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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION ON FRENCH WARSHIP

Three Hundred or More Sailors Die As Result of Fire and Explosion

VESSEL GOES DOWN

But Fire Gained Headway and Reached Magazines, Which Had Not Been Flooded—Explosion Followed, Which Almost Tore the Vessel in Pieces—Scores of Men Thrown High Into the Air, Together With Fragments of Frame Work, Armor and Bursting Shells—Vessel Sank.

Toulon, France, Sept. 25.—More than half of her crew of 793 officers and men met death early today, when fire broke out in the ammunition hold of the battleship Liberte. One of the finest vessels in the French navy, explosions which followed wrecked the great ship. The fire was discovered at five o'clock. At first it was not thought to be serious, but it gained great headway over the sailors' fighting it. Suddenly it reached the magazines, which had not been flooded, owing apparently to the slight nature of the blaze. The explosions were terrific, shaking the vessel fore and aft. Each was seemingly stronger than the preceding. They opened up great fissures in the armor and frame work. The vessel immediately became a mass of fire and smoke, and soon sank to the bottom of Toulon harbor.

At an early hour unofficial estimates placed the number of dead at five hundred. The estimates by naval men vary. There is no doubt that the loss of life was as high as three hundred. Scores of seamen died in their berths. A few dozen saved themselves by jumping overboard. Many of those injured leaped into the water and drowned before other boats in the harbor could reach them. Two hundred of the crew escaped death, because they were on shore leave. Commander Jauers, was not aboard.

The explosion's carnage was worse than could ever occur in actual naval warfare. The first crash came when the crew dispersed to various sections of the vessel. The explosion was without warning. Scores were hurled high into the air, accompanied by great fragments of frame work, armor, bursting shells and blinding powder smoke, while the men below were killed in their sleep. Others, awakened by the explosion, started to jump overboard, and were caught by a second detonation. Many vessels were in the harbor at the time, including several warships.

There were three tremors of the explosion in quick succession after the fire reached the magazines. A hundred men saved themselves by jumping. Scores of others would have escaped but for the rigid discipline which held them at their posts. When awakened and about to throw themselves overboard an order calling them to their stations

FLEMING CHILDREN NOW WITH MOTHER

Dr. Arthur H. Fleming of Louisville, ordered by Judge R. B. Peebles to return the Fleming children to their mother, arrived in the city last evening with George Mortimer and Nellie Bryan Fleming and delivered them into the custody of their mother, Mrs. Nellie Claire Fleming. Mr. Percy B. Fleming accompanied his brother with the children to the house. The father is given the privilege of seeing the children a month, but is not permitted to take them away from the house.

A street car Saturday afternoon struck a hack driven by Andrew Simmons, cooled, and did considerable damage. Several colored women were in the hack. The accident occurred on Fayetteville street.

rang out. These men were blown to pieces a few seconds later. Accurate estimates of the dead and injured are unavailable late this afternoon. They may not greatly exceed 200.

Series of Disasters. Paris, Sept. 25.—The news of the explosion of the Liberte's magazines was a stunning blow to the French public and naval officers. It is the climax of a long series of the French navy's disasters. Accounts vary widely. The most authentic dispatches state the battleship sank two hours after fire was discovered in the forward hold. Another account stated the ship broke in half from the force of the explosions, sinking twenty minutes later. It is estimated the dead numbers between three and four hundred. The Liberte was 14,900 tons displacement, over all length 452 feet, and carried a crew of 793 men, more four twelve inch guns, and ten guns of the French 7.6 inch type. She also had twenty-three small guns and four torpedo boats. She was completed in 1897 at a cost of seven million dollars.

Between three hundred and three hundred and fifty of the Liberte's crew and about a hundred men from other warships, sent to hold extinguish fire disappeared. The Democratic lost twenty dead, and fifty injured. A piece of armor plate, blown from the Liberte struck the cruiser Republique on the port side with great force, damaging her plates.

Thinks Powder Bad. Washington, Sept. 25.—Based upon the first reports of the naval disaster in Toulon harbor, the Navy Department experts are disposed to

SHOT THROUGH MOUTH

Negro Boy Receives Bullet In His Mouth

Mystery Covers Whole Affair—Some Declare Shot Came From Outside, Others Say It Was Inside Barber Shop—Not Seriously Wounded Unless Complications Set In.

(Special to The Times.) Scotland Neck, Sept. 25.—There was considerable excitement in the northern section of the business portion of the town Saturday night, when it was reported that Scooney Etengame, a colored boy, had been shot in the rear of a colored barber shop. A large crowd soon gathered on the street in front of the barber shop, while Scooney was carried to the office of Dr. O. F. Smith, who rendered the wounded boy all necessary medical and surgical aid. The doctor found that the boy was shot in the mouth, the ball entering on the left side of the lower lip, knocking out one tooth and shattering the lower jaw bone. Dr. Smith said the ball must have been a .38 calibre. He also said that the wound was not at all dangerous, but was a possibility of complications that would produce dangerous results.

Scooney declared he did not know who shot him, saying that he and his brother, John Etengame, were in the rear of the barber shop, which is cut off by a curtain, counting money, when he was shot from the outside, and John told about the same story, but later said there were three or four present. Several persons who heard the report of the pistol say they were sure it was fired from the inside. One white man said he saw a negro run out of the front door immediately after the shot was fired.

John Etengame, who was pretty well tanked up, was arrested and Hon. A. Powell Kitchin questioned him, but we learn he told conflicting stories, and was finally locked up. After he sobers up a little he will be further questioned as to how his brother was shot.

It seems to be the belief among the people that the boys were in the back room fooling with a pistol, John being drunk, when it was fired accidentally and that the boys being so badly frightened they would not tell the truth about the affair.

There are several negro joints in the building, and we have heard that the engage in all kinds of games, and

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Sol Davis Negro, Captured After Lively Chase

After Successfully Eluding Officers for Several Days Davis Was Captured on Waccamaw River—Search and Seizure Law Tested—Quantity of Beer, But No Whiskey, Found.

(Special to The Times.) Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 25.—After successfully eluding officers for several days following his murder in this city several nights ago of Will Stephens, and the wounding of Alice Sutton, Sol Davis, the young negro accused of the crimes, was captured early yesterday morning while in a boat on Waccamaw river, a short distance from Lake Waccamaw. There were a number of officers in the posse after Davis. The negro was first sighted in the boat by United States Deputy Benton, of Whiteville. The latter ordered the darkey to come ashore, having the negro "under cover." In a short time Police-men Applebury and Leon George, of this city, had the man in charge. In the searching party there were Sheriff Cowan, Deputies A. L. Kelly, W. Harvey Cox, and Melvin Horne, and Special Officer Tom Croom. The entire party reached here with the accused murderer on the noon train from the south yesterday. Davis was incarcerated in the county jail and it is very probable that an effort will be made to try him for the diabolical murder of which he stands accused.

The afternoon paper Saturday told of the location of Davis in a house at Lake Waccamaw and of the departure of the police and county officers of this city to capture him, if possible. When they arrived at the house they found that Davis had left. A mattress showed signs of having been recently used. Ed. McNeil,

MR. MONCREIF RESIGNS

Pastor of Tabernacle Church to Leave Raleigh

Hands His Resignation to Church Sunday Morning at Conclusion of Regular Service—His Work During Three Years Pastorate—Goes to Barnesville, Ga., October 15th.

The congregation of the Tabernacle Baptist church were shocked yesterday morning, when at the conclusion of the regular service, Rev. Adiel J. Moncreif, the pastor, offered his resignation to take effect on October 15th.

Some time ago it was reported through The Daily Times that the popular pastor of this church had received several very flattering offers from other fields, as well as the presidency of Union College, in Tennessee, but the church asked him to remain and as the time passed without any other notice of it, it was felt that he had decided to remain, and his resignation came as a bolt of lightning, all unexpected, while the church regretted to lose him, they accepted because they knew it was final, several expressing their sincere regrets.

It came at the conclusion of one of the most powerful sermons ever de-

FREIGHT TRAIN ON A. C. L. JUMPED TRACK

(Special to The Times.) Fayetteville, Sept. 25.—Nine cars were derailed and traffic impeded for some hours when the Atlantic Coast Line northbound freight No. 208, jumped the track early this morning, just below Hope Mills, seven miles from this place. No one was injured. The wreck from what can be learned at this hour, was caused by a defective flange of a car wheel.

The wreckage will probably be cleared away by four o'clock this afternoon. In the meantime, traffic carried by mail and passenger trains due to pass this city, is being transferred to trains made up here.

A woman is afraid only of the things she knows won't hurt her.

JUDGE PEEBLES TO GRAND JURY

Laws Are All Right, He Says In Charge, Though Juries Sometimes Fail to Do Right

SEPTEMBER TERM COURT

JUDGE PEEBLES, Deputy Clerk Royster and Mr. Geo. Tomofski is filling his place in Court Room—Story of the \$150 Pigs and \$150 Witnesses—Children Should be Taught What is Right and Wrong—Many Indictments Given Grand Jury—The Progress Today.

In charging the grand jury today, Judge R. B. Peebles, who is presiding over a two week's term of court for the trial of criminal cases, said that it was not the fault of North Carolina's laws that criminals often go unpunished but oftentimes of weak petit juries. He thought the measure of punishment demanded is usually about right, but he did not think much of juries who would allow a murderer to get off light. To allow a man to go unpunished for the murder of a fellow man, Judge Peebles said, is to encourage violations of law.

Judge Peebles laid stress on the importance of magistrates getting a few material witnesses, taking their testimony and turning it over to the solicitor. Useless witnesses he condemned, and cited a case that came before him in Johnston county. A man was indicted for whipping two little pigs that had rooted up his garden. The pigs were worth \$15.00 a piece, but 17 witnesses were summoned and those pigs cost the county \$150.

In enumerating the crimes, Judge Peebles said that much suffering might be avoided if parents would take their children in hand, teach them what they might do and what they might not. "Bring the boys to the courthouse and let them hear the charge to the grand jury," he suggested. He said he did not believe many boys who committed crimes knew what they were doing. For instance there was no malice in the placing of obstructions on railroad tracks in the case of many youngsters, yet where this causes loss of life the crime is punished with death; otherwise by imprisonment for ten years.

Teach Boys What is Wrong. An instance of placing an obstruction on a railroad track occurred in Randolph county. The young son of a poor widow was hauled up in court on this charge. The boy was young and did not know what he had done. Judge Peebles suggested to the mother that she had not warned her boy against such a thing and she said she had not, that she never thought her boy would do such a thing. Then he told her if she would whip the child in the presence of the sheriff the boy would be turned loose. The woman became indignant at the idea of whipping her son at the suggestion of a judge or anybody else.

"All right, madam, Mr. Clerk, make the entry ten years in the state's prison."

The Boy Was Whipped. After sleeping over the matter the woman decided to give the youngster a good whipping. This she did, and so far as Judge Peebles has heard the boy has been all the better for it.

His honor called attention to the fact that the fellow who acts as go-between in the purchase of liquor is guilty of violating the law himself. If a man gives a hackman or anybody else a dollar to buy liquor the hackman is guilty of selling, even though he does not make a cent on the transaction, but does it for accommodation, as is most often the case.

Judge Peebles called attention to the fact that cigarettes or the "makings" cannot be sold to minors. He got after dealers in Johnston county last term.

Mr. Royster Sick. Mr. Virtruvis Royster, deputy clerk of the superior court, was unable to be present today and his duties in the court room were attended to by Mr. Geo. Tomofski, deputy clerk of the United States court. Mr. Millard Mial, the clerk, swore in the grand jurors so that

DR. W. P. FEW'S ADDRESS

"Two Hopeful Tendencies of Our Times" the Subject

Tremendous Crowd Heard Trinity's Educator Last Night—A Custom Set by Dr. Kitzo, When President of College—Absorption of Colored Insurance Companies.

CAUSED DEATH

Engine of Lumber Company Stolen and Abandoned On Track Near Vaughan, N. C. Yesterday

(Special to The Times.) Durham, Sept. 25.—Following a precedent of many years and a custom widespread among the colleges, President William P. Few last night addressed the student body upon "Two Hopeful Tendencies of Our Time."

During the presidency of Bishop Kitzo, he spoke in September of each year to the boys and girls of Trinity and President Few has made his second address of this nature. He had a tremendous audience last night that nearly filled big Craven Memorial Hall and a musical programme by the best voices of the city choir, was very delightful. Under the direction of Mr. T. Edgar Cheek, it sang "He Then Exalted" and "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works" in style quite worthy of the magnificent music of commencement. Miss Mary Lyon Duke, daughter of Benjamin N. Duke, the colleges' greatest friend, sang "O Divine Redeemer" and Dr. George Sexton of Washington, made the prayer.

CAROLINA FAIR AT WORK

Preparations Being Made For Biggest In Its History

Great Deal of Advertising Being Done For Fair—Synod of Catawba Presbyterian Church, Closed Sessions—Former Cafe Proprietor Tried for Setting Fire to His Place.

(Special to The Times.) Greensboro, Sept. 25.—The Central Carolina Fair Association is doing a great deal of advertising for the fair of this year and the indications point to the most largely attended gathering the association has ever had.

Among the feature will be a Curtiss biplane, which will be handled by Mr. Thornwell Andrews, of this city, who is connected with the Lindsey Hopkins Aviation Company, of this city, the first corporation of the kind to be formed in North Carolina. Two flights will be given every day. Mr. Andrews will also give exhibitions in other parts of the state this fall.

The Synod of Catawba Presbyterians in session here since Thursday, closed yesterday. More than 200 negro laymen and ministers were in both interesting and profitable. A number of addresses were made, some of them by white churchmen, but the most of them by negro ministers.

NO DISORDER IN SPARTANBURG STRIKE

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 25.—The state officials have determined not to call out troops which yesterday were ordered to hold themselves ready to act in the street car strike situation. Few cars were operated today. There was no disorder in the early hours of the day. The strike was precipitated, it was declared, by the discharge of sixteen motormen and conductors who refused to sign an alleged agreement drawn up by the company, promising not to affiliate with any labor organization.

Fire Madiac. Minneapolis, Sept. 25.—Albert Smith, under arrest, admits firing twenty buildings in the past six weeks. He offers no explanation to throw light on his favorite pastime.

TO PAY VISIT TO RALEIGH

Col. Collier and Mr. Dawe to Visit Capital City On Tuesday, October 3

FOR TOURIST TRAVEL

Their Purpose is to Divert Through South Northern Tourists to Panama Exposition—Community of Interests for Southern People—Have Received Hearty Co-operation in Cities Thus Far Visited—Began at Tucson and Will End at Memphis—Will Also Stop at Asheville.

Washington, Sept. 25.—That the south has eagerly seized on the suggestion that it can benefit the holding of the expositions in celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal is evidenced by the enthusiasm awakened by the tour through the south now in progress by G. Grosvenor Dawe, Managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, and Col. D. C. Collier, director general of the Panama-California International Exposition.

To Visit Raleigh. These gentlemen started eastward from Tucson, Ariz., on the 11th inst., stopping at El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Little Rock, Texarkana, Shreveport, Monroe, Vicksburg and Jackson. They were in Meridian the 22nd, and thence they left for Birmingham, Elmore, Wetumka, Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Selma, Raleigh, Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis.

REPORTS ARE DENIED

Reports That Whiting Manufacturing Co. Has Closed

Claimed that Fully 500 People are Thrown Out of Employment, But Company Denies It—People Aroused Over Negro's Death—Hiring Convict Labor for Road Work.

(Special to The Times.) Asheville, N. C., Sept. 25.—People coming to Asheville from Graham county have brought reports to the effect that the Whiting Manufacturing company operating in Graham county, has stopped operations indefinitely and that several hundred men were thrown out of employment.

It was further reported that the men are leaving Robbinsville and the camp and that some of them shed tears over the loss of employment. The reports were that the London company who was to advance the money for the operations of the company on bonds had held up the money because of a change which the company proposed to make in the route of a railroad; and that the company had used up the available loss. There is also a rumor of a possible sale of the property to a Detroit concern.

W. S. Whiting of the Whiting Manufacturing company said that these reports are not true. He denied that 500 men are thrown out of employment and stated that the company had closed down the logging plant until it was decided whether a certain railroad is to be built; that the planing and saw mills are still running. Asked when the company would start up logging operations again Mr. Whiting stated that it would be about 60 days, as soon as they could get the report of the engineer on the route for the railroad, when it will be decided if the railroad is to be built. Concerning the reports of trouble with the English financiers and the reputed sale of the property he said there is nothing in it.

SLAYER OF STOLYPIN PAID PENALTY TODAY

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 25.—Dmitry Bogrov, Premier Stolypin's assassin, who was condemned to death by court martial, was hanged today. Before his execution, Bogrov asked that he might see a Rabbi, but refused this consolation when informed that the interview might be in an official's presence.

To Enlarge Brooklyn Navy Yard. New York, Sept. 25.—Plans for enlarging the Brooklyn navy yard, involving the expenditures of fourteen million dollars, making it the world's greatest naval station have been completed by Engineer Harris and Naval Constructor Groesbeck, and will be forwarded to the Navy Department.