



## BOILER BURSTS DOZENS KILLED

One of the Largest Boats on the Ohio River was Blown up Last Night.

## ONLY A FEW ESCAPED

The Boat was En Route to Pittsburgh From Cincinnati When the Tragedy Occurred.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 4.—The tow boat Defender, one of the largest of the fleet which plies up and down the Ohio river, blew up shortly before midnight last night and a majority of her crew, variously estimated from 23 to 40, is believed to have been lost. It was one of the most horrible disasters from the point of loss of life in the past twenty years' river history. The Defender, which is owned by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke company, was returning to Pittsburgh from Cincinnati, in charge of Capt. Woodward. She had had bad weather and had all her steam on. Suddenly, when about a mile from this city, her boiler exploded and she blew up. The wreck was burned. Several of the crew, including the captain, were blown into the river. They were picked up and are now alive. The others, it is feared, are dead.

Captain Woodward issued a statement in which he estimated the number of killed as ten and a score or more badly injured.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. C. J. Norman returned last night after spending the day with Arthur L. Patterson of that place. Mr. J. Ernest Stokes went to Charlotte this morning on professional business. He will return tonight. Mr. Ernest Seay went to Columbia, South Carolina this morning. Mr. W. A. Hidenberg, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer was in Salisbury last night on his return from Asheville where he has been spending the holidays at home. Miss Susie Saunders returned last night from Washington, North Carolina, her home, and resumed work with the graded school this morning. Miss Mattie Lewis after spending the holidays with her relatives in Goldsboro returned yesterday to Salisbury for her work in the graded school. J. R. Connelly, superintendent of the Fayetteville graded school, returned yesterday to his work. Mr. Connelly is a native of Caldwell county. Miss Lizzie Crawford of Greensboro spent the day in the city yesterday as the guest of Mrs. Deaton. Messrs. W. B. Smoot and C. M. Newsome went north last night to make their spring purchases. Mr. Newsome is buying for the Smoot Bros. and Rogers branch establishment at Spencer. Arthur L. Patterson came in from Washington on No. 37 this morning and returned to his home today. Misses Jessie and Josie Newland, daughters of W. C. Newland, Esq., of Lenoire, spent last night in the city with Mrs. T. E. Johnston. Miss Sophia Klutz returned this morning to Red Springs seminary, where she continues her studies this spring. A. Salechy, the candy man, went to Greensboro this morning. From there he goes to Danville and other places covering a business trip of ten days. Mrs. J. F. Ruffs, Jr., returned to her home in Wilmington this morning after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rendleman. J. R. Price, Esq., of the Albermarle bar, spent the night in the city and returned to his home this morning. J. H. Ivins, an old Tennessee editor, now secretary to Congressman Moon of that state, was in the city last night on his way to Washington. Miss Pauline Wilson has returned to Elizabeth college, Charlotte, where she is a student.

**COL. ECCLES RECOVERING**  
Col. H. C. Eccles is gradually rallying from his recent stroke of paralysis and is able to sit up for a short time.—Charlotte Observer.

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Peck*

## THE SHOP FORCE MUCH INCREASED

Most of the Departments are Increased by Fifty Per Cent. New Building Complete.

## HALF MILLION SPENT

The Southern is to Erect a Large Store and Office Building for It's Officials.

(Correspondence to The Sun.)  
Spencer, N. C., Jan. 3.—Capt. J. F. Shehan, master mechanic for the Southern Railway Company at this place, has received instructions to increase the force of skilled workmen in the various departments of the Spencer shops beginning with today. The additional force to be employed at once will amount to an increase of fifty per cent. in the machine shop; fifty per cent. in the blacksmithing department; twenty-five per cent. in the boiler-making department, and twenty-five per cent. in the paint department. This is the first of the big increase of the force at Spencer which has been anticipated for some months and for which a large building, costing no less than \$483,000, has just been completed. It is expected that still other advances will be made in the near future notwithstanding the fact that the Spencer plant is already the largest on the entire Southern system.

It is learned from a reliable source that the Southern Railway has decided to erect a large store and office building on its property adjacent to the large new shop building. The new structure, which it is learned, will be of a very substantial character, will be 200 feet long and will be occupied by officials who will have headquarters in Spencer. This, together with the extensive investments already made here, will mean much for Spencer which is rapidly becoming one of the leading towns in North Carolina.

Mrs. Alma E. Dorsett, widow of the late William L. Dorsett, who died here a few weeks ago, has received a check for \$1,500 in full payment of a life policy held by the deceased in the Woodmen of the World, which was the first company that settled with the estate. The Spencer Camp, W. O. W., was organized one year ago and now has a membership of 34.

## NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

The Selection of a Site and Plans to be Determined Upon Today

Mr. C. G. Allen, of the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway, whose headquarters are in Washington, and Mr. Frank Milburn, a prominent architect of Columbia, S. C., together with other officials met in Spencer today for the purpose of selecting a site and deciding on plans for a building for the Spencer Young Men's Christian Association. The building will cost \$20,000 of which amount the Southern Railway Company gives \$15,000 and a site valued at \$7,500, making a total gift of \$22,500. The structure will be a handsome one, well adapted to the needs of the thousands of railroad men at this point.

## THE COMMONPLACE VERDICT

Memphis, Jan. 3.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Newport, Ark., says that no action will be taken by the authorities of the town in connection with the lynching last Saturday of Louis Allwhite for the murder of two women. The coroner's jury holding an inquest over the body of Allwhite found that the deceased "came to his death at the hands of an unknown mob."

## AYCOCK'S MESSAGE WAS READ TO-DAY

The Retiring Governor Makes Several Important Recommendations.

## IS FOR REFORMATORY

Says Walking on Railroad Tracks Except Across Them Should be a Misdemeanor.

(Special to The Sun.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—O. H. Guion of New Bern was selected as speaker of the House of Representatives by the Democratic caucus last night, his principal opponent, ex-Judge A. W. Graham of Oxford having withdrawn from the race. Other principal officers selected by the caucus were Frank D. Hackett, Wilkes county, principal clerk; M. D. Kinsland of Maywood, engrossing clerk; doorkeeper, J. H. Kerr of Caswell; assistant doorkeeper, David Jones of Pitt.

It was after 11 o'clock when Mr. Guion was escorted into the hall and responded briefly to calls for a speech. In the Senate C. A. Webb of Buncombe was elected president pro tem; A. J. Maxwell of Lenoire, principal clerk; Walter L. Cohoon of Elizabeth City, reading clerk; J. W. Simpson of Rutherford, engrossing clerk; L. B. Pearson of Raleigh, doorkeeper; Capt. T. W. Mason, permanent chairman of the caucus.

In his message to the legislature Governor Aycock congratulates the lawmakers on the excellent condition of the State's affairs, notably the \$333,682 balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year and the admirable working of the revenue machinery acts of the last assembly. He endorses recommendations previously made by the State Treasurer and the Corporation Commission as to taxation and its readjustment. He also recommends that it be made a misdemeanor to use a railroad track as a highway, except to go directly across.

Regarding the famous South Dakota bonds the Governor expresses the belief that the bonds may be settled for much less than the \$27,400 and the question of some adjustment of the remaining bonds of that class outstanding is commended for serious consideration. The Governor reviewed the needs of each of the State educational provisions to be made for the payment of the traveling expenses of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction since the railroads have declined to longer issue passes for him.

## STOCKHOLDERS PLEASSED

A Good Business at Faith—Barn is Burned  
Faith, N. C., Jan. 3.—The stockholders of the Raney, Brown & Co. store held their annual stockholders' meeting Monday night. Trade last year was good and all the stockholders are highly pleased with their investments. Luther Raney who was head clerk for this firm for the past four years resigned at this meeting and Luther Fisher was elected to fill his place. Mr. Raney has some good offers to go on the road, but has not decided as yet, what business he will take up. We heard that John Troutman's barn was burned yesterday with all of his rough feed and contents, a loss of four or five hundred dollars. The origin of the fire is unknown. This is a severe loss to Mr. Troutman at this time of the year. He lives near Organ Church. VENUS.

## CHARITY BALL TONIGHT

The ELKS will give a grand charity ball tonight in their temple. It will be one of the most largely attended during the season and being for charitable purposes, an admission fee of one dollar will be charged. The music will be furnished by the Chestnut Hill cornet band, the best aggregation of musicians that plays for the dances.

## RUSSIANS WILL BE RETURNED HOME

Preparations are now Being Made for Transportation of the Beseiged.

## OTHERS STILL HELD

The Japanese Propose to Furnish Food and Medical Attention to Sick and Distressed.

Headquarters of the Japanese Third army, Jan. 3, via Fusan, Jan. 4.—At the conference held between the commissioners of General Stoessel and General Nogi at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, the terms of surrender were agreed upon under which the Russian officers, both civil and military, will be allowed to march out, the military with arms. The officers will be granted full liberty after giving promise not to take further part in the war. The privates and non-commissioned officers to the number of 20,000 will be taken prisoners of war. The surrendered fortress was formally handed over to the Japanese Tuesday. The prisoners will march out January 4. The opposing troops are fraternizing.

Tokio, Jan. 3, 3 p. m.—By permission of the Japanese, General Stoessel today sent a cable message to the Emperor of Russia. The message recites the fact that Port Arthur commander was forced to surrender, announced the terms granting the officers parole and asks the Emperor to send his commands.

Port Arthur, Jan. 3.—The request of the Russians for doctors and food has been granted. The non-combatants, it is learned, will be allowed to return to Russia. The forts were occupied by Japanese today. The date for the marching out of the Russian prisoners has at their request been postponed till Thursday. Four torpedo boats and transports have been allowed to escape to Chefoo.

Manchester, England, Jan. 4.—The Guardian hears that Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador at London, has gone to St. Petersburg in response to a summons from the Czar, who is most interested in the opinions of the European capitals regarding the Russian position in Manchuria. The Guardian thinks this is a hopeful omen, showing the disposition on the part of the Czar to admit the feasibility of a general settlement.

Wei Hai Wei, China, Jan. 4.—The British cruiser Andromeda sailed for Port Arthur this morning with a large store of medical appliances for the Russian sick and wounded. She also had on board two surgeons and nearly the entire staff of the government hospital. She took eighty tons of storage.

## CLERKS NAME OFFICERS

Election and Installation of Officers of Clerks' Union Last Night

The Retail Clerks spent a very enjoyable evening at their hall last night at a smoker given by the local. Reports of the different officers show the local to be in good shape. The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: E. Walter Tatum, past president; T. M. Kestler, president; F. V. Barrier, vice president; W. C. Sifford, recording secretary; J. M. Kirk, financial secretary and treasurer; E. L. Foll, guardian; W. B. Thompson, guardian; J. C. Cress, W. D. Harris and O. O. Ruffy, trustees; R. T. Ashcraft, R. B. Carson, H. T. Porter, W. D. Harris and Abe Suckins, delegates to the Central Labor body.

## Mr. Hayes to go to Knoxville

C. W. Hayes, who has been foreman of the round house at the Spencer shops for the past several years, has resigned his position here to accept a position in the Southern's shops at Knoxville. Mr. Hayes has been a faithful and most efficient employe and the many Salisbury friends of himself and family will learn of their purpose to leave Salisbury with regret. Mr. Hayes is succeeded by S. J. Poarch, who has been connected with the Southern for several years, most of the time for the past five years at the Spencer shops.

## WILL HARRIS NOT CAPTURED

The Mecklenburg Negro Still at Large. Sheriff Wallace Releases Him.

## IS MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The Captured Negro's Marks Similar to Harris. Evidently a Former Criminal.

Will Harris, a negro desperado from Mecklenburg, has been outlawed for a year and has been captured no fewer times than Port Arthur has fallen. For various crimes, ranging from petty larceny to robbery, secret assault, arson, in fact, everything that his ingenuity could devise, Harris was sent to the penitentiary for 30 years. He escaped last year and came back to Derita, a suburban section of Charlotte, where he threw the community into terror again. The governor offered a reward of \$500, dead or alive, for him. At present a reward of \$200 is standing.

Yesterday afternoon, a Mr. Hall, who knew Harris in Mecklenburg, pointed the fellow out as Harris and Capt. Luther Parker soon had him in jail. The negro gave his name as Charley Young. He filled the description of Harris fairly well, and two negroes, who pretended to know him said: "Well, they have got you at last, Will." The arrested negro declared that he was not the man they wanted. Sheriff Wallace of Mecklenburg was advised of the capture and his description of the Mecklenburg man warranted the officers in holding the prisoner. He had a mole on his hand very much like a mark on Harris. The officers had no doubt all the while that they had captured the man they wished, some person who knew Young declared that he is not the man wanted.

Sheriff Wallace came up from Charlotte this morning and after a complete examination, decided that the wrong man had been arrested. He was released. The examination revealed criminal marks. Young has worn shackles and it seems that as he faced the west to tie his shoes, someone shot the part exposed to the rising sun. He has many shot in that portion of his anatomy adapted to the use of stools and chairs. Of course, everybody is disappointed, but it just can't be "hoped."

## NEW BAIL FOR DR. CHADWICK

He Called Upon Friends and Visits His Wife in Jail

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick spent most of Tuesday in his room at a hotel. During the afternoon he was out for a time and called upon friends. About 5 o'clock he visited his wife at the county jail. They were together for half an hour. The physician is experiencing no trouble in seeing his wife. There will be no conflict between the new sheriff and United States Marshal Chandler. All who have a right to see Mrs. Chadwick are being accommodated. This privilege is extended to her husband, her son Emil, her maid Freda, and her lawyers, J. P. Dawley and Sheldon Q. Kerruish. All other persons are prohibited seeing the prisoner. Dr. Chadwick will be taken into the Criminal court today and surrendered by Attorneys J. P. Dawley and Virgil P. Kline, his bondsmen. The bond given for his release Sunday morning was only a temporary arrangement, as a new term of court begins this morning, and the bond must be renewed. Dr. Chadwick at once gave bail, and the bond will doubtless be signed by Mr. Dawley and Mr. Kline.

## NAKED PROFESSOR IN SNOW

La Cross, Wis., Jan. 3.—To win a bet Prof. Omond Jorstad stripped himself naked on the porch of his house and then jumped into a 20-foot snowdrift. To the surprise of the Professor and his friends on the roof he stuck fast in the drift and before he could be dug out he was badly frostbitten.

## CAPT. HENDERLITE STILL IN BED

Capt. Charles M. Henderlite is still unable to leave his bed as the result of knife wounds received at the hands of Charles Marmona ten days ago. He is still very weak but is making slow progress. Marmona is still held in jail without bond. It is the purpose of his counsel to ask for bond shortly.

## FARMERS OFFER RESOLUTIONS

They Devise Ways and Means for Obtaining Better Prices.

## THEIR NEWEST PLANS

Will Have a General Convention Here Jan. 21. Action to be Taken in Townships.

The planters and farmers of Rowan county held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting in the court house last Saturday. The object of the meeting being to make some arrangement by which the farmers might obtain better prices for their cotton and to devise some plans by which the price of this staple might be upheld to a living price.

The meeting was called to order by Alexander Peeler, the president. The roll of all the townships was called and those present reported that a majority of the planters in the county were in favor of holding their cotton for better prices.

The committee on resolutions offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: "Whereas, the price of cotton is much below the cost of production, Resolved 1st, That we do hereby agree to store and hold a larger portion of cotton on hand until better prices may be obtained. Resolved 2nd, That we urgently request all farmers to plant less cotton in the future and diversify their crops, thereby making a living for themselves easier and prices more remunerative and satisfactory. Resolved 3rd, That we recommend that a meeting be called in each township on the 14th day of January, 1905 at 1 o'clock p. m. at the nearest voting precinct, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of holding cotton for better prices, and to elect a committee of five from each township to meet at the court house in Salisbury on the 21st day of January 1905, at 12 o'clock m. to form a permanent organization of the cotton planters and farmers of the county."

The following committees from the several townships were appointed and requested to advertise and hold said township meetings. The following were appointed: Salisbury township, J. L. Barringer, G. L. Russell and Jacob Sowers; Scotch Irish, Smoot Henley and W. A. Niblock; Unity, J. K. Cumberston, R. B. Bailey and James Foster; Franklin, J. Cicero Miller, D. M. Blackwelder and J. A. Thomason; Providence, Dr. C. M. Pool, J. H. Fisher and James Reid; Morgan, William Eagle, G. A. Trexler and W. C. Lisk; Litcher, G. H. Page, L. M. Peeler and R. A. Rainey; China Grove, R. A. Moose, Moses Stirewalt, and Vance Miller; Atwell, W. E. Deal, Hope Shulenbarger and Wilson Deal; Mt. Ulla, S. L. Meins, J. K. Goodman and J. C. Huston; Cleveland, B. A. Knox, B. B. Harris and W. L. Baker; Locke, W. L. Harris, James Lingle and E. Miller; Steele, H. N. Goodnight, and B. S. Linker; Gold Hill, A. A. Texler, J. A. M. Brown and J. C. Shoe.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. A. EARNHARDT,  
J. A. FISHER, } Committee.  
N. W. MEINUS.

## A PARTY TO CUBA

Four Salisburyans Leave for a Three Week's Trip  
P. H. Thompson, D. J. Miller, G. A. Steele and D. C. Bradshaw left this morning for a three weeks' trip in Cuba. They will sail from Tampa, Friday morning and will spend most of their time in Havana.