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CHARLOTTE OBSERVER HOUSE GUTTED TODAY

Third and Fourth Stories of
Mechanical Building
are Destroyed

AUTHOR OF THE FIRE IS BURNED TO DEATH

The Machinery Damaged But the
Linotypes Not Much Injured—The
Editorial and Business Offices
Were in a Different Building and
Suffered Not From the Fire—The
Monday Paper Printed on the
Press of the Evening News Today.
George Wilson, a Deaf Mute Em-
ployee, is Supposed to Have Caused
the Fire By the Careless Use of
Matches—His Body Found With
Life Quite Extinct in the Matrix
Room Where He Slept—Other De-
tails of the Unfortunate Conflagra-
tion.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 9.—Fire broke
out this morning at 1:30 in the matrix
room on the third floor of the mechani-
cal section of the printing building of
the Charlotte Observer, smothered
a boy to death, destroyed the entire
third and fourth floors, and injured
to some extent the machinery, and de-
molishing the composing room to the
extent of putting the paper out of busi-
ness as far as concerned printing of
the Observer in its own building this
morning.

However, this is not the only fire
the Observer has had to contend with
in the last ten years, and the Observer
staff has proven itself equal to any
occasion, and the paper came out the
same as usual today, having been
printed on the press of the Evening
News. The office of the News is just
across the street from the Observer,
and there was little delay in bringing
out the paper after the pressman of
the News had been found and got to
work.

The matrix room is a place used for
storing away used matrices. Matrices
are made of very hard card board and
a composition of paper. When they
become dry after use they are very in-
flammable, and when fire strikes them
it leaps its way as if it were burning
kindling wood.
It is not known just how the fire
started, but it is supposed that George
Wilson, a deaf and dumb boy, and
employee of the Observer office, who
has been sleeping in the matrix room,
struck a match in his efforts to find
a comfortable place to sleep, throwing
it down while it was blazing without
noticing what he had done. The body
of young Wilson was found between
two type cases on the floor, where he
had been sleeping, the boy having
been overcome by the smoke and died
in his efforts to get out of the burning
room. Wilson was an industrious lad,
and was quite a pet of the office. Be-
coming tired late at night he very of-
ten resorted to some vacant room of
the building for a quiet rest and short
sleep before going to his home.

The typesetting machines on the
second floor of the building were
covered with oil cloth and otherwise
protected from the water and smoke,
as was the huge Hoe press and en-
gines in the basement, and it is not
thought these were damaged to
amount to anything. If they are not
the Observer will be printed tonight
in its own quarters, and the same
readable paper that is always issued
will be gotten out.

The greatest loss is to the bind-
ery, located on the fourth floor of
the building. This was completely
destroyed. In connection with the
Observer there is conducted a fine
job printing and binding establish-
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WANTED: MEN WITH SALTPETRE APPETITES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Urbana, O., Sept. 9.—"Wanted—
Twenty-four young men with good
digestions for the 'saltpetre squad.'"
This advertisement will attract
deep interest when the University of
Illinois opens next week. A poison
squad, so-called, will be maintained
for a year to investigate the effect
of saltpetre as a preservative of
meat. The American packers associa-
tion is footing the bills. The state
university chemistry department
consented to take charge of the
experiment.
Two large houses have been se-
cured for the squad. The young
men will be subjected to strict rou-
tine. They will not be allowed to
eat between meals but will receive
board and lodging free. The health,
weight and other particulars of the
men fed fresh meat will be compared
with those who are given the cured
meat. No results will be published
until the year is completed. All
meat will be cured at the university.

CANOE TURNED OVER; 3 DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Akron, O., Sept. 9.—By the overturn-
ing of a canoe here last night three
persons were drowned and another
was rescued with difficulty.
The dead:
MISS IDA REIFSNYDER, Akron.
MISS MARY ADKINS, Cleveland.
CHARLES HOLLOWAY, Akron.
The three victims were in a canoe,
which was being towed by a launch
containing Dr. J. W. Stemons and a
number of others.
In turning the launch and canoe col-
lided, throwing the canoe's occupants
into the water.

ENGINE TURNED OVER TWO MEN ARE DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 9.—Two
men are dead as the result of the
overturning of an engine on the Chat-
tanooga Belt Railroad, on Duncan
avenue. The dead:
CONDUCTOR WILLIAM STROPP,
died at the hospital.
FIREMAN CHAS. E. MILLS, in-
stantly killed.
The cause of the derailing of the
engine has not yet been determined.
An investigation is being made. The
upper part of the body of the unfor-
tunate conductor was cooked by the
escaping steam. Conductor Stropp
is believed to have relatives in At-
lanta, but so far the efforts of the
police in that city to locate them have
been without avail.
The belt railroad is a part of the
Alabama Great Southern, although it
is operated as a separate line.

TO TAX THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 9.—The
revenue of Delaware will be increased
by taxing the manufacturers of
tombstones. Mr. Chairs, recently ap-
pointed by Governor Lee to collect
taxes hitherto unpaid, announced to-
day his determination to get revenue
by this method, which is an innova-
tion in Delaware. A contest in the
courts is likely to follow.



Ferdinand Penney Earle, New York artist, bidding good-bye to Mrs. F. P. Earle, the wife from whom he separated in order that he could marry another woman, whom he designates as his "affinity." There was absolutely no display of emotion, as Mrs. Earle sailed for her home in France, taking with her her two-year-old boy. She thought the separation a logical course, and was contented to have her liberty, as well as to see her husband happy with the woman who supplanted her in his affections. In the centre of the picture is shown Victor K. Earle, the artist's brother.

3 BURNED ALIVE TODAY AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS HOTEL

The Hotel Building Completely Destroyed Early This Morning.— The
Loss and Insurance as Estimated

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Shelby, N. C., Sept. 9.—Cleveland
Springs hotel was totally destroyed
by fire early this (Monday) morning.
Two negro women, servants, and
a white woman, registered as Mrs.
Cora Smith of Ellenboro, N. C., were
burned to death.
The hotel was a four-story brick
building with frame annex, worth
about twenty thousand dollars, and
insured for about one-half its value.
The furnishings worth about
seven thousand dollars were entirely
destroyed, and not insured.
The fire originated in the kitchen,
and as a storm was raging at the
time it is thought to have been
caused by lightning.
The property belonged to Mr. and

Mrs. W. H. Miller and Miss A. V.
Lee, of Shelby, N. C.
Cleveland Springs is located two
miles in the country from Shelby,
and fifty miles west of Charlotte. It
is one of the oldest and best known
resorts in North Carolina, and in the
past it has been patronized by the
best people of the south, many of
its guests comprising people from
New Orleans, Atlanta and other
large southern cities.
Not many years ago this resort
was a favorite with the fashionable
of North Carolina. The elite gath-
ered there during the summer, and
society made merry by dancing and
engaging in the usual sports and
past-times the place offered.
Of the older set in this state there

are few but what have graced Cleve-
land Springs with their presence at
one time or another. It is an all-
year-round resort, being open win-
ter and summer.
Of late the hotel has not more
than paid expenses, and for a long
time has been poorly managed. Last
season and this year Cleveland
Springs was under the management
of O. P. McFarland, who, previous
to taking charge of the resort, was
a night clerk in the hotel.
Last night there were few guests
at the hotel, this being the end of
the summer season, but all of the
occupants lost their trunks and ap-
parel, and there was nothing saved
from the hotel's furnishings and gen-
eral equipment.

THE BIG PUGILISTIC FIGHT THIS EVENING

A SHOW-UP OF ALL
THE OLD BRUISERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Sept. 9.—John L. Sulli-
van, James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsim-
mons and James J. Jeffries, the four
greatest ex-heavy weight champions,
will appear at the Siler farewell tes-
timonial on that date. Unless a fight
at Los Angeles interferes with the
plan, Tommy Burns, the present title-
holder, will also appear in a short
friendly bout, as will heavy-weight
title aspirants Al Kaufmann, Mike
Schroek, John Wills, and several les-
ser lights.

VETERANS TO THE G. A. R. REUNION.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Notwith-
standing that railroads of the west re-
fused to make any material reduction
in the fare to Saratoga, veterans are
pouring in from many sections of the
country for the forty-first re-union of
the grand army of the republic. Every
train brings them from Pennsylvania,
Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, the New
England States and many others.

OHIO IS SOLID FOR SEC. TAFT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—I feel
quite sure that Ohio will send a solid
delegation to the next national con-
vention and every member of that de-
legation will cast his vote for Secre-
tary Taft as the candidate of the re-
publican party for president in the
campaign of 1908.
This prediction of the outcome at
factional troubles in the Buckeye state
was made by Governor Andrew L.
Harris at the Ebbitt House yesterday
afternoon. Governor Harris and his
official party were here on their way
to Jamestown to celebrate Ohio Day
at the exposition next Wednesday.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN TENNESSEE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 9.—
Buildings were damaged, trees up-
rooted and awnings torn down by the
wholesale, in a severe wind storm
that passed over Chattanooga Sunday.
The total damage done by the wind
will amount to several thousands of
dollars. The mansion of Ross S.
Faxon, the capitalist, on Bluff View,
was damaged to the amount of \$2-
500. He was the heaviest individual
loser. The velocity of the gale was
48 miles an hour and it was followed
by a downpour of .55 inches of rain.
D. Colf, an Italian, was struck by
a live wire blown down by the storm,
and was seriously injured. The ef-
fects of the storm were felt through-
out north Georgia and east Tennes-
see. At Dalton, Ga., it is reported
that considerable damage was done.

BERNARD SHAW SHOWS UP AGAIN.

(Special Cable to The Times.)
London, Sept. 9.—The excitement
over Bernard Shaw's disappearance
subsided when news came that the
dramatist calmly walked down from
the rugged mountain Rhinogarf into
Dojgelly. He had sought refuge
among the fastnesses from the crowds
of the socialist colony at Llanbeder,
who worried him with attention.
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WIRELESS NEWS FROM THE RACING STEAMSHIP

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Sept. 9.—The first wire-
less message telling of the progress
of the new Cunard steamship Lusitania
on her maiden trip created
great interest today, not only among
steamship men, but among the great
traveling population which in these
days runs into the millions. The
purport of the news seemed to be

The Sporting Fraternity is
Manifesting Greatest
Interest in It

BUT AFRAID TO BET ON EITHER BRITT OR GANS

Yet There Seems to Be An Under-
current Which Suggests the Pick-
ing of Britt for the Winner—His
Victory Over Battling Nelson
Makes the Sports Cautious About
Betting Against Him and in Favor
of the Present Champion—Both
Men in Good Condition, Though
Gans Looks to Be Cut Down to
the Lowest Notch of Weight Con-
sistent With Good Work in the
Ring—What the Principals and
Their Friends Said Today Just
Before the Fighting Hour Arrived.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
San Francisco, Sept. 9.—The
greatest interest felt in a long time
in a pugilistic encounter is shared
by all interested in such sport over
the big battle set for this evening
between Britt and Gans.

Gans Thinks He Will Win.
Joe Gans was asked if he wanted
to send any message to the public.
The question made him grin, but he
took a short think before he an-
swered:

"Just tell them Joe says he thinks
he'll win."
Gans has reached the required
weight and his face shows it. He
looks as if the last half pound had
been taken off his face. His cheek
bones are prominent, there are hol-
lows underneath them and other hol-
lows under his eyes. Still he is not
the same man he was at Goldfield.

"Yes, I'm all right at the weight,"
said Joe, "but I feel mighty different
than that time at Goldfield. I feel
like I had some spring in me, some
life and strength to make a rattling
good fight. I can promise the people
that they will see a great fight."

There are other people who feel
that Gans will win it. One of them
is Billy Nolan. Nolan was out yester-
day with his new pacer, burning
up the speedway. I asked him if he
would like to pick the winner.
"I don't mind," said Nolan. "You
can say for me that I think Gans is
the fellow. I would bet \$10,000
against \$10,000 that he will beat
Britt, and I might take a shorter
price on a smaller scale. If anybody
ought to have a line on these men it
is me and I cannot figure out that
Gans can lose. I intend to challenge
the winner for Nelson."

The Old and the New.
The Britt supporters are deriving
a lot of comfort from the view that
this is to be a fight between the new
Jimmy Britt and the old Joe Gans.
They figure that Gans cannot be the
man he was a few years ago and be-
cause of Jimmy's great fight against
Nelson they pick him to beat the old
master.

Willie Britt was about in an auto-
mobile wearing a new gray suit, a
cane and some saucy spats.

"I have bet \$1,000 on Britt," he
announced, "and that is \$750 more
than I ever bet in my life before. I
told you Jimmy is a marvel. He has
trained himself to hit with that short
right hand punch of his and he will
be after Gans' kitchen every minute.
Jimmy can take as much on the jaw
as I can." (Continued on Page Two.)

THERE'S NO PANIC COMING SAYS EDW. H. HARRIMAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Sept. 9.—"What sort of a
reflector is the street, after all? I'll
tell you—it's a false one. What mat-
ters it if stocks show an upward turn
of a point one day and a downward
switch of two to five points the next?
That is no indication of the real
wealth of the country or of the coun-
try's prosperity, and it is no reflec-
tion of actual conditions.
"There's no panic coming; we've

had our panic and now its going
away."
Edward H. Harriman, back in New
York from the Sierras, with the peace
of the uncontenting solitudes on his
soul, gave out the most optimistic in-
terview of his recent career.
Asked to tell how well pleased he
is with the immunity promised the Al-
ton by the Roosevelt administration,
the railroad magnate smiled benignly.
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TORTURED TO EXTORT MONEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Lincoln, Ill., Sept. 9.—Warren Mun-
dy, an aged farmer, and his wife were
tortured for five hours last night by
three masked robbers. The men bur-
ned the soles of Mundy's feet with
matches in an effort to force him to
disclose the hiding place of money
supposed to be hidden in the house.
Bloodhounds were put on the trail
this morning and after a long chase,
led the way to the home of Albert
Wehr, alleged to be an ex-convict, of
Lincoln. Wehr, who was arrested,
denies that he knows anything about
the attack.

CONDITION OF COTTON 72.7

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Sept. 9.—The crop
reporting board of the agricultural
department today estimated the con-
dition of the crop on August 25 to
be 72.7 per cent as compared with
75.6 July 25, 1907; 77.3 on August
25, 1906; 72.1 on August 25, 1905,
and a ten-year average of 74.5.

RAILWAY RATE HEARING TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—L. H.
Green, general freight traffic manager
of the Southern Railway, today con-
firmed his testimony in the hearings
of the North Carolina rate case. Mr.
Justice had prepared a table of fig-
ures covering rates between North
Carolina points and points outside the
state with a view to paving the way
for certain testimony relative to
charges which have been made. The
charges were not named but Mr. Jus-
tice submitted the table to Mr. Green
with a request that he examine it,
and if the figures were correct, it
would be incorporated in the record.
Mr. Green found certain inaccura-
cies in the table and it was found
necessary to examine him on the table
in detail. This consumed the entire
morning session and was devoted to
questions concerning milling interests
in various parts of North Carolina and
other cities, the cost to carry four be-
tween the different points and other
minute details, all of which will form
the basis for further examination of
Mr. Green by counsel for the state.
There is every indication that Mr.
Green may be on the stand almost as
long as Comptroller Plant.

FAIRBANKS IN TEXAS; A BID FOR DELEGATES.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Dallas, Texas, Sept. 9.—A telegram
from Vice President Charles Fair-
banks sent from Portland, Ore., was
received by officials of the state fair
of Texas announcing that he will de-
liver an address on October 22, Con-
federate day at the fair.
This is regarded as the first tangible
move of the Fairbanks men in their
campaign for southern delegates to
the next republican national con-
vention.