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CONDUCTOR FINCH  
DIES OF INJURIESBlowing Out of Drawplate Near  
Method Last Evening Caused  
Death of One of Injured

## OTHERS DOING WELL

Reports Today From Hospitals Say  
Engineer Stogner and John Maxey,  
Colored Fireman, Will Recover  
From Severe Scalding Which Caused  
Death of Conductor—Mr. Finch  
Was Native of Wake County, Mar-  
ried an Apex Girl and Lived in  
Hamlet—Story of the Accident.

After suffering intensely from  
the scalding he received when the  
crownplate of a Seaboard engine blew  
out two miles south of Method last  
evening, Mr. Walter C. Finch, con-  
ductor of the train, succumbed to  
his injuries in Rex Hospital at 7  
o'clock this morning. Reports from  
Rex Hospital and St. Agnes' hospi-  
tal stated that Engineer Stephen  
Stogner and John Maxey, the  
colored fireman, were resting  
easily and there is strong hope  
for their recovery.

The death of Conductor Finch  
was the result of an accident to an  
engine drawing an extra freight from  
Raleigh to Hamlet. The conductor  
was riding in the cab with the en-  
gineer, as is often the case, when  
the crownplate blew out, caused  
steam to rush forth, flooding the  
boiler and finally forcing the firebox  
door open. Engineer Stogner jumped  
from the cab, but the other two men  
did not. Mr. Stogner was terribly  
scalded, one side of his body, both  
hands and his thigh being roasted.

John Maxey, the fireman, received  
burns on his face, elbows and right  
shoulder.

Conductor Finch received the  
worst injuries. Practically all of  
his body, with the exception of the  
abdomen, on which he lay, was a  
mass of roasted flesh, and his suf-  
fering was terrible. He and En-  
gineer Stogner were carried to Rex  
Hospital, where Dr. Jas. R. Rogers,  
assisted by Dr. J. W. McGee, dressed  
the wounds. Maxey was cared for  
at St. Agnes Hospital.

The report of the accident spread  
over Raleigh like a flash. No sooner  
had the accident occurred, it seemed,  
than people were making inquiries.  
Dr. Rogers secured an automobile—  
a high speed machine and literally  
hummed to Method, the scene of the  
accident. Dr. McGee followed at  
once, and other physicians, eager to  
render aid, rushed to the place. Per-  
sons owning automobiles likewise  
dashed out to Method, many of them  
reaching the scene after the bodies  
had been removed to the hospitals.

The injured men were placed in a  
cathouse and rushed back to the city,  
while the physicians hastened by  
automobile to meet the train. Every-  
thing was done that science could  
do, but Conductor Finch was so ter-  
ribly scalded that, after lingering  
through the night, he expired at 7  
o'clock this morning.

## Another Report.

Soon after Conductor Finch's death  
was reported from the hospital a  
rumor gained currency that a  
brother, Mr. W. A. Finch, in the em-  
ploy of the Carolina Power & Light  
Company, had been electrocuted by  
a live wire. There was no truth in  
the report, as Mr. Finch did not re-  
port for duty. It originated, how-  
ever, when the news of the conduc-  
tor's death was phoned to the power  
plant, where some of the colored  
laborers, not knowing of the injuries

to Conductor Finch, supposed that  
Mr. W. A. Finch had been killed.

## Native of Wake County.

Walter C. Finch was born on his  
father's farm, six miles northwest of  
Raleigh 37 years ago. Ten years  
ago he was married to Miss Sallie  
Luther, of Apex. They were living  
at Hamlet at the time of the ac-  
cident. Mrs. Finch was notified of  
the tragedy and reached the city  
early this morning.

Besides his wife Conductor Finch  
is survived by his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Charles Finch, Wake county;  
five brothers, Messrs. J. A. L. A. and  
W. A. Finch, of Raleigh; Lattie and  
Leon, who live with their parents,  
and two sisters, Mrs. Beulah King  
and Miss Maud Finch, who also re-  
side with their parents.

## Resided at Hamlet.

Mr. Finch was a member of the  
Baptist church at Hamlet and Mrs.  
Finch is a member of the choir. He  
was the son of one of the best men  
in the county and was himself up-  
right and dependable in every par-  
ticular. His death causes sorrow  
not only to a large family but to a  
circle of friends who loved him for  
what he was. He had been in the  
railroad business for twelve years.

It was reported this afternoon  
that Engineer Stogner and Fireman  
Maxey were doing as well as might  
be expected and there is strong hope  
for their recovery.

The funeral services will be held  
from the residence of Mr. L. A. Finch,  
a brother, at 512 West Peace street,  
tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.  
Interment will follow in Oakwood  
Cemetery.

DR. P. P. CLAXTON WILL  
BE IN CITY TOMORROW

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States  
commissioner of education, will ar-  
rive in the city tomorrow from Wash-  
ington, and will spend a few hours  
with friends at Hotel Raleigh. Dr.  
Claxton's visit will be a hurried one  
and while here will see Mr. Frank M.  
Harper, superintendent of the Raleigh  
schools, and others. It was in  
North Carolina, that Dr. Claxton first  
began displaying the qualities as an  
educator that eventually brought  
such a great honor on himself. He  
has many strong friends among edu-  
cators and patrons of the public  
schools, and all these are interested  
in his success. He is a native of  
Tennessee.

## TEXAS MOB HANGS NEGRO.

Had Used Insulting Language Over  
the Telephone to Young Woman.

Farmersville, Texas, Aug. 12.—  
Commodore Jones, a negro who used  
insulting language, addressing a  
young white woman over the tele-  
phone, was hanged by a mob last  
night. Jones was arrested Thurs-  
day. A crowd of seventy-five men  
and boys forced an entrance to the  
negro's cell and marched him to the  
town's outskirts and compelled him  
to climb a telephone pole, where he  
was forced to jump with the rope  
tied around his neck.

## Parcels Post, Bill.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Rep-  
resentative Bell, of Georgia, intro-  
duced a bill, authorizing the estab-  
lishment of a parcels post system on  
all rural delivery routes. The bill  
proposes that packages weighing not  
more than eight pounds shall be  
handled as fourth class matter.

## Jumped From Passenger Train.

Newton, Mass., Aug. 12.—Eluding  
physicians and attendants accom-  
panying him to a private sanitarium,  
W. I. Oliver, a wealthy man, suffer-  
ing from nervous breakdown, jump-  
ed from the window of a passenger  
train on the Boston and Albany rail-  
road and was instantly killed.

## Typhoon At Shanghai.

Shanghai, China, Aug. 12.—A ty-  
phoon struck here, causing damage  
to shipping interests. Considerable  
damage was done to the Amsterdam  
Dredging Company.

## Congressman Loudenslager Dead.

Paulsboro, N. J., Aug. 12.—Con-  
gressman Henry C. Loudenslager,  
died at his home here, age 59. He  
was afflicted with a complication of  
diseases.

Will Study Commission  
Form of Government

Sir Robert Buckell, Mayor of Ox-  
ford, England, photographed upon  
his arrival in this country for a visit  
of several months, during which he  
will study American institutions,  
principally the commission form of  
government. He will make a particu-  
larly exhaustive study of the form of  
government in Dallas, Texas. Mayor  
Buckell's first act on arriving in this  
country was to compliment President  
Taft on the Anglo-American arbitra-  
tion treaty.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
HELD NO MEETING

With three members out of town,  
the adjourned meeting of the board  
of aldermen, scheduled for last night  
simply did not transpire. Only Alder-  
man Harden appeared on the scene.  
There are two as distinct factions in  
the board of aldermen as ever legis-  
late for a city, and if the other two  
members of the so-called good gov-  
ernment forces had shown up and if  
Aldermen Peebles and Upchurch had  
been on the job, a quorum would  
have been present and the anti-would  
have had the majority. But the  
good government aldermen do not  
intend that such a thing shall happen  
and when as many as three are out  
of the city, the board simply does  
not meet.

## Conference of Socialists.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 12.—Office  
holding members of the National So-  
cialist party from all sections of the  
country have assembled here for a  
three days' conference to discuss the  
affairs of the party and to make pre-  
liminary plans for the next munici-  
pal, state, national campaigns.  
Victor Berger, the only socialist  
member of congress, is to preside  
over the sessions. Among the other  
participants, nearly all of whom have  
arrived in the city, are the socialist  
mayors of Butte, Mont.; Grand Junction,  
Colo.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;  
Berkeley, Cal.; Glend, Kas.; Flint,  
Mich., and several other cities.

## Shot Girl Who Refused to Marry Him

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Twelve  
times refusing to marry him because  
he smoked cigarettes, Ethel Hunt  
was shot by August McDonald, a  
machinist, who then shot himself.  
The girl will recover, but the boy  
probably will die.

STEPHENSON WILL  
BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—In-  
vestigation of the election of United  
States Senator Isaac Stephenson, of  
Wisconsin, was directed in a resolu-  
tion passed by the senate today.

The resolution was reported by  
Chairman Dillingham of the elec-  
tion committee, which approved the  
recommendation of the sub-commit-  
tee, granting the Wisconsin legisla-  
ture's request for an investigation.  
The committee was authorized to  
sit during the recess of congress, to  
subpoena witnesses, and call for all  
necessary papers.

SCHOOL BOOKS  
NOW ADOPTEDPercentage of New Text-Books Esti-  
mated At Little More Than  
Half of 66 Percent

## DIFFERENCE IN PRICE

While No Official Expression Could  
Be Had, It Is Believed Change  
Counting Swapping of Old Books  
For New, Will Amount to About  
\$60,000 a Year to Patrons of the  
School—The Commission.

No official expression could be had  
today as to the actual outlay to  
school patrons by the adoption last  
evening of the new books to be used  
in the public schools of the State for  
the next five years. Conservative  
estimates placed the change from old  
to new books about sixty per cent.,  
but the percentage may prove to be  
somewhat larger or smaller. If the  
basis of exchange of old books for  
new is as much as one-fourth the  
value of the new book, the direct out-  
lay to patrons should not, many  
bookmen said today, be more than  
\$60,000 a year.

While some of the book men were  
not well pleased with the selection—  
their books not having been selected—  
most of the comment on the streets  
today was favorable. The book com-  
mission had a hard job before it, and  
it worked faithfully since June 8th.  
Mr. Joyner, state superintendent of  
education, was not in his office to-  
day, he having gone down in Warren  
County to make an address in the  
interest of a farm life school.

The books adopted by the commis-  
sion are as follows:

## The Books Adopted.

The books appointed as adopted  
for five years from September first  
of this year, the prices to be later  
announced, are:

Spelling: Reed's Primary Speller  
Reed's Word Lessons, by Chas. E.  
Merrill & Co. and "A Spelling  
Book," by Foust & Griffin (re-  
adopted). Alfred Williams & Co.,  
Raleigh.

Reading: Webster's Dictionaries,  
by American Book Co.; (re-adopted).  
Reading: The Howell Primer, by  
Howell & Co.; The Halliburton Prim-  
er, D. C. Heath & Co.; The Howell  
First Reader, by Howell & Co.;  
Graded Classics, 1, 2 and 3 (re-  
adopted). B. F. Johnson Company,  
Richmond, (re-adopted); the Baker-  
Carpenter Language Readers, 4 and  
5, McMillan Company.

Writing: The Old North States  
Copybook, by North State Publishing  
Company (re-adopted); The Berry  
Writing Books, B. D. Berry & Co.,  
Chicago. (Only the Medial system of  
writing was adopted).

Drawing: Progressive Lessons in  
Art Education, The Prang Educa-  
tional Company.

Arithmetic: Left open for further  
information.

Geographies: Dodge's Primary Ge-  
ography and Dodge's Comparative  
Geography, Rand McNally & Co.

Language and Grammar: Hyde's  
Lessons in English, Book 1, D. C.  
Heath & Co., (re-adopted). Gram-  
mar and Composition Book 2, by  
Robbins & Row, published by Row,  
Peterson & Co. Modern Grammar,  
by Buhler and published by New-  
son & Co., (re-adopted) for use in  
grades above the seventh grade in  
the public schools).

History of North Carolina: Hill's  
Young People's History of North  
Carolina, D. H. Hill, publisher, (re-  
adopted). Connor's Makers of North  
Carolina History, recommended for  
supplementary work in the primary  
grades. Thompson Publishing Com-  
pany, of Raleigh.

History of the United States: No  
adoption. Referred to a committee  
for report and recommendation on  
or before January 1, 1912. Histori-  
es now on list to be used until that  
time.

Physiology and Hygiene: Ritchie-  
Caldwell Primer of Hygiene Ritchie's  
Primer of Sanitation. World Book  
Company with Thompson Publishing  
Company, of Raleigh as State agents.  
Culler's Physiology, Book 3, for use  
in grades above the seventh grade.  
Lippincott & Company, (re-adop-  
tion).

Civil Government: Peele's Civil  
Government of North Carolina and  
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Beat the World For  
Beauty, Just the Same

Mrs. Louise Winterfeldt, of New  
York, known as the best dressed wo-  
man in the world, who declares that  
American women do not know how  
to dress; that they are at least two  
years behind Paris. Mrs. Winter-  
feldt is summing at Lenox, Mass.  
She said after being there two weeks,  
"I haven't seen a really fashionably  
dressed woman in Lenox. In my  
opinion, the women of this town are  
three years behind the styles set by  
the Parisians."

"TYPOS" MEET IN  
SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 12.—Del-  
egates and visitors to the fifty-sev-  
enth annual convention of the Inter-  
national Typographical Union, which  
will be called to order here Monday  
morning by President James M.  
Lynch, are arriving on all trains.  
The convention will be the first that  
organization ever has held west of  
Denver. An attendance of fully 2,-  
000 visitors is expected, representing  
all sections of the United States and  
Canada. Many important questions  
are to be settled at the meeting,  
among them being a proposed in-  
crease of the death benefits and pen-  
sion rate.

## Pope's Condition Fairly Good.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Pope Pious' con-  
dition was described by the physi-  
cians as "relatively satisfactory." The  
pontiff appears somewhat stronger.  
The pope's physicians were at his  
bedside an hour this morning,  
giving particular attention to his kid-  
neys, which showed traces of cal-  
culi. Pains in the knee were less se-  
vere.

## Maine Probably Will Not Be Floated.

New York, Aug. 12.—The battle-  
ship Maine, in Havana harbor, is too  
badly wrecked amidsthips to ever be  
raised, except by means of pontoons,  
which would be too expensive, ac-  
cording to Captain John O'Brian, the  
noted filibuster just arrived from Cu-  
ba. O'Brian doubts if the Maine will  
ever be floated.

## Secretary Stimson Home.

New York, Aug. 12.—Secretary of  
War Stimson and party have ar-  
rived here aboard the armored cruiser  
North Carolina, after an inspection  
of the Panama Canal.

GRANTED COMPETITIVE  
RATES WITH SOUTHERN

Washington, Aug. 12.—Permission  
has been granted the Atlantic Coast  
Line, the Norfolk and Western and  
the Winston-Salem Southbound  
railway by the interstate commerce  
commission to meet the competition  
of the Southern Railway in freight  
rates from and to points on the Win-  
ston-Salem road. The commission  
sanctioned the exaction of a lower  
charge for a longer, than for a  
shorter haul in the same direction.  
It affects rates from East Carolina  
to all states.

## ABOUT THE SENATORS

One Man Says Kitchin An-  
other Simmons

Some Think Aycock Will Be Second  
Choice—Non-Partisan Thinks Sec-  
ond Primary Will Be Necessary—  
The Blowing Rock Weather Sta-  
tion.

## Special to The Times.

Washington, August 12.—K. B.  
Lewis, of Winston, Sovereign man-  
ager of the Woodmen of the World,  
who stopped over in Washington for  
a few days, says that Governor Kitchin  
will surely be the next United  
States Senator from North Carolina.  
He says he has traveled extensively  
in the State and he is convinced that  
the Governor will win over all con-  
tenders. Mr. Lewis thinks that For-  
mer Governor Aycock will run a close  
second to the Governor and that it  
may be necessary to hold a second  
primary in order to decide the con-  
test.

Mr. Lewis has just returned from  
Omaha, Neb., where he attended a  
meeting of the Woodmen of the  
World, a large office building which  
has just closed that it was decided to  
build a large office building which  
will cost over a million dollars when  
completed.

There were several other visitors  
in Washington today, who are equal-  
ly as confident of Senator Simmons'  
success as Mr. Lewis is of the  
Governor. One man sized the situa-  
tion up thusly:

"There are some strong shots be-  
ing fired at both Kitchin and Sim-  
mons. I think Simmons has the  
strongest working organization in  
the State—more compact and one  
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CONFERENCE REPORT  
TO BE PRESENTED

Washington, Aug. 12.—To per-  
fect the presentation of the conference  
report on the wool tariff revision bill  
before adjournment with a view to  
favorable action on the bill by the  
house Monday, the house took a re-  
cess at 12:30 to reconvene later in  
the afternoon. Democratic Leader  
Underwood made this explanation of  
the plans, coupled with the state-  
ment that he was just finishing the  
preparation of the conference report.

## REPORT ON WOOL BILL.

Conference Report on the Wool Bill  
Presented by Mr. Underwood.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The confer-  
ence report on the wool tariff revision  
bill was presented to the house  
by Representative Underwood, who  
requested that the report and accom-  
panying statement, just prepared, be  
printed in the Record under the  
house rules. Minority Leader Mann  
made the point that even that ac-  
tion could not be taken until the  
senate acted upon the report. He  
argued that the body "agreeing to  
holding a conference," must act first  
in the conference report.

## Newport Society Goes to the Dogs.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 12.—The first  
dog show held here in several years  
was given at the Casino today under  
the auspices of the Rhode Island  
Kennel Club. More than 400 canine  
pets belonging to the fashionable re-  
sidents of Newport were displayed.  
There was no place for an ordinary  
dog in the exhibition. A line of blue-  
blooded canine ancestors was the  
only ticket that insured admittance.  
Even class distinctions prevailed  
among the tiny animals, the haughty  
Blenheim spaniels and those named  
in honor of King Charles absolutely  
ignoring the brawny looking little  
English bulldogs and Boston terriers.

## Funeral of John W. Gates.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The funeral of  
John W. Gates, the American finan-  
cier, was held at the Interdenomi-  
national American church. Two  
hundred American friends of the  
family were present. The body will  
be shipped from Cherbourg to New  
York Tuesday.

## Steamer Sunk in East River.

New York, Aug. 12.—The Red  
Cross line steamer Stephen, steam-  
ing up the East River sunk the tug  
Henry H. Stanwood. Several of the  
Stanwood's crew were injured.

## Cholera In France.

Montpellier, France, Aug. 12.—Two  
isolated cases of cholera have been  
discovered in each of the villages of  
Lunel and Saint-Bres.

HOUSE COTTON  
BILL TAKEN UPOffers As An Amendment  
A Provision to Revise the  
Chemical Schedule

## BUT LITTLE DISCUSSION

Discussion of the Bill Was Inter-  
rupted Shortly After It Was Taken  
Up By the Senate Executive Ses-  
sion—Cummins Offered His Amend-  
ment for the Revision of the Iron  
And Steel Schedule—Smith Wants  
To Know About the Gathering and  
Preparation of Cotton Crop Re-  
ports.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The house  
cotton bill was taken up by the sen-  
ate on Smoot's motion. Cummins  
offered his amendment for the revision  
of the iron and steel schedule  
of the tariff bill.

Overman, of North Carolina, in-  
troduced as an amendment to the  
cotton bill, a provision for the re-  
vision of the chemical schedule of  
the tariff law. The discussion of the  
bill was interrupted immediately  
after it was taken up by the senate's  
executive session.

Smith, of South Carolina tried a  
little earlier during the day to se-  
cure the present consideration of  
the resolution calling on the secre-  
tary of agriculture for information  
as to the exact methods used in the  
gathering and preparation of the cot-  
ton crop reports. He said he knew  
that at some places men were gather-  
ing information for the depart-  
ment who knew little of the actual  
cotton conditions.

## KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

Will Probably Fight Shy of the Pro-  
hibition Question.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 12.—County  
conventions were held throughout  
Kentucky today for the election of  
delegates to the democratic state  
convention, which is to meet here  
next Tuesday. The work of the con-  
vention will be confined to the adop-  
tion of a platform, as the candidates  
for governor and other state officers  
were chosen in the primary last  
month.

Great care will be exercised in  
building the platform, for the dem-  
ocrats appreciate the fact that they  
must fight hard to win a victory in  
the coming election. Despite the  
success with which the democrats  
have been meeting in other sections  
the party leaders here are aware that  
Kentucky, which has been admitted  
to the democratic first time in 1895, is  
now more doubtful than ever. This  
is due partly to the advantage of  
the republicans in control of the  
state administration and partly to  
the fact that the state's increase in  
population, as shown by the recent  
census, has been almost wholly in  
the eastern districts, which are  
overwhelmingly republican.

The platform will give an enthu-  
siastic endorsement to the policy  
pursued by the democratic party in con-  
gress. As regards state issues, the  
most interest centers in the resolu-  
tions concerning the liquor question.  
Unless the republicans force the is-  
sue, which so far they have evinced  
no intention of doing, the democrats  
probably will remain from making  
the question the chief issue of the  
fight. If the convention feels obliged  
to take an emphatic stand in the  
matter, however, it will probably de-  
clare itself against state-wide pro-  
hibition and unequivocally in favor  
of a uniform local option law, with  
the county as the unit.

LONDON IS GETTING  
PLENTY OF FOOD NOW

London, Aug. 12.—London is it-  
self again. A few hours after the  
official announcement that the strike  
was settled last night sufficed to re-  
lease the flood of traffic. Supplies  
were rushed out to replenish the  
empty markets and stores. It is es-  
timated that the week's strike of  
dock men and carriers cost London  
seven and a half million dollars.

When a man and a girl are engaged  
they have a sort of free license  
to act just as crazy as they can.

COMMITTEE WANTS  
CHANGE IN TREATY

Washington, Aug. 12.—The senate  
committee on foreign relations  
agreed to recommend the ratifica-  
tion treaties with Great Britain and  
France, so amended as to eliminate  
the paragraph conferring upon the  
joint high commissioner of inquiry  
the right to determine what inter-  
national questions are justifiable un-  
der the treaties' terms. The presi-  
dent informed the members of the  
committee that he will exert him-  
self to insure the inclusion of this  
paragraph in the ultimate action by  
the senate.