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TWO HUNDRED AWAKE TO FIND THE BUILDING SHEETED WITH FLAMES

Number of Dead Cannot be Ascertained Till the Ruins Are Searched

FIFTY PERSONS ARE AMONG THE INJURED

The Fire Broke Out on the Ground Floor of the Four-story Chamber of Commerce Building in the River View District of Kansas City, Mo., Early This Morning, and the People Found Themselves Cut Off From All the Stairways—Most of Them Were Rescued by the Firemen With Ladders—Thirty Helpless Borne Out of the Smoke and Flame.

(By the Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—From six to twenty-five lives are believed to have been lost in a fire that destroyed the four-story chamber of commerce building in the River View district of Kansas City, Mo., early today. When the fire broke out two hundred people were asleep in the building, the three upper floors of which were occupied by families and lodgers. The walls of the building were of brick and stone, but the floors and partitions were of wood. No register was kept of the occupants, and it is not known exactly how many persons were in the building. Several hours must elapse before the ruins can be searched. Estimates of the number of dead are based largely on the number reported missing. Fifty persons were injured, half of whom are more or less seriously hurt. The dead, so far as positively known, are:

- Infant of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sparks. John Lynch, driver of a sand wagon, lost his life trying to save Sparks' baby. J. F. Brauhman, wagon maker. D. R. Young, aged 82, a laborer. List of the Injured. George Sparks, lured on second floor; hands and face burned. Robert Burton, seriously injured. Mrs. George Sparks, neck and face burned. A. H. West, aged 66, carpenter at Missouri Pacific shops; roomed alone on the fourth floor; face, neck and hands severely burned. Thomas Hunter, blacksmith; bruised and overcome by smoke. Patrick Morley, railroad laborer; hip broken. Capt. J. E. Buchalter, fireman; back hurt by falling from ladder. M. H. McCall, railroad laborer; bruised and cut. Thomas Connor, engineer; escaped from third floor on fire escape; face and hands burned. Attender McCambridge, engineer; bruised and burned. John Kane, engineer; burned. William Mulvihill, train dispatcher Missouri Pacific; burns. Arthur Childers, policeman; knocked from ambulance by wire and run over; serious. Emmett Scott, arm broken, face and head bruised. J. K. Sankow, packing house employe; bruises and burns. Mrs. Mary Sankow, bruised by fall from fire escape. Edward Bayless, slight. W. J. Morley, fireman Missouri Pacific; jumped from third story; leg broken. Fred Creel, reporter; cut on head by falling brick. Frank Ditar, swung to ground from fourth floor with aid rope; hurt internally. A. J. Jackson, laborer, slight. Mrs. J. H. Rose, wife of Missouri Pacific hostler, hands burned by sliding down rope from fourth floor. Unknown baby fatally hurt, dropped from second floor to policeman, who failed to catch her. E. O. Earnhart, foreman Fowler packing house, hands badly burned by sliding down rope from third story. S. H. McCauley, Missouri Pacific fireman, cut by glass. Frank Otterman, railway mail

clerk, cut and bruised. The missing: Charles Curlin, engineer of the Nelson Morris Packing Company, who was ill with typhoid fever. Mrs. E. M. Briggsman and her two children, Amos, aged 15, and Leota, aged 12. Patrick McGuire, who lived on the third floor and had no occupation. Fred Taft, the negro janitor, is missing. He alone had a list of the tenants and could tell who are missing. Mrs. Frances Pergueek, who lived on the third floor, reports her husband and baby missing. George Mullen, invalid, aged 60 years. Mrs. Ed. Winslow and two daughters, Mabel, aged 9, and May, aged 4 years.

The Building Destroyed. The chamber of commerce building was erected fourteen years ago at a cost of \$85,000, to be used as a board of trade. The city grew away from it, however, and it was never used for its original purpose, but for many years had been used as an apartment house. The structure was four stories in height, with a deep basement and faced two streets. It was built of brick and stone alone. It contained one hundred rooms, almost all of which were, as far as can be learned, occupied by families or individual laboring men and railway employes at the time the fire started. The ground floor was occupied by W. A. Lovelace's barber shop; Edward T. Summers' drug store; Central Avenue Gas Fixture Company; Mrs. Belle Wagner, restaurant; the Smith-Overall Laundry, and the Labor Record.

Cause of Fire Unknown. The fire broke out on the ground floor from some unknown cause at 12:30 o'clock. Isolated as it was, the burning building was difficult of access and it was some time before the fire department reached the scene. Several companies were at a fire in another part of the city. When the firemen arrived, the entire building was in flames. So quickly did the flames spread that when a few minutes after the fire was discovered, all means of escape by the stairways, for the scores of occupants, was shut off. On two sides of the building the elevated railway tracks hemmed it in, and made still harder the work of the firemen. Then another obstacle arose. The firemen did not have sufficient ladders and many of those they had were too short to reach the upper stories. A stifling smoke filled the building, evidently coming from the burning stocks of merchandise on the floor below and some of the occupants probably were never able to leave their rooms. Many men were found hanging from window sills on the upper floors and frantic women with babies in their arms and children clinging to them leaning far out of the windows, unable to find any means of escape and yet taking advantage of the little fresh air which the windows afforded. The firemen quickly ran their ladders up, but they did not reach above the third floor. Many persons were on the floor above.

Women Pitched to Safety. The firemen first devoted themselves to the people on the second and third floors and did not then heed the screams of the people above. Many of the persons in the interior of the building were already overcome by the dense smoke, and had to be carried out by the firemen. But many were able to escape down the ladders without assistance. After getting every one they could find out of the second and third floors, the firemen turned their attention to the people above. As the ladders did not reach above the third floor, the men on the fourth floor, literally pitched their wives and children down to the firemen on the ladders and then jumped down themselves. Some of the more excitable ones jumped to the ground and were either killed or badly injured. Some whom the firemen tried to catch, fell the entire distance to the ground. Frank Ditar, a mail clerk, jumped from the fourth floor and caught hold of a ladder, two stories below. Although he saved himself he broke all of the fingers on both hands. Jesse Ford, carrying his wife in his arms, climbed out of the fourth

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THIRD DAY OF HOPE'S TRIAL FOR PERJURY

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 25.—The third day of Clifford Hope's trial for perjury, the allegation being that he had sworn falsely in a deposition against Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, in August Hartje's application for a divorce began with Edward Ray, a private detective under cross examination by Attorney J. P. Ferguson. Ray had testified to having traced Hope to Princeton, N. J., and to a sensational confession by Hope after the negro coachman's arrest in Ohio. Ray said Hope confessed that he had been pronounced \$5,000 for the statement, and had never received but \$700. Hope's confession, according to Ray, was most sensational. In cross examination, Ray detailed Hope's arrest and second confession, denying that he had told the prisoner that a mob was waiting in Allegheny to lynch him and that he had promised to protect him if he said his first statement was false.

VON BUELOW WANTS PEACE WITH FRANCE.

(By the Associated Press.) Cologne, Germany, Oct. 25.—The Gazette today, semi-officially affirmed that Chancellor Von Buelow does not approve of the attacks made by the German press on the new French premier, M. Clemenceau, and that the chancellor sees no reason why the friendly relations existing between Germany and France should not continue under the premiership of M. Clemenceau.

To Have Philippine Exhibit.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 25.—The approaching Jamestown Exposition is to have a Philippine exhibit that in novelty and extent is expected to surpass any like feature in the preceding expositions. W. A. Sutherland, who has been in charge of the Philippine youth placed in various educational institutions in this country has been granted a year's leave of absence by the insular bureau in order to undertake the work of arranging this Philippine exhibit and village.

SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR KILLING OFFICER.

(By the Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 25.—George Williams, negro, who killed Patrolman Edward J. Petticoat, September 29, and who was found guilty of murder in the first degree less than two weeks after the crime was committed, was sentenced to be hanged in the Michigan City prison February 8.

EYES ON YELLOW FEVER

It is Steadily Increasing Now in Cuba

It Has Broken Away From the Medical Department at Havana and is Causing Uneasiness Among Medical Men of Our Army.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 25.—Army medical officers who have had much experience in Cuba are watching with some anxiety the progress of yellow fever in the island.

The principal cause for apprehension is found in the fact that the appearance of the disease at several widely separated points is an evidence that it has gotten away from the medical department in Havana, for past experience shows that all preceding outbreaks of yellow fever throughout the island could be traced directly to the capital. Another disquieting fact is that the disease, beginning with one or two cases last summer, is slowly but apparently steadily increasing in the number of cases, although it has been the rule that the fever markedly diminishes in steady ratio during September, October and November.

However, the army surgeons here do not fear a general epidemic but do believe that it will take much hard work, time and money to put Havana in thorough sanitary condition and stamp out the remaining cases of fever.

WEAVER HOLDS UP DIXON'S CLANSMAN.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25.—Judge Sulzberger in common pleas court today refused to grant an injunction to restrain Mayor Weaver from interfering with the production at the Walnut Street Theatre of "The Clansman," which the mayor suppressed as the result of a protest by leading colored citizens. The negroes claim the play is inflammatory and an insult to their race. The play was produced at the theatre last Monday night for a run of two weeks.

NEW TEACHERS IN WAKE COUNTY

Thirty-Six Get 1st and 2nd Grade Certificates

MANY FROM COLLEGES

Twenty were prepared at Colleges and Universities and Six Were Graduated—High Schools Represented in the List—A Good Showing for the County Public Schools.

County Superintendent of Schools Z. V. Judd today announced the names of the new first and second grade teachers in the county. Thirty-six in all passed the examination. The following is a list of the public school teachers who have successfully the October examinations and receive first and second grade certificates, of which number fifteen received first-grade certificates:

- Misses Ruby L. Britt, Garner; Mamie Claire Burt, Holly Springs; Delece Collins, Holly Springs; Rosalie Council, Apex; Sankie Gilbert, New Hill; Elsie Griffin, McMillan; Lillian Markham, Willow Springs; Viola Maynard, Cary; Ada Norris, Holly Springs; Mamie A. Page, Cary; Lila Powell, Garner; Thilo G. Ranes, Rolesville; Laurie Redford, Rolesville; Alice Taylor, Fuquay Springs; Edith Taylor, Wake Forest; Ora A. Taylor, Raleigh; Ruth Taylor, McCallers; Jessie H. Turner, Garner; Catherine E. Vernon, Wake Forest; Jessie Weathers, Raleigh; R. F. D. No. 7; Annie Belle Woodlief, Kitleigh; Rosa Barrow, Raleigh. Mesdames Lela M. Horton, Wakefield; L. Olivia Parham, Duxton; Lillian B. Simmons, Millbrook; S. W. Thompson, Falls. Messrs. A. A. Crater, Fuquay Springs; Fred G. Rose, Beasley; A. E. Sorrell, Leesville; H. J. Sorrell, Leesville; D. H. Stallings, Durham; I. C. Utley, Holly Springs; E. Walton, Morrisville; A. C. Weatherly, Gorman; G. J. Green, Morrisville; A. T. Holleman, Apex. The following are the college and university graduates: University of North Carolina—G. J. Green. Elon College—G. J. Green. Baptist University for Women—Miss Rosa Barrow, Miss Edith Taylor. Peace Institute—Mrs. Lillian B. Simmons. Woman's College, Richmond, Va.—Miss Alice Taylor. Trinity College—A. C. Weatherly. The following were prepared at colleges and high schools: State Normal College—Miss Delece Collins, Mrs. L. Olivia Parham, Miss Ruth Taylor, Miss Jessie H. Turner. B. U. W.—Miss Ruby L. Britt, Miss Tilly G. Ranes, Miss Laurie Redford, Miss Catherine E. Vernon. Oxford Seminary—Miss Beatrice Council. University of North Carolina—A. A. Crater, H. J. Sorrell. High School of Titusville, Fla.—Miss Mamie Claire Burt. Yaddick Mineral Spring Academy—Mrs. Lela M. Horton. Holly Springs Academy—Miss Ada Norris, J. C. Utley, E. Walton. Leesville High School—A. E. Sorrell, D. H. Stallings. Greensboro Female College—Miss Sankie Gilbert. Peace Institute—Miss Elsie Griffin. Wake Forest College—A. T. Holleman. Cary High School—Miss Lillian Markham, Miss Viola Maynard, Miss Mamie A. Page, Miss Lila Powell, Miss Ora A. Taylor. Wellesley College, Massachusetts—Mrs. S. W. Thompson. Eagle Rock Academy—Miss Leslie Weathers.

POPE'S CONDITION IS IMPROVED.

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, Oct. 25.—Dr. Lipponi this morning found that the Pope's condition had improved. The swelling of his feet had ceased and his temperature was normal. He was, therefore, allowed to receive the British pilgrims, but instead of the audience occurring in the hall of the consistory as rearranged and which would have made it necessary for the pontiff to walk it was held in the throne room. The Pope was carried to the throne and the pilgrims filed before him and kissed his hand. Although the pontiff was languid and pale, his general condition seemed satisfactory.

A. & M. PLAYED EVEN SCORE

Ran Clemson a Dead Heat at Columbia Today

GAME WAS BRILLIANT

Coach Heston Had Expected Tar Heels to Win, as They Met a Powerful Enemy and Held Contest Down to Zero—Four Thousand Spectators.

(By Southern B-H Telegraph.) Columbia, S. C., Oct. 25.—The A. & M. football eleven played a brilliant game here today with Clemson College, but neither side scored. The battle was hard fought from the start, and the Tar Heels put up a magnificent fight against the heavy gun of Clemson. There was some surprise that the North Carolinians failed to score, for while they had to meet a powerful enemy, they showed much skill and more headwork. Interest was at fever heat. There was a tremendous crowd at the fair grounds, with the majority of rooters yelling vociferously for the Palmetto team. Coach Heston had expected his men to win, but he did not underestimate the strength of Clemson, and the fact that the latter was held down to the zeros was a matter of no small comfort, considering the rough work the A. & M. had been up against during the season. The result, however, has satisfied Heston that his eleven will do even better in the game with the University of Georgia. The ball was in A. & M.'s territory largely, but the latter team kicked on decisions of officials where penalties were imposed. The new style of play was witnessed here for the first time. Clemson's offensive work was a surprise, but the defense work was not so good as expected. Curly Wilson played a magnificent game for A. & M. The weather was superb. Referee Walker umpire, Shaughnessy; time, 25 and 30 minutes halves. Attendance, 4,000.

THE EXHIBITION SHOOT

Scores This Afternoon on Cameron Field

Eight Professionals, Among Whom a Woman Makes as Good Scores as Anybody—Seven Amateurs Shoot Also.

The exhibition shoot by professionals and amateurs given by the Raleigh Gun Club on its grounds at Cameron field this afternoon was a success. A good crowd was present, including many ladies, the weather being all that could be desired. The following scores were made at the traps:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Hawkins (25), BCrosby (25), Mrs. Topperwein (25), etc.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF DIXIE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 25.—The first quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the new three quarter of a million dollar Dixie Fire Insurance company here last night attracted quite a number of influential insurance men and capitalists. The work of this company was found to be in a fine condition, and although it has been in business but three months, it has established agencies already in twenty-five states with excellent patronage in all.

INTEREST IN COUNTY POLITICS

Best Meeting Yet at Cary Last Night

FEAST AT LEESVILLE

Today at Auburn, Tonight at Garner, Tomorrow Night at Robertson's Store, Saturday at Rogers' Store and Night at Falls of Neuse. Dr. L. P. Sorrell Host at Leesville.

It was stated at county democratic headquarters today that the speaking at Cary last night was better attended than any meeting during the canvass of the county thus far. The interest seems to be steadily increasing all the time. At Leesville yesterday there was a good crowd too, and the candidates were most cordially received, so says Capt. B. P. Williamson, who was there. Dr. L. P. Sorrell treated the candidates to a magnificent dinner, which was hugely enjoyed by all. The utmost harmony seems to prevail in the party. Today the speaking was at Auburn, and tonight it will be at Garner. There will be no speaking in the day tomorrow, but at night the candidates will be at Robertson's Store in New Light Township. It will take a good part of the day to reach the place, the farthest precinct from Raleigh in the county. On Saturday at 11 a. m. the speaking will be at Rogers' Store in Barton's Creek, the candidates spending Friday night in the vicinity. Saturday night they will talk to the people of Falls of Neuse. On Monday another tour will be started, and that week will of course practically end the campaign. For election day will the following Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The registration books close next Saturday evening at sunset, so it behooves all who have not already done so to see to it that his name is on the books, and if not have it put on. It is risky to trust to anybody or anything but oneself in the matter of registration. Mistakes are always liable to occur. Saturday after next will be challenge day.

Voting Precincts.

The following is the official list of the voting precincts in the several townships of the county: Barton's Creek—Brassfield, Cary—Cary, Cedar Fork—Morrisville, Cedar Fork—Pollards, Holly Springs—Holly Springs, House Creek—Edwards' Store, House Creek—Harris' Store, Little River—Wakefield, Little River—Mitchell's Mill, Marks Creek—Eagle Rock, Neuse River—Millbrook, New Light—Robertson's Store, New Light—Stony Hill, Oak Grove—Gulley's Store, Panther Branch—Township House, St. Matthews—Wilder's Grove, Swift Creek—Franklins, Wake Forest—Wake Forest, Wake Forest—Rolesville, White Oak—Apex, Buckhorn—New Hill, Middle Creek—Sexton's, Raleigh Township. First Ward, First Division—Capital Fire House, West Morgan street. Second Ward, Second Division—Harris' Warehouse, corner of Salisbury and Jones street. Second Ward, First Division—Victor Fire House, east Hargett street. Second Ward, Second Division—Vinson's Store, corner Bloodworth and Lane streets. Third Ward, First Division—Jones' Warehouse, Davie and Blount streets. Third Ward, Second Division—Fulcher's Store, Blount and Lenoir streets. Fourth Ward, First Division—City lot, Davie and Salisbury streets. Fourth Ward, Second Division—Baker's old wood yard, West South street. Outside West, South Division—D. T. Moore's store, Hillsboro road. Outside West, North Division—C. S. Parker's store, Hillsboro road. Outside East, South Division—Soldiers' Home, New Bern avenue. Outside East, North Division—H. Bridgen's store, north Person street. Candidates. The candidates to be voted for in Wake are: Clerk Superior Court—W. M. Russ, Raleigh. Register of Deeds—J. J. Bernard, Raleigh. Treasurer—B. P. Williamson, Raleigh. Sheriff—J. H. Sears, Buckhorn. State Senate—John C. Drewry, Raleigh. (Continued on Sixth Page.)

FOR THE McIVER BRONZE STATUE

Contributions From Dr. McIver's Classmates

A STIMULUS TO OTHERS

There Were Thirty-Two Members of the Class—Appeal Issued by State Superintendent Joyner to the 7,005 Public School Teachers in the State—Every One Urged to Contribute.

Voluntary contributions for the heroic bronze statue to the memory of Dr. Charles D. McIver, late president and founder of the State Normal and Industrial College continue to come in to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, treasurer of the fund, in gratifyingly large amounts. President Venable of the State University today sent a batch of checks from members of Dr. McIver's University class of 1881, who now reside out of the state. One was from Judge R. B. Alberson of Seattle, Washington, for \$25; another from Dr. R. P. Pell, president of Converse College, South Carolina, for \$10; and another from Dr. L. L. Mial of New York, a former Wake county boy, for \$25. Superintendent Joyner was himself a member of the 1881 class and he says these contributions ought and doubtless will stimulate every member of the class residing in this state to send in liberal contributions to the fund. There were thirty-two members of the class. State Superintendent Joyner today mailed to every one of the 7,005 public school teachers of the state a special appeal for contributions to the fund. In the course of the letter he declares that Dr. McIver literally spent himself for the cause of the teacher, and that no man has done so much for the amelioration of the conditions surrounding the teacher. He declares that it would be therefore unseemly, ungrateful and unwise for the teachers of North Carolina not to have a large part in contributions to the fund for this lasting memorial to this great teacher and citizen. He declares that he knows the soul of Dr. Charles D. McIver would be more moved by the contributions from the meagre earnings of his co-laborers than from those received from any other source. State Superintendent Joyner's letter in full is as follows: "To the Teachers of North Carolina: "A movement has been started for the erection of an heroic bronze statue to the memory of Dr. Charles D. McIver, our friend and co-laborer, who has been so suddenly called to his reward at the meridian of his life of usefulness and service. He gave his life to the cause for which we teachers are giving ours. He literally spent himself for us and our cause. No man of this generation of North Carolinians has done so much to ameliorate conditions surrounding the teacher, to dignify and elevate the teacher's work, to bring the public to an appreciation of its value and importance, and to increase the teacher's salary. He was perhaps the ablest, most successful champion of our cause, and certainly none has been more unselfish. Time and time again he sacrificed his own financial interest to remain in our profession and advocate our cause. He was faithful unto death. We honor ourselves in honoring those who serve us. We inspire posterity to emulate their example and to magnify our calling by expressing in lasting and visible form our gratitude and our love to those. It would seem to me, therefore, unseemly, ungrateful, and unwise if the teachers of North Carolina should not have a large part in the contribution of the funds for the erection of a lasting memorial to this great teacher and citizen. If the souls of the departed are cognizant of happenings on earth and responsive to the same divine emotions that men feel here, I know that the soul of Charles D. McIver would be more moved by the contributions to this fund from the meagre earnings of his co-laborers than from those received from any other source. "Believing that the teachers of North Carolina appreciate the work of this great teacher and hold him in grateful remembrance, I appeal to them to bear their part in the raising of this fund. In full confidence that every teacher will deem it a privilege and a pleasure to contribute as liberally as salary and financial conditions will justify. There are 7,005 white teachers in North Carolina. Let no teacher, therefore, fail to contribute because unable to make a large contribution, for even a small contribution from every one of so large a number will amount to much in the aggregate. Please respond promptly, for every effort will be made to raise the funds for the statue at once. "Please send all contributions by postoffice order, if possible, to J. Y. Joyner, Raleigh, N. C. Write name and postoffice address plainly, so that acknowledgment of the receipt of your contribution may be made."