

Eleven Persons Killed In Illinois Explosion

Deaths Resulted From Terrible Explosion in Plant of the Western Cartridge Co. at East Alton. 23 INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION Seven of Dead Are Women Who Worked in Plant.— Shock Felt Over a Radius of More Than Five Miles.

Alton, Ill., July 11 (By the Associated Press).—Eleven persons, seven of them women, were killed, and twenty-three injured, in an explosion late yesterday at the plant of the Western Cartridge Company, at East Alton. Although company officials declined to offer an explanation, it generally is believed that the terrific blast which rocked buildings within a radius of five miles, may have had its origin in loose powder being jammed in the pockets of a machine used for de-capping army shells which had been repurchased by the firm for salvage purposes. An investigation will be started.

WHO IS THE OLDEST MASON?

Interesting Information About Masonry's Grand Old Men. Washington, D. C., July 11.—One of the perennial questions in Masonic circles is, Who is the oldest Mason? and research brings out some interesting facts concerning Masons of advanced years.

Edward H. Cass, secretary of Sileon Lodge, No. 78, of Chicago, claims to be the oldest active living Masonic secretary in the world. He is in his 83rd year.

James Harrod, also of Ohio, died recently at the age of 96 years, and had been a Mason for 72 years. He served as cavalryman in the war with Mexico, and also took part in the Civil War.

Luther Burbank, whose marvelous plant creations have won him the sobriquet of wizard, has just celebrated his 74th birthday. He was raised a Mason in Santa Rosa Masonic Lodge in 1921.

California boasts another famous aged Mason in Cornelius A. Cole, of Los Angeles, who reached the century mark this year. He was a United States Senator during the Civil War and was a close friend of Lincoln. He has been a Mason for nearly seventy years.

But after all the palm undoubtedly goes to Dr. Joseph Halsted of Brockton, Mass., who is 105 years old and was made a Mason at Lexington, Ky., in 1842. He therefore has a Masonic history covering eighty-one years.

He was family physician for Henry Clay and remembers seeing Lafayette visit on the occasion of his American visit in 1824. Lafayette was made a Mason by Washington.

WORK OF DRY AGENTS DURING LAST MONTH More Than 100 Still Were Seized With Large Quantity of Beer, Rum and Malt.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, July 11.—North Carolina moonshiners lost exactly one hundred and eleven distilleries, 1234 gallons of rum, 67,925 gallons of malt, liquor, seventeen automobiles and property valued at \$30,000 during the month of June, according to the report of the activities of Federal prohibition agents in the state, issued this morning by State Director A. B. Coltrane, who has headquarters here.

Sixty arrests were made, and 133 prosecutions recommended. The seizure of liquor and property during June was slightly smaller than either April or May.

STATE SENATOR GRAHAM REPORTED IMPROVED Suffered a Relapse Tuesday, and Condition Now Shows Progress.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, July 11.—State Senator Wm. A. Graham, who is being treated at a local hospital for injury to his head, suffered a relapse yesterday, but was reported somewhat improved today. His condition, however, still is believed to be critical.

John Rhinehardt was held in bail after the fight, which took place in Lincoln county and was said to have followed a quarrel at a social gathering.

Former Alderman Fined \$50. (By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, July 11.—George Agee, former alderman from first ward, in whose office a police found a small quantity of liquor when the offices were searched yesterday afternoon, entered a plea of guilty when arraigned in city court this morning and was fined \$50 and costs.

RUM RUNNING ALONG THE FLORIDA COAST BIG BUSINESS NOW

Auto Dealers Sell Cars Especially Built to Carry Liquor and Furnish Negro Chauffeurs.

GUARANTEE SAFE TRIP IN STATE

Facts About Conditions Are Described by Reporter for Chicago Paper Who Visited Florida.

Chicago, July 11 (By the Associated Press).—Rum running along the Florida coast has developed into such a flourishing industry that some Florida automobile dealers sell cars specially built to transport liquor, furnish a negro chauffeur and guarantee safe delivery anywhere, the Chicago Daily News declared today in the second of a series of copyrighted articles, describing rum running along the Atlantic seaboard.

The writer, who with a bootlegger named "Terry" investigated rum running along the Florida coast, declared he had been approached by such a dealer who believed the newspaper man to be a bootlegger, and described the transportation methods, particularly the negro driver.

"The secret is this," the article quoted the dealer as saying: "If you want a car from me I will supply a negro chauffeur who will drive you through in style for \$100 and his expenses. Most of the northern rum runners try to take booze through from Florida make the mistake of driving the car themselves. They are a hard lot, they wear caps and sweaters, they don't shave, some chew tobacco, they talk with their 'rs' spread all through their conversation. A Southern cop can spot them as far as he can see them. If you take one of my sedans and one of my chauffeurs and simply loll back all dressed up in the back seat, and let my chauffeur do your lying for you I positively guarantee you will get by."

NUMBER OF DEATHS DUE TO HOT WEATHER Many Parts of the Country Are Now in Grip of an Excessive Heat Wave.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, July 11.—Deaths caused by excessive heat in many parts of the country yesterday were supplemented today with reports of casualties from storms which last night brought relief to the sections which have sweated for the last two days. Twelve persons died yesterday from the heat, and thirteen deaths caused by lightning were reported today.

The mercury climbed to 105 degrees in Tulsa, Okla. Iowa had one death with temperatures averaging close to the 100 mark. One man died in Michigan. Five deaths occurred in Nebraska, incident to the heat, three of which were drownings. Illinois had four deaths, two in Chicago and two in Waukegan. In Chicago 45 degrees was reached.

The excessive heat was confined to the Central section of the country, the eastern states with few exceptions having temperatures of less than 90 degrees.

FIELD MOUSE CAUSES DEATH OF THREE MEN While Trying to Catch Mouse Men in Truck Shake Driver Who Lets Truck Go Down Bank.

(By the Associated Press.) Marquette, Mich., July 11.—A field mouse caused the death of three men and the serious injury of two others. The men were drowned when the Marquette County Road Commission truck in which they were riding rolled down the embankment into a pond near Champion.

The three men who were drowned were in the rear of the truck trying to catch the mouse. Suddenly the rodent leaped between them to the shoulder of Herbert Strand on the front seat. Strand was startled and lurched violently against Joseph Scriver, driver who lost control of the truck. Scriver and Strand who were seriously hurt, escaped death by jumping. The other were pinned beneath the surface of the water by the overturned truck.

Durham Commissioners Fail to Take Action. Durham, July 10.—Durham county commissioners failed to take action on the letter from Governor Morrison sent out some time ago to all counties requesting that the lash be abolished. The local body met today for the consideration of several matters, among them being the letter from the governor. It was decided to let the matter stand as it is since the privilege of using the lash has never been abused in Durham county camps.

Terrific Explosion Kills Seven Persons. Alton, Ill., July 10.—The toll of death claimed by a terrific explosion at the Western Cartridge Company plant at East Alton, this afternoon, reached a total of 11 when two more women employees succumbed to their injuries shortly before midnight.

The number of injured was reported to be 23, ten of whom were only slightly hurt.

Mrs. Anna Moscovitz Kross, for five years assistant corporation counsel in New York City, has been appointed general counsel of the Building and Allied Trades compensation bureau, representing 60,000 workers employed in the building trades.

London's famous Law Courts cover five acres of ground and contain 750 rooms.

PICTURE OF BANK BUILDING BEING ERECTED HERE



The above picture describes the handsome new building being erected here by the Cabarrus Savings Bank. Work on the structure has been underway for several weeks and favorable progress is being made. The building will be five stories in height and will be a modern one in every respect.

JEWELERS OF STATE IN ANNUAL MEETING

W. G. Frasier, of Durham, Chosen Again as Secretary and Treasurer. — Would Change Anniversary Gifts.

(By the Associated Press.) Hendersonville, N. C., July 11.—Wm. G. Frasier, of Durham, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers' Association this morning. Other officers will be chosen this afternoon.

The morning session was devoted to discussions of the reports of the resolutions committee. The Association is asked by the resolutions committee to adopt a policy forbidding jewelers to hire watchmakers from other jewelers without the employers' approval first.

A special committee to decide upon a platinum standard which will be advocated by the Association as the general standard was recommended.

The Association was asked to adopt revised wedding anniversary gifts. The list follows:

First anniversary, nickel; fourth, leather; fifth, cut glass; seventh, jewelry; tenth, silver; twelfth, pearl; thirteenth, gold; twentieth, sapphire; twenty-fifth, diamond; thirtieth, woolen; fortieth, silk and linen; fiftieth, platinum.

WHEN TO DUST POISON ON BOLL WEEVIL FIELDS The Time to Begin is Not the Same For All Fields.

Raleigh, July 11.—The time to begin dusting with the dust poison method against the boll weevil is not the same for all fields. Franklin Sherman, chief in entomology, State College and Department of Agriculture, stated today. A field which is heavily infested, Mr. Sherman asserted, will need dusting earlier than one which is only lightly infested.

Mr. Sherman said farmers who are planning for this work with the advice of county agents of field workers may look to them for the "word" when to start the dusting.

"Weevils invaded the fields from mid-May to mid-June," continued Mr. Sherman, "and the examinations of field workers showed a few fields which needed dusting in the last days of June, and the work has begun in these fields. The majority of fields will be in need of dusting somewhat later, perhaps beginning about the middle of July. No exact date can be named for all fields. The grower should be in touch with county agents or field workers on this method, and should be thoroughly familiar with the process as described in our Extension Circular 137 which may be had from county agents."

"The old rule to start dusting when 10 to 15 per cent. of the squares are punctured has proven a good general guide on the side of economy; that point was reached in a few fields at the close of June, and it seems probable that in most of our heavily infested regions, south and east from Raleigh, the infestation will reach the dusting point by the middle of July or soon after."

"This statement," Mr. Sherman continued, "is not intended to replace the advice of the county agent or our field workers, but it is meant rather for those who are not in touch with them, and who may need this general reminder. Those who intend to dust are urged to get in touch with the county agent or our field workers, and to study Circular 137 so they can learn how to judge the matter for themselves."

Could Eat Roosters; Hens Made Him Sick. San Francisco, July 9.—The story of a man who was so sensitive to certain foods, especially eggs, that he could eat the meat of a rooster but not that of a hen unless the animal were drawn immediately after killing, was related to members of the American Medical Association in session here lately. The narrator was Dr. W. W. Duke, of Kansas City, who stated that in his experience such sensitivities was often hereditary.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SMITH TO BE HELD TODAY

Services Will Be Held in Central Methodist Church at 5 O'clock This Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. T. J. Smith, who died yesterday morning at 1044 State Library Street, will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Central Methodist Church. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, and interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. J. D. Hatcher and Mrs. U. G. DesPortes, daughters of the deceased, arrived last night, accompanied by Mr. Hatcher and Mr. DesPortes. Mr. A. N. Hubbard, of Roueuvre, brother of the deceased, also arrived last night, and Mr. Willie Hubbard, of Charleston, W. Va., also a brother of the deceased, will arrive this afternoon.

The following will be the pall bearers: R. A. Brower, P. B. Feizer, N. A. Archibald, D. L. Bost, T. T. Smith, C. A. Isenhour, L. D. Coltrane and J. B. Sherrill.

"BLIND BEGGAR BY DAY IS GAY 'LOTHARIO' AT NIGHT Caught in Cabaret Raid, Pays a \$100 Fine Without Wincing.

St. Louis (By the Associated Press.)—Blind in the day time while he begged on the streets and sold lead pencils, but a gay Lothario at night, driving his high priced motor car and frequenting the places where "liquid refreshments and women" were on the program, is the picture painted by the police of C. S. Hannum, who, with his smoked eye glasses, has a familiar figure on the streets here for years.

Arrested in a raid he appeared in court immaculately dressed. The usual fine for such breach of conduct is \$15, but in Hannum's instance the court made it \$100. Hannum peeled five twenties from a great round roll and walked out a free man. On the witness stand Hannum admitted owning several rooming houses in Omaha, from which he derives a substantial income.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady Today at an Advance in Response to Firm Cables.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 11.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 21 to 26 points in response to relatively firm cables, and continued apprehension of drought in the southwest, or boll weevil damage. July sold up to 27.20 and October to 24.03 on the call, but the higher prices met a good deal of Southern selling and realizing which caused more or less irregularity during the early trading. July and October then eased off to 2 to 7 points of yesterday's trading.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 27.20; Oct. 24.00; Dec. 23.52; Jan. 23.18; March 23.12.

GOVERNOR PEAY WILL LEAVE STATE TONIGHT Governor of Tennessee Has Been in This State Studying Highway System.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., July 11.—Governor Peay, of Tennessee, who is visiting North Carolina for the purpose of studying this State's highway system, will leave for Tennessee this afternoon. The Tennessee executive will devote his time here today to visiting the various state departments and probably will be taken for a motor trip over the highways around Raleigh.

Launch Ford Boom in New Jersey; Want Him as Independent. Trenton, N. J., July 11.—In order to nominate Henry Ford for the Presidency as an independent in New Jersey the Henry Ford Presidency Club, Inc., of Elizabeth today requested Secretary of State Martin to furnish the necessary petitions. F. S. Hammond is President. Arthur B. Bowman Treasurer and Julian C. Holland Secretary.

"As I am desirous of placing the name of Henry Ford for President on the ballot by petition for an independent party," Mr. Hammond wrote to Secretary Martin, "kindly send to me the necessary papers and a copy of the State election laws covering this condition."

Nominating petitions have not yet been printed, but Mr. Hammond will receive a supply in due time, according to Frank Trueson, chief clerk in the State department.

Mr. Hammond intimated that the appeal for Mr. Ford will be made in the November general election.

Lucky 13 Sale on Friday, July 13th. On Friday, July 13th, the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. will have a Lucky 13 Sale for one day only. On that day they will give 13 per cent. off on every range and Rudd tank heater in the house, and in addition will allow you \$13 for any old coal, wood, oil or gas range you may have, regardless of condition. Besides the regular 13 per cent. discount, an additional 13 per cent. will be deducted from this reduced price, to the first and each succeeding 13th customer. Besides all the above you will be given 13 months in which to pay for your range or heater. See ad. today.

With Our Advertisers. On Thursday morning only the Piggy Wiggly will sell Palm Olive soap for 5 cents a cake, only 5 cents a customer. See ad. for other specialties.

The Parks-Bell Company will have another sale of rugs Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. In a big ad. on page five today they mention many wonderful bargains in all kinds of rugs and home furnishings.

If it comes from the country, Cline & Moore have it. See ad. today. If you want safeguards for your estate, have a talk with the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Miss Virgie Cook, of No. 5 township, who was with the Hickory Hospital for several years, and who has been in Asheville for the past several months, has returned to Concord and will make this place her home. She is at present living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brower on Marsh Street.

Dr. J. A. Bangle has returned from a business trip to Baltimore.

FINANCES IN FIGHT OF WEST HAVE BECOME COMPLICATED

Banks in Great Falls and Shelby Have Been Closed and No One Knows Their Exact Status at Present.

SEVERAL PERSONS LOST HUGE SUMS

Bank Officials in Both Cities Declare the Financing of the Fight Did Not Affect Bank's Business.

(By the Associated Press.) Shelby, Mont., July 11.—Reports of bank examiners working on the books of the First State Bank of Shelby which closed its doors yesterday, are expected to be available tomorrow. Meanwhile depositors in the institution to which Mayor Jas. A. Johnson, of Shelby, Treasurer for the promoters of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight was President, marked time.

No statement is available as to the exact amount of cash involved. The action was an immediate result of the suspension of the Stanton Trust and Savings Bank of Great Falls, of which Geo. H. Stanton, who aided in financing the fight, is president.

The cashier of the Shelby bank said a number of depositors withdrew their cash from the bank after there was criticism of Mayor Johnson's connection with the paying of the second \$100,000 paid to Dempsey. Mayor Johnson sustained personal losses estimated to have ranged between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in attempting to "save the fight and the good name of Montana." None of the bank's funds was used in connection with the financing of the fight, it was announced.

Stanton has declared depositors in his bank will be paid in full and that the prize fight financing had nothing to do with the failure of either institution.

STANLEY COURT TO TRY SEVERAL GRAVE CASES Two Men Face Capital Charges on Statutory Offenses.—Several Murder Cases.

Albemarle, July 10.—The July term of Stanley Superior Court for criminal cases, which convened here Monday morning with Judge A. M. Stokes, of Monroe, presiding, promises to be one of the most interesting terms ever held.

Two white men will be tried for their lives if true bills are found, charged with having committed statutory offenses. These are J. J. Ebird and Joe Talbert.

Another case which will prove of wide interest will be the case of State against John Talbert, well known young white man of the Palestine section, on a charge of murder in connection with the deplorable accident which happened at Palestine Friday night, May 11, last, which resulted in the death of Miss Shellie Atkinson. The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against Talbert, charging him with the murder of Miss Atkinson.

It will be remembered that at the conclusion of the closing exercises of the Palestine school, the car in which Mr. Talbert was riding, ran over Miss Atkinson and Mrs. Ab. Key of this place, while the two young women were going from the school house to where their car had been parked nearby. Miss Atkinson died almost instantly and Mrs. Key was rather seriously injured. Talbert first fled, but later surrendered himself to officers and was placed under a \$5,000 bond for his appearance at this term of court. The case will be hotly contested, it is said, and is one that will attract quite a great deal of interest in Stanley.

In addition to these there are a number of murder cases. Joe Massey and Charles Neal will both be required to answer the charges of murder. One murder case was disposed of yesterday, that of State against Charlie Tatam, a negro of this place. The prosecuting attorney announced he would not ask a verdict of murder, but of manslaughter, and the defendant was permitted to plead guilty of manslaughter. Judge Stack has not pronounced sentence against Tatam.

The only jury cases disposed of yesterday was that of State against John Barringer, charged with having been furnished with liquor in his possession for a verdict of "not guilty."

Judge Stack promptly after opening court yesterday morning, and after the selection of the grand jury, delivered his usual interesting and vigorous charge to that body. R. L. Lipe, of the Millingport section, was selected as foreman.

W. W. Campbell Adjudged Insane by Asylum Heads. W. W. Campbell, former chief of police at Orono, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Smathers, with whom he was in love and now enjoying a brief respite from the electric chair, has been adjudged insane by members of a commission appointed to investigate his condition.

Theodore Patrick, Jr., writing in The Raleigh News and Observer from Camp Glenn, of the activities of the guardsmen says: "The first military ceremony of the camp was executed Tuesday afternoon, with a formal band. Company E, of Concord, Capt. K. E. Caldwell, executed a guard mount that was watched by a large number of officers and men, receiving much favorable comment.

Finding suitable accommodations for holiday makers is a novel career which several women have successfully taken up.