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TOWN FIRED BY HANDS OF NEGROES, FLAMES AND SINKS IN ASHES

In Seneca, South Carolina, a Negro College Was Dynamited Last Friday

REVENGE PROMPTED FIRING OF THE TOWN

This is Claimed to Be the Motive Behind the Crime—It is the General Belief in Seneca Voiced by One of Its Most Prominent Citizens That the Negroes Thus Struck for Vengeance.

(By the Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 17.—A special from Greenville, S. C., says: "As a result of race troubles, Seneca, S. C., is in ashes. The work is claimed to be that of incendiary negroes, seeking revenge for the dynamiting of the negro college here last Friday night.

The fire burned rapidly, consuming the entire business section of the town, which has a population of about 2,000. No fire fighting apparatus was available and citizens were powerless to stop the flames. As a last hope, dynamite was resorted to.

"The superintendent of the Seneca Cotton Mills, who was an eye witness, brought the first news to Greenville. He says it is a matter of common belief that the town was fired by negroes. Among the buildings burned are two hotels and a hardware store. The fire was under control in about three hours. Everything is quiet this afternoon although some feeling is still shown by the negroes. No arrests have been made. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, with insurance of \$50,000.

HACKETT RIPS HIS OPPONENT UP BACK

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Statesville, N. C., Oct. 17.—R. N. Hackett, democratic candidate for congress in the eighth district, spoke to a crowded house at the court house last night for two hours. His audience was composed principally of the enthusiastic voters of the county, there being but few ladies present on account of the bad weather, and the house was in a roar or in tears all the while. Mr. Hackett is an orator and his excellent discussion of the tariff was pronounced as good as any discussion on that subject ever made here.

State political issues were discussed at length and he handled these in a vote-winning and convincing manner and much to the satisfaction of his large and interested audience. E. Spencer Blackburn, Mr. Hackett's opponent, was taken as his subject for some little time and Mr. Blackburn's record was given in full.

The speech was logical and scholarly, and Mr. Hackett through it has won many new friends here and lots of praise. The prospects for his election are rapidly brightening.

FIX TERMINALS FOR RAILROAD

Mr. W. H. White was here from Norfolk today and filed with the secretary of state an amendment for the charter of the Virginia and Carolina Coast Railroad Co. of which F. S. Gannon of New York is the president. The amendment is for the purpose of making Suffolk, Va., the northern and Columbia, Tyrell county, N. C., the southern terminal of the road, the main line to be seventy two miles long. There is also a provision that no branch line of the road shall be more than 20 miles in length.

To a reporter of the Evening Times Mr. White said that the amendment really confines the trackage of the company to practically that now being operated.

ORDER MILITIA GUARD GALLOWS

(By the Associated Press.)
Columbia, S. C., Oct. 17.—In consequence of threats of an attempt at rescue having reached Governor Heyward he has ordered the militia to prevent a disturbance at the hanging of Commander Johnson to take place at Conway on Friday next. Johnson is a white man of means accused of having murdered Rev. Harmon D. Grainger who had denounced Johnson for living in adultery with a woman named Simmons, now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary.

TO PUT THE HEEL ON LAWLESSNESS.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 17.—The chamber of commerce yesterday took up the question of the prevailing lawlessness and adopted measures for its suppression. It was decided that the chamber should take no important action at this time but its aid was pledged to the committee of safety.

William A. Doble, chairman of the committee of safety announced by Saturday one hundred citizens who are to act will have been selected. From the general committee a small executive body will be selected and this executive body will carry on the active work.

STRIKE AT SPENCER SHOWING NO CHANGE.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 17.—The strike situation at this point, the largest of the Southern system, remains practically unchanged although there have been shipped into the shops, five machines. These are being guarded although there has not been the slightest show of violence at any time. The strike leaders are counseling peace and it is not believed they would do worse than use persuasion should there be a general importation of machines here. The leaders hope for an early settlement.

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY

Harriman Seems to Be Interested In This

The Road Between Denton and Thomasville to Move on and Connect With Four Trunk Lines—Possibilities for Piedmont Section.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 17.—W. T. Van Brunt, and Dee Allen have purchased and taken over or charge of, what are known as the Jones railroad properties on the 21 miles of railway between Denton and Thomasville.

HOG 925 POUNDS; NEGRO 654 POUNDS.

Mr. E. B. Cozart of Stem, Granville county, has a fine exhibit of hogs at the state fair. They are principally Poland Chinas, and are magnificent specimens. One big fellow weighs 925 pounds at the age of sixteen months.

Mr. Cozart does not content himself with huge hogs. He has on exhibition also a negro man who tips the beam at 654 pounds. He is to be seen in a tent just inside the main entrance to the grounds. This negro was grown in Granville county as well as the hogs.

CAPTIVE IN THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS

The Submarine Lutin Has Sunk in the Waves

FIFTEEN ON BOARD

Deep Pessimism Prevails at the French Ministry of Marine, Though Every Effort is Being Made to Send Help and Endeavor to Rescue the Men.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, Oct. 17.—A feeling of the deepest pessimism prevails at the ministry of marine here on account of the disaster to the French submarine boat Lutin, which left Bizerta, Tunis, yesterday morning for plunging experiments, having on board a crew of fourteen men, commanded by Lieutenant Theopomp, and which was reported last night to have disappeared. The principal hope of floating the Lutin in time to save the lives of the imprisoned men seems to rest in the assistance of the Danish salvage steamer Berger Wilhelm, which happened to be off Cape Farina, was immediately summoned to aid in raising the Lutin. The Danish vessel possesses machinery capable of lifting 1,500 tons but the submarine boat lies in thirty fathoms of water and it is pointed out that the submarine boat Farfadet which sank last summer in the same vicinity but in only ten fathoms of water, was nine days at the bottom of the sea and when she was refloated all her crew were dead.

Prompt Work Done.
Marine Minister Thomson has acted with the greatest promptness. After consultation with several naval officers he conceived the plan of trying to get heavy chains from the forts of Bizerta under the hull of the Lutin and thus lifting her from the bottom. But it is feared that the tugs and other vessels on the spot may not be equal to the task, and the marine minister therefore has ordered two powerful salvage vessels, the Polyphemus and the Dromadaire to start immediately from Toulon to the scene of the disaster and assist the salvages already on the spot.

Although no news has been received from Valetta, it is assumed that the British admiralty officials and the governor of Malta have responded to the appeal for assistance sent from Bizerta yesterday at the instance of the British consul general at that port, who suggested that the French resident general telegraph to Malta for salvage assistance.

It became known today that the Lutin had on board two supplementary engineers, who had been detailed to watch the diving experiments, but it is not definitely known whether they are included in the fourteen men, which, as announced from Bizerta last night, went down in the submarine boat under the command of Lieutenant Theopomp.

At the ministry of marine it was ascertained today that the Lutin was equipped with safety weights beneath her hull, which were automatically detachable and calculated to permit her to rise to the surface in case of danger. Only a leak or an accident to her machinery, it is added, could have prevented the appliances from working.

PREPARATIONS TO RAISE THE SUBMARINE BEGUN.

Bizerta, Tunis, Oct. 17.—Preparations for an attempt to raise the submarine boat Lutin, sunk near this port yesterday with Lieutenant Fepoux and fourteen men on board were inaugurated at dawn. Admiral Bellus left here at an early hour to verify the spot, three miles off the coast, where the Lutin is supposed to have sunk. Although the bottom at that point is sandy the chances of raising the Lutin to the surface in time to save the lives of the crew are regarded as slim.

The wife of Lieutenant Fepoux, commander of the Lutin, is prostrated with grief, and fears are entertained that she may lose her mind.

For Washington Court.

Mr. Geo. L. Tompkins, deputy clerk of the United States court left this morning for Washington, N. C., where he will serve as clerk of the court which Judge Thos. R. Purnell will convene there tomorrow morning. Judge Purnell adjourned the court at Elizabeth City today and he and other court officers left at once for Washington, where they will be joined by Mr. Tompkins to hold the court there.

New School House.

A contract has been awarded by the county school board to D. W. Long for a two-room school house in consolidated district No. 1, Oak Grove township. The house is to have porches and cloak rooms and to be painted inside and out, and will cost \$1,490.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A LINEMAN

Rescue in Mid Air Today Near Postoffice

WILL FREEMAN SAVED

Cut a Wire on Pole of Raleigh Electric Company at Salisbury and Martin Streets—Slack Crossed Live Wires and Connected Freeman With 2,300 Volts—Freed by Hayden Allen's Quick Work.

A lineman by the name of William Freeman had a narrow escape from a terrible death this morning while at work on a pole of the Raleigh Electric Company at the northwest corner of the postoffice building lot, Salisbury and Martin streets.

The wire he was working on was dead, but it was necessary for him to cut it, and as he did so it sagged, and the slack came in contact with other wires that were charged, and connected him with 2,300 volts of electricity. Freeman yelled as he felt the current and then became almost senseless with his muscles contracted and rigid. One leg was hooked over a cross arm and Freeman's body leaned against a network of wires that kept him from falling to the ground.

The young man's cry was heard on the street and another lineman, Hayden Allen, raced up the pole in two or three steps, excited onlookers declared. Freeman was in a semi-conscious condition, and Allen got him free from the wires in a minute and fastened a rope to his belt to steady the dazed man as he slowly made his way down the pole to the street and safety.

When he reached the street Freeman nearly collapsed from the shock, but Dr. R. S. McGeachy was near at hand and soon brought him round. He was apparently as well as ever in a few minutes.

A few minutes longer and Freeman would have been badly burned, if not killed, for the deadly current would have penetrated his clothing. The circuit was not a complete one, else the young man might have been killed as it was.

STORM ROAR ON OUR COAST

No Tidings of the Berkshire and Her Crew

FEW CRAFT OUTSIDE

For Forty-Eight Hours the Storm Has Been Piling Mountainous Waves Along the Virginia and Carolina Litoral—Search for the Berkshire to Be Instituted.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Oct. 17.—With the wind blowing between 35 and 40 miles an hour and the seas rolling almost mountain high at times, no sailing vessels and but few steamships were venturing outside of the Virginia capes today.

Up to noon no tidings had been received in Norfolk from the lost whaleback barge Berkshire, with her imperilled crew of six souls, which is somewhere off this coast, being tossed about on the angry waves if she has not been lost or driven ashore on the Cape Charles peninsula, far from communication with the outside world. The Berkshire was lost from the tow of the steamer Bay State Monday at 4 p. m.

The Bay State was expected to put to sea from Newport News this morning in search of the Berkshire, but her passage out of the capes has not yet been reported.

PRESIDENT TO THE BEREAVED

Sympathy and Flowers to the Davis Home

DEATH OF MRS. DAVIS

Shortly After Ten O'Clock Last Night She Passed From Coma Into the Mystery of Death—Those Who Were Beside Her at the Last.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 17.—President Roosevelt today sent the following telegram to Mrs. J. Addison Hayes expressing the sympathy of Mrs. Roosevelt and himself over the death of Mrs. Jefferson Davis:

"The White House, Washington, Oct. 17, 1906.
"Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, Hotel Majestic, New York City.
"Pray accept the most sincere sympathy of Mrs. Roosevelt and myself.
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt also have sent flowers for the funeral of Mrs. Davis.

New York, Oct. 17.—It was announced today that the body of Mrs. Jefferson Davis will be taken to Richmond Thursday night. It will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, Jefferson Hayes Davis and Dr. Webb, all of the immediate family.

A guard of honor of Confederate veterans, in charge of Major Edward Owen, commander Confederate veteran camp of New York, will accompany the body to Richmond. Mrs. J. H. Parker, president, and a delegation of the New York chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be included in the party.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—Lieutenant Governor Elyson will leave for New York this evening to make what arrangements may be necessary there for the funeral of Mrs. Jefferson Davis. It is expected that the body will reach here Thursday morning. The services will take place from St. Paul's Church, which Mr. Davis attended when here as president of the Confederacy, and burial will be in Hollywood, where her husband's remains rest.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York last night said: Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the confederacy, who has been ill for a week at the Hotel Majestic in this city, died at 10:20 o'clock tonight. Death was due to pneumonia induced by a severe cold which Mrs. Davis contracted upon her return from the Adirondacks, where she spent the summer months.

Although grave fears were felt from the first, Mrs. Davis' wonderful vitality, which brought her through a similar attack a year ago, gave hopes of ultimate recovery until last night when a decided change for the worse was evident and the attending physicians announced that the end was near. It was then believed that Mrs. Davis could not survive the night, but she rallied slightly during the early hours of today. Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning she had a similar spell and Rev. Nathan A. Scoble, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, was hurriedly summoned to give religious comfort to the patient in her last moments of consciousness. The clergyman remained some time, and an hour later it was announced that Mrs. Davis had lapsed into a state of coma. The period of unconsciousness continued to the end.

At the bedside when death came were Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, of Newark, N. J., only surviving daughter of a grand son, who is a student at Princeton University; Mrs. Charles E. Bateson, a niece, and Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Webb the latter a granddaughter, and Dr. Robert H. Willie, who, with Dr. Webb, had cared for Mrs. Davis throughout her illness. J. Addison Hayes, husband of Mrs. Davis' only living child, had been summoned from Colorado Springs and was hurrying across the continent, when a message announcing the death of Mrs. Davis interrupted him.

Mrs. Davis had for some years made her home in this city, where she had a wide circle of friends. Throughout her illness solicitous inquiries regarding her condition were continually made at her apartments.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST OF A BANKER.

(By the Associated Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 17.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Charles McGill, late manager of the wrecked Ontario Bank. The specific charge is issuing false statements.

RAINY SECOND DAY OF STATE FAIR DRAWS A GOOD CROWD ANYWAY

TOMORROW AT THE FAIR.

At 10 a. m. all premiums will be awarded and blue ribbons will be pinned on.
At 11 o'clock the marshals will form in front of the Yarrowborough House under Chief Marshal J. V. Blades for procession to grounds.
At 12 o'clock, Hardy, the American King of High Wire.
12:30—Dare Devil Doherty leaving the gap.
1:00—Races.
1:30—Doherty again.
2:00—Hardy, high wire.
The Slide for Life, by Mile. Democrat.
3:00—Balloon ascension of the St. Clairs, giving a double parachute leap.
4:00—Hardy again, King of American High Wire.
3:00 p. m.—Automobile Race.
8:30—Annual meeting of the N. C. Agricultural Society in the senate chamber; the election of officers, etc.
4:30 p. m.—Football game—A. & M. vs. William and Mary, at A. & M. College grounds.
12 noon—Meeting of Polley-holders of New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies at State Capitol, Senate chamber.

BERNARD SAYS CROWDS BIG AS THEY EVER ARE.

The county candidates are resting from speechmaking tours today, tomorrow and Friday, and incidentally taking in the state fair.
Yesterday they were at Franklins in Swift Creek township, and last night at McCullers. The next appointment is for Saturday at Rolesville in Wake Forest township at noon. On Monday the place is Mitchell's Mill in Little River township, and on Monday night Wakefield.
Good crowds are reported at both Franklins and McCullers yesterday. Major J. J. Bernard, registrar of deeds, and candidate for re-election, told a reporter for The Evening Times today that he thought the crowd generally throughout the canvass thus far have been as big as they ever are on these county speaking tours.

M'EWEN STRIKES HARD

Hackett Uses Him Against Blackburn on Stump

The Latter's Alleged Promises to Protect Manufacturers of Moonshine and Their Betrayal Afterward Furnishes Ammunition That Makes the Eighth Resound.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 17.—The most interesting phase developed in the congressional fight in this the only republican district of the state, is the circular being sent out by the democratic executive committee of this district in which Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, the representative, is charged with having given his promise to protect certain blockaders in the mountains if they would give him money for his campaign and furnish liquor for the election.

Recently Blackburn's opponent, R. N. Hackett, sent him word that he was using affidavits to this effect and challenged Blackburn to joint discussion for the purpose of defending his record. Blackburn declined as he has always done, and Hackett is making the charge from every stump.

The affiant is W. W. McEwen, son of an ex-sheriff of Wilkes county, and he testified that Blackburn told him that the law should not hurt him if McEwen contributed to the campaign fund. McEwen bore a good character and gave the money, also liquor, and was finally arrested with his brother. Both stood trial, refused to betray Blackburn who was in Mexico at the time of the trial and were convicted. They served their terms, McEwen's brother dying before his sentence expired.

The persistent refusal of Blackburn to meet Hackett has resulted in another course. The democrats have forwarded to Washington today, the sworn affidavits, and a copy goes to President Roosevelt, Secretary Shaw, Attorney General Knox, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes, Uncle Joe Cannon and other big men in the republican party. It is known that the republicans of Washington have no great love for Blackburn, the president among that number.

Pickpocket Caught, Returns \$10 to a Smithfield Visitor

A GLIMPSE AT THE THING TO BE SEEN

People Pouring Into the City Today on Every Train Despite the Damp Drizzle—Midway at Fair Grounds One of Cleanest Ever Seen—Attractions Noticed in Floral Hall and Outside—General Opinion Is That Exhibits Are Better Than Ever.

The second day of the great state fair of 1906 is overcast and rainy, like yesterday, but nevertheless the people were pouring in this morning by all the trains.

The procession to the fair grounds started promptly at eleven o'clock, headed by Chief Marshal Blades, his assistant marshals and the Third Regiment band. There were seventeen mounted aides this morning in line. Neither the chief marshal nor any of his aides wore his handsome regalia this morning on account of the drizzling rain and a desire to keep it fresh for the fair one who will wear it Friday night at the marshals' ball. The sash of the chief is of silk, trimmed with gold, and those of the aides old rose and gold trimming.

In spite of the bad weather prevailing today there was a good crowd in attendance at the fair grounds, although not the usual Wednesday crowd of fair week.

"The Midway."
This year the midway is without a doubt one of the cleanest ever before seen at the state fair. As usual, quite a number of fortune tellers are in attendance and the rubber come-back-ball sellers are plentiful. Among the many attractions is "Zora," a moving picture show, also exhibiting statues turning to life. Next to Zora is "The Colored Aristocracy," and following is the largest snake in the world, picture galleries and other attractions, until last but not least is Col. Ferari's Trained Wild Animal Show, one of the best exhibits on the ground, having a band of 20 pieces and 200 performing animals. Col. Ferari also has an excellent electrical theatre showing the disaster at San Francisco.

Pick Pockets.
This morning, as Mr. R. C. Crute of Smithfield was passing through the floral hall, he was approached by one Theodore Luby, who wanted to try on and sell him a pair of spectacles. Mr. Crute consented to have his eyes examined and went into the booth of Luby where R. O. Kuehn examined his eyes, making a price on the glasses of \$3.50.
Mr. Crute refused to accept the glasses, and Kuehn asked was it because he was short of change. This made Mr. Crute feel in the watch pocket of his trousers for a ten dollar bill, and he discovered that his pocket had been cut and the money removed. He immediately had a warrant placed in the hands of Constable Byrum, who at once made the arrest of both the spectacle men, they being arraigned before Justice of the Peace Reid on the grounds, who bound Kuehn over to the superior court under a bond of \$100, but later compromised upon Kuehn paying Crute back \$10 and paying cost of the case.

Floral Hall.
In the booth of the A. and M. College are many beautiful exhibits of work done by the students of that institution—showing exhibits of textile work, carpentering work, etc.
Opposite the A. and M. is the exhibit of New Hanover county and the city of Wilmington, in charge of Henderson Cole, showing many fine specimens of the farm products and mill supplies.
Department E, the pantry supplies, on the lower floor of the Floral Hall, will make any one's mouth water with its many cakes, dainties

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