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### BARREN WALLS TELL THE STORY

#### Catholic Orphanage Fire Swept At Early Morning Hour Today Destroying Four Buildings

LOSS OVER \$12,000

Smoldering Ruins Tell Story of Destructive Fire That Destroyed Four Buildings at Orphanage at Nazareth, Near City Early This Morning—Fire Supposed to Have Started in Engine Room of Laundry—Alarm Given by One of the Sisters—All of the Machinery and Furniture Destroyed in Flames.

Smoldering fires and barren walls tell the story of a destructive fire that swept away four buildings of the Catholic Orphanage early this morning, entailing a loss of about \$12,000. The buildings burned were the old dormitory and school room, the laundry, barn and stables. All that is left this morning to tell where stood the buildings are the ashes and smoldering ruins. Luckily no lives were lost in the destructive fire.

**Fire Discovered.** One of the Sisters discovered the fire, being awakened by the light shining into her bed room and the roar of the flames. She immediately gave the alarm and the occupants of the buildings got out in safety, but they could not save any of the contents as the buildings were then a mass of flames. Several A. & M. students rendered aid and a little of the furniture was saved.

The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room of the laundry, and having gained a headway quickly spread. Before the stables and barn were too far gone all the cattle had been removed. The dormitory and school room, a wooden building, 90x90, two stories high, burned quickly and the blaze was seen for several miles. All of the machinery in the laundry, and a great deal of the furniture and furnishings of the other buildings were consumed in the flames. There being no waterworks at the orphanage, a systematic fight against the flames could not be had. Practically all of the fuel, which was near one of the buildings, was also burned.

**Other Fires.** The fire at the Roman Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth, a couple of miles southwest of the city, this morning, is the third which has occurred there. The first occurred a little before Christmas, nearly four years ago, when the brick dormitory south of the Avert Kerry road was burned. It stood west of the church. Two lives were lost and more would have been but for the bravery of one of the seminarians who were then there. He and several of the boys were driven to the roof, and he saw the latter would soon fall in. He told the boys the only chance was to jump and that he would lead the way, which he did. He was badly injured but recovered. (Continued on Page Two.)

### ABDICATION PLANS BEEN BROKEN OFF

London, Jan. 23.—The affairs of state in Peking are now in undisputed possession of Manchu reactionaries and Yuan Shi Kai has abandoned his task, according to advices from the American consul at Tientsin and reported by exchange telegraph correspondent.

It is reported all negotiations having a view to abdication have been summarily broken off.

### CANT SWEAR IN GOV-ELECT

Arizona's Official Count of Ballots Not Yet Completed. Globe, Ariz., Jan. 23.—Gov-elect George W. Hunt's plans for inauguration on Feb. 1st, have been upset by a telegram from the Territorial Governor, Sloan, saying that the count of ballots in the recent election probably cannot be completed before Jan. 30.

Mr. Hunt said, after receiving the telegram last night, that he did not expect to be inaugurated before the middle of February.

### TEMPERANCE MEN TO MEET

#### North Carolina Anti-Saloon League Meet the Latter Part of Week

Next Friday, Saturday and Sunday the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will hold its state convention here, in the auditorium. Rev. K. L. Davis, who is in charge of the affairs of this notable organization, has called upon Secretary Olds of the chamber of commerce for quarters for a number of delegates, and the secretary will establish Friday morning a bureau of information at the chamber of commerce, from which persons who desire quarters during their stay will be sent to the places they may select from the lists which are in the office. Secretary Olds had these lists prepared to use during the state fair, and again during the session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly late in November, and they will be used during the present year, whenever occasion demands. He will be very glad to obtain the names of any other persons having rooms available who have not so notified him. Of course many go to hotels, some to boarding houses, but a great number always desire rooms in private houses, usually without board, so that they can get meals wherever they like, and it is this last named class for whom provision must always be made, as they form a very important part of all important gatherings and certainly appreciate attentions shown them. Hundreds were placed this way during the Teachers' Assembly and all were pleased and have in a great many ways expressed their extreme pleasure at the way they were cared for here.

### STEEPLEJACKS FALL TO DEATH

#### One Sacrifices Life in Attempting to Save Companion.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23.—Two steeplejacks fell 130 feet to death today when one of them attempted to save his companion, who had slipped from a ladder on the top of the North Broad Street Presbyterian church. When a passerby, who had witnessed their terrible fall, reached their bodies, he found the hand of Herman Greenwald, aged 25 years, still clutching the overalls on the body of August Johnson, aged 48 years, whose life he had vainly attempted to save.

### GIRL HICCUGHS 16 DAYS

#### In Serious Condition From Affliction That Baffles Doctors.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—Marie Shinn, 17 years old, 125 North 24th street, Camden, has been confined to her home the last 16 days with the hiccoughs. The young woman was stricken after a hearty meal during the holidays, and instead of an improvement her condition appears to be growing worse, notwithstanding the fact that a physician has been in attendance three times daily since she was first afflicted. Experts have been consulted on the case, but without much effect. The girl would have relief for short periods after the treatment, but seems to be growing quite weak. Miss Shinn had a similar attack several months ago and was a sufferer for several days. It was believed that when she ceased hiccoughing at that time she had fully recovered.

### MINSTREL COMPANY IN WRECK

#### Half the Members Hurt When Their Train Was Telescoped.

Birmingham, Jan. 23.—Two men were fatally injured and a dozen badly hurt at Chonango Forks, when a sleeping car on the Lackawanna train was telescoped by the engine of another train. Edward C. Hayden, of Indianapolis, and George F. Kelley, of Claremont, N. H., members of Cogels Minstrel Company, were most seriously injured. The telescoped car was occupied by the minstrel company and half of the men were hurt. Failure of block to work caused the wreck.

### Ambassador and Mrs. Reid Entertain Royalty.



### REPUBLICANS TO MEET

#### Executive Committee Will Meet Here February 28

Chairman John M. Morehead has issued a call for the committee to meet here February 28—will decide time and place of convention—the call.

Chairman John M. Morehead and Mr. William Grissom, secretary, of the republican executive committee, have issued a call for the committee to meet in this city to decide on the time and place of holding the state convention and to map out some plans for the coming campaign. The call is as follows: "Raleigh, N. C. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the republican state executive committee will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, February 28, 1912, at the Yarrowboro House, at 1:20 p. m. The object of the meeting is to designate the time and place for the holding of the state convention to name delegates-at-large to the republican national convention and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the state committee. This meeting at the beginning of the national and state campaigns is important, and you are urged to be present. Be kind enough to write and indicate your purpose of attending. Signed by the secretary." The members of the committee are as follows: John M. Morehead, of Spray, chairman; William Grissom, of Spray, secretary-treasurer; district members, I. M. Meekins, first district; D. W. Patrick, second district; George E. Butler, third district; B. S. Robertson, fourth district; B. S. Robertson, fifth district; S. A. Edmund, sixth district; F. W. Hanes, seventh district; C. H. Cowles, eighth district; Charles E. Greene, ninth district; F. A. Fanning, tenth district.

### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Members-at-large—Thomas Settle, ex-officio, chairman, Asheville; Harry Skinner, Greenville; J. R. Gaskill, Tarboro; C. C. Vann, Rose Hill; James D. Parker, Smithfield; R. G. Campbell, Greensboro; L. B. Tucker, Whiteville; Dr. J. J. Mott, Statesville; Ed. A. Smith, Charlotte; C. J. Harris, Dillsboro. Campaign committee—W. P. Bynum, Greensboro; F. A. Linney, Boone; J. S. Lewis, Asheboro; A. A. Whitener, Hickory.

### INCREASE IN DIVORCE

Is Increasing Three Times Faster Than the Population. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 23.—Divorce in the United States is increasing three times faster than the population's increase, according to Prof. Francis Peabody, of Harvard. Peabody explains it as a "condition which may be described as Americanism." "This disease in the family life" takes the form of rebellion, migratoriness and change.

### GERMANY AND FRANCE

#### German Ambassador On the Moroccan Question

Tells Story of the Dealings With Morocco From the German Standpoint—Germany Satisfied With the Result of Negotiations.

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT SEEING NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 23.—The Duke of Connaught, Canada's governor general, and his daughter Princess Patricia, and their daughter Princess Patricia, spent the second day's visit here to a series of social and sight-seeing engagements. The feature of the royal party's doings was a luncheon given by Ambassador Reid.

### ANOTHER COTTON BILL

Representative Hedin Abius Bill of Tariff Dealings. Washington, Jan. 23.—Representative Hedin, of Alabama, has introduced a bill to impose a fine of from one hundred to one thousand dollars upon every person making a sale of cotton without designating whether the sale is of actual or future cotton. A section of the measure proposes a similar penalty for reporting a cotton sale on exchange without designating between the actual and future product.

### DIVISION EXPECTED IN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Washington, Jan. 23.—The house Democratic caucus late this afternoon is expected to develop sharp party division when Representative Fitzgerald introduces his resolution declaring against the proposed \$16,000,000 public building bill. The caucus was called to consider the iron and steel tariff revision bill. Democratic leader Underwood while strongly opposed to a big public building bill, this session, may object to the subject being discussed at the tariff caucus. The iron and steel bill, if agreed upon by caucus, probably will be submitted to the full ways and means committee tomorrow and introduced in the house tomorrow afternoon.

### POSTOFFICE APPOINTMENTS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—John E. Hardy appointed postmaster at Lukens, vice A. Thacker, deceased. Postoffice designated postal savings depositories, Bryson City, Old Fort.

### CHECK FLASHER BEHIND BARS

#### Thomas W. Wharton Caught Forging Check and Is In the Station House

Languishing behind the bars in police station is Tom W. Wharton, charged with forging a check on one of Raleigh's most progressive firms. Yesterday Tom made out the check, payable to himself with the firm's name signed and "per T. W. W." The check called for \$10, payable at the Wake County Savings Bank and was presented to Mr. Ike Seligson, who gave him \$5.50 with the understanding that the remaining \$4.50 should be paid this morning. Wharton endorsed the check, took the \$5.50 and proceeded to tank up. The check was presented to the bank for payment, but it happened that the firm did not deposit there and the matter was taken up with the authorities, who upon investigation, learned that the check was forged. So this morning instead of getting his remaining \$4.50, Wharton found himself in custody of Officer DeLahay, who placed him in a cell to await trial.

When seen in his cell by a representative of The Daily Times today, Wharton said that he got the money all right, but he implicated others in the forgery. He declared most emphatically that he did not write the check, but his story is not believed by the police. He refused to say who was in the game with him, but said all would come out at the proper time.

### ANOTHER CASE

Yesterday afternoon Patrolman Bailey caught Albert Chapman, a negro, who was also charged with forgery. He presented a check to the Commercial National Bank for \$10, and received the money but Mr. Gilbert, whose name was signed to the check, was of the opinion that the negro did not mean to forge his check but simply picked it up where he had dropped it and got the negro released. The case against Chapman has been dropped as the case of forgery could not be established.

### RICH CLUBMAN A LABORER

#### F. H. Anderson, With Income of \$500 a Month, Works as Track Hand.

Cincinnati, Jan. 23.—Francis Harrison Anderson, wealthy Cincinnati clubman, who has been working as a track hand on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Xenia, O., is back on his job after a few days' vacation. Anderson felt he needed a rest, so he just took off his working clothes, put on his pleasure garb and started for New York. He returned today, according to a Xenia telegram.

### WOMAN ROUTS BANDITS

#### Wife of Rich Chicagoan Disarms One Robber and Clubs Him.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Annie Goldsmith, 57 years old, put to rout two armed bandits today, after she had turned a revolver from the hands of one and had clubbed him out of the front door of her residence. At the time of the attack Mrs. Goldsmith was wearing a money belt in which was concealed jewelry valued at more than \$1,000.

After she had driven the hold-up men from the door, Mrs. Goldsmith collapsed. She had been injured painfully in the struggle and tonight was confined to her bed. She is the wife of a wealthy furniture dealer.

### GET EVIDENCE McMANIGAL KNEW NOTHING ABOUT

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—That Orin McManigal's confession was not only corroborated but that the authorities unearthed evidence that McManigal knew nothing about was Special Prosecutor Noel's declaration in connection with the government's dynamiting conspiracy probe.

### MEAT PACKERS' CASE

Chicago, Jan. 23.—In the meat packers' trial, Wm. E. Weber, general auditor of the National Packing Company, continued his testimony. District Attorney Wilkerson announced the government expects to complete its case March 1st.

### HITCHCOCK FOR TAFT

#### Resents As An Insult Report That He Is Not Loyal to the President

### MAY HAVE MORE TO SAY

#### As Strong For the President As He Can Be, Declared the Postmaster General—Did Not Realize How the Stories About His Alleged Differences With the President Had Gone—Has Never Had a Misunderstanding With His Chief.

Washington, Jan. 23.—"I am for Taft as strong as a man can be," declared Postmaster General Hitchcock at the white house. "I did not realize until a day or two ago how far these stories about my alleged differences with the president had gone. I probably shall have something to say on the subject." Hitchcock manifested great indignation that his loyalty had been questioned. "It is an insult for anyone to think I have been disloyal to the president," said the postmaster general at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting. "I cannot conceive how any friend of mine could believe such a report. I have never had a misunderstanding with the president and do not know where all these reports come from."

### THE BATH TUB TRUST CASES

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 23.—Federal Judge Angell denied the motion in behalf of the Colwell Lead Company, to squash indictments in the government's criminal cast against the "bath tub trust." This reinstates the case, which comes for trial January 13th. The defendants number about twenty.

### GOOD ROADS BILL

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Goze, of Oklahoma, will advocate an annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 for the next ten years to be expended on roads, which to derive the benefit for such funds must appropriate double or treble the amounts received from the government.

### PEACE IN ECUADOR

Washington, Jan. 23.—Articles of peace ending the revolution in Ecuador were signed by leaders of the federal troops and revolutionists at Guayaquil, it was officially reported to the state department from the American consul here.

### QUEEN WILHELEMINA IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION

The Hague, Jan. 23.—Official communication confirms the report that hopes of the birth of heir to the Netherlands throne has been shattered. Wilhelmina's condition is satisfactory.

### TWENTY-SEVEN HURT IN WRECK

Cote, Saskatchewan, Jan. 23.—Twenty-seven were injured when the Canadian Northern Railways express went over an embankment.

### PRIMARY ELECTION IN LOUISIANA TODAY

New Orleans, Jan. 23.—Louisiana Democrats are voting in a primary to determine the next gubernatorial candidate, and decide aspiration among five men, seeking two prospective vacancies in the United States senate, one beginning March, 1913, and the other in 1915.

There are three candidates for gubernatorial honors: J. B. Aswell, educator; J. T. Mitchell, secretary of state; L. E. Hall, jurist. They represent dissenting factions. Success at the primary is tantamount to election. For the senatorial term beginning in 1913, the candidates are: Congressman Ransdell and Senator Foster. Three candidates for the other term are Governor Sanders, Congressman Bressard and Pajo. The voting is heavy.

### THE TEXAS EPIDEMIC

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 23.—Several towns have lifted the quarantine established because of the meningitis epidemic. The epidemic is serious.

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