the volunteer firemen. No lives are known to have been lost, but some Americans who roomed in the Concordia building are reported to be missing.

WHIPPING POST BILL IN HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 1.—The house committee on the District of Columbia today decided to report without recommendation of any sort the Adams bill providing for the whipping post as a punishment for wife beaters in the District of Columbia. This action of the committee places the bill on the house calendar, and it will come up on district day. Ten votes were cast in favor of reporting the bill and three against.

THE BANQUET AT WILMINGTON

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 1.—More than one hundred guests attended the fifty-third annual banquet of the chamber of commerce, given last night at the Orton Hotel. Among the out of town speakers were Senator Simmons, Representative Patterson, of the sixth North Carolina congressional district, James R. Young, insurance commissioner, J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, and C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina cotton growers association.

GOVERNOR TOOLE'S PRIVATE SECRETARY

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 1.—News has been received here of the appointment of Will Aiken as private secretary to Governor Toole of Montana. Mr. Aiken was for a number of years city editor of an Asheville newspaper and for a time on the staff of the Raleigh Morning Post. He is a native of Hickory, where his mother and brother reside. Mr. Aiken went to Helena, Mont., in 1900, to do newspaper work.