

DEATH TOLL FROM BIG EXPLOSION MOUNTS TO 124

Overheated Storeroom Causes Explosion Which Results In Death To Many

EXPECTING OTHER DEATHS

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16.—Spontaneous combustion in an overheated storeroom caused the fire and explosions that wrecked the Cleveland clinic building and took the lives of scores of patients, nurses and doctors, fire wardens reported today.

The heat came from a leaky steam pipe in the basement room, Deputy Warden Max Gross and P. A. Ferris, who made an investigation, reported. It was the story of Bofferty Bogg, a plumber, who was sent to investigate and the decision that the heat caused the flames which liberated clouds of poisonous gases and overcame many of the 300 occupants of the building.

As reports were received regularly of additional deaths, due to the insidious action of the fumes, the total mounted toward the 124 mark with indications that this number would be increased before tomorrow. The late afternoon list contained the names of 124 dead.

Bogg told the authorities he found the fireproof door to the vault open, and the place where the films were kept full of steam, presumably from a leaky pipe. He was unable to find the leak, however, and finally noticed a brown sticky substance on the ceiling from which steam seemed to be issuing.

He used a fire extinguisher which no effect and was overcome a few minutes later by the gas. As he was trying to crawl out of the room, Bogg said an explosion lifted him through the door and he eventually reached the outside, seeming to be none the worse for the experience.

The blistered vault door, which was supposed to close automatically when the heat reached a sufficiently high degree to melt a link of metal, held the attention of the investigators. Had it been closed authorities agreed, the tragedy would have been averted. Fire Warden Ferris and Gross made a minute examination of the door and decided definitely it was wide open when the explosion occurred, as Bogg related. They were in doubt, however, whether there had been sufficient heat in the room before the explosion to melt the fusible link which should have closed the door. Bogg was held in technical custody until further investigations have been completed.

Bethel Hill Woman's Club In May Meeting

Mrs. Lillian Day and Mrs. R. D. Bailey were joint hostesses to the Bethel Hill Woman's Club at their May meeting. It proved one of the most interesting meetings of the year, crowned with well chosen words of welcome by the president.

Mrs. J. A. Beam and Mrs. W. S. Foushee of Canton, Ohio, were visitors to the club.

Mrs. G. E. Woody, the club historian, read the history of the club, which was heard with interest. Mrs. Leander Leigh made a strong plea for the uniting of the club with the State Federation: the result of which was the appointment of Mrs. C. T. Hall, Mrs. Leander Leigh and Mrs. R. P. Brooks as an investigating committee to attend the next meeting of the State Federation and report information obtained. Mrs. W. W. Rogers gave an excellent reading "The Place of Women in the Conservation of Civilization" by Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, cherishing all that has been good and fine and uplifting in the past, and making use of them in the future; the unusual comfornity of American women to do things; to dedicate our lives to finer, nobler things; were some of the fine points in the reading. Mrs. W. B. Humphries, in her usual able way, told of the progress of Virginia since the Civil War; mention being made of the many colleges, historic homes, products, and noted men who have made and still are making history.

Three charming musical selections were sung by Mrs. Leigh. "Songs My Mother Taught Me," by Antioch, the much loved "Rosary," and "I Heard A Thrush At Eve," by Cadman, who has given us such delightful Indian songs. Miss Carmen Day accompanied.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Carmen Day, Miss Josie Humphries and Master Joe Lee Day.

The next meeting will be held on June 12th with Mrs. R. P. Brooks and Mrs. Sallie Carver, as hostess.

Mt. Tirzah Circuit

All of the Churches of Mt. Tirzah Circuit will have a picnic at the Parsonage at Helena July 4th, beginning at ten o'clock. Every member is urged to be present and bring a basket.

Prof. Aldridge and other able speakers will be there.

The Mt. Zion Ladies Aid will sell ice cream and cool drinks for the benefit of the Aid. The Aid meets Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June with Mrs. R. A. Pearce at 3:30 o'clock. Every member try to be present and bring us a new member.—P.

Four-H club boys of Edgecombe are learning to shear sheep as one means of earning money for club work.

Longhurst School Commencement

Longhurst school will begin the commencement exercises on Thursday evening, May 23rd, at eight o'clock. At this time the Community League will have its regular monthly meeting. After a few minutes of business the League will be favored by a lecture in Motion Pictures by Rev. W. P. West of Roxboro. This program will be educational and instructive as well as interesting. We are anxious that the community will take advantage of this opportunity of visiting China.

On Friday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock, the Grammar grades will present the following numbers: A. Chorus, Topsy Turvy. A play entitled "How The Story Grew," and a very interesting two act comedy, "Timothy Delano's Courtship."

Then on Sunday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock the commencement sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. C. McGee of North Roxboro.

Thursday evening, May 30th, at 8 o'clock the Primary grades will give the attractive and popular play, "Tom Thumb's Wedding." This evening's performance concludes the commencement exercises for the year 1929.

There will be a small admission of 10c and 20c charged on Friday evening, May 24th, and Thursday evening, May 30th.

First Baptist Church

"The great foundation of civil virtue is self-denial; and there is no one above the necessities of life but has opportunities of exercising that noble quality, and doing as much as his circumstances will bear for the ease and convenience of other men."—Steele.

"It is out of sacrifice and suffering that the greatest things of life grow. No one man ever gave up a part of himself in a great cause, but that his sacrifice was rewarded a hundred fold in moral and spiritual blessing."—Marshal Foche.

This theme will be discussed at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening by the pastor.

Bible School 10:00 A. M. R. L. Wilburn Supt.

The Sunday School will be shortened sufficiently to enable the folk to get to the Auditorium in ample time for the service there.

There will be no service at the church at the morning hour.

Preaching 8:00 P. M. Subject: GIVING TO GET.

B. Y. P. U.'s 6:45 P. M. Miss Mabel James, General Director.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. W. F. WEST, Pastor.

Bible Program

The following interesting program was rendered at the Central Graded School Sunday afternoon, May 19th, at 3 p. m.

- "Star Spangled Banner", audience.
- Address by Ida Winstead.
- First Psalm, Seventh Grade.
- Old Testament Books, Mary E. Sanders; New Testament Books, Clyde Murphy.
- I Corinthisans 13, Ossie Oakley.
- Twenty-Third Psalm, Seventh Grade.
- Ten Commandments, ten children.
- Beatitudes, Elizabeth Pulliam.
- Hundredth Psalm, Seventh grade.
- John 14, Mabel Hobgood.
- Christmas Story, Elanora Raiff, Lisette Allgood.
- Psalm 121, Seventh grade.
- Sword Drill, Seventh grade.
- Dismissed with prayer.

New Yorker Hires Lawyer To Get Him A Raleigh Wife

Raleigh, May 20.—If H. M. Condray, alias Harry Compton, of 296 Broadway, New York, doesn't marry a "refined, middle aged Southern lady," with an income approximately \$12,000 a year, it won't be his fault.

Not only has he flooded Raleigh with "object matrimony" letters but also he has made at least one trip here to look over a prospect dug up for him by Thomas M. Smith, local attorney.

About six weeks ago Mr. Smith received a letter signed by Harry Compton who wanted to employ an attorney to find him a wife. About the same time General Albert Cox received a letter from some one who wanted a wife, but he doesn't remember the name or the details. General Cox threw his letter in the wastebasket. Mr. Smith accepted the task, found a prospect and summoned his client. When "Harry Compton" arrived he explained that his real name was H. M. Condray, Compton being

his "nomme de chase," and produced Masonic cards to prove it.

"I introduced him too a lady here," said Mr. Smith last night, "and he said she was wonderful but just a little too young for him." The mail order Romeo is about 60 year old, said his attorney. He is supposed to be in the directory publishing business.

It was while he was here in response to Mr. Smith's letter that Mr. Condray, again using the name "Compton," wrote at least two letters to Raleigh women. Fearing jealousy, perhaps, he began one of them to a woman in business: "I am just passing through your delightful city and saw your ad, thought perhaps you had a large acquaintance through the South and could help me. If so, I will reward you handsomely."

He then proceeded to tell about his business, his income of \$12,000 a year, the fact that he is a childless widower, that he once held a high government position, and then: "Want to meet a refined, middle aged (say in the fifties) Southern lady who comes of a good family and has about the same income as I have. Object matrimony."

Perhaps one of Mr. Condray's troubles is pointed out in the statement of one "refined Southern lady" who, upon hearing of the hunt, exclaimed, "what does a woman with \$12,000 a year want with a 60 year old husband?"

U. S. Senate Passes The Debenture Bill

Washington, D. C., May 20.—The latest development in the bitter Senate struggle over tariff and farm relief are the following:

- By a vote of 54 to 33 the Senate passed the farm relief bill, which contains the export debenture plan.
- President Hoover raised tariff rates on milk and cream 50 per cent and on flaxseed up to the rates in the pending bill. He acted under the flexible provisions of the present tariff law. He also raised rates on window glass.

The Senate Farm Bill calls for a Federal Farm Board consisting of twelve men, appointed by the President with the Secretary of Agriculture as an ex-officio member. One is to come from each Federal Land Bond District. It places upon the Farm Board the responsibility of selecting commodity advisory councils nominated by co-operatives, by general farm organizations and by individual producers. These advisory councils shall determine when a co-operative is entitled to farm aid from the general fund of \$500,000,000 provided for in the Senate bill as in the House act.

Stabilization corporations are organized under the bill and made authorized Federal instrumentalities although they are set up largely through private initiative.

The outstanding difference between the Senate and House bills is that the Senate bill undertakes to make the protective tariff applicable to surplus crops by the debenture plan. The House bill makes no such provision, ignoring the problem of surplus crops.

The debenture plans, included over Hoover's opposition, permits the proposed Federal Farm Board to order the issuance of debentures equal to one-half of the import tariff on any commodity of which there is an export surplus. The debentures are receivable at United States Customs Houses in payment of duties on imports.

For example, the tariff on wheat is 12 cents a bushel. If ordered into effect by the board for that commodity, a bounty in the form of a debenture equal to 21 cents a bushel would be paid to the exporter for each bushel of wheat sent abroad, thus making the American price 21 cents a bushel higher than the price in the world market. This debenture could be sold to an importer, who would use it to pay his import duties, thus taking the 21-cent bounty for each bushel

of wheat exported out of customs revenue.

If put into effect by the board for all commodities in which there is an exportable surplus it would cost the Government \$200,000,000 a year, it is estimated, and the consumer many hundreds of millions more because of the consequent rise in prices on agricultural products.

Its supporters contend it is merely a way of making the tariff effective on commodities where there is an exportable surplus.

THIS WEEK By Arthur Brisbane

COTTON COMES BACK. CAPPER BACKS FARM BILL. COOLIDGE IS EARLY. WHY FARMERS LAUGH.

Cotton growers will be glad to hear that big department stores are specializing in cotton goods. "Cotton arrives," is the announcement of one store, biggest in New York, doing about \$90,000,000 a year.

"Dotted swiss," "pigne" and "ginghams" are featured energetically.

"Often woman changes," the French say. Real or imitation silks have been the rage; now King Cotton comes back.

If Americans will advertise, and emphasize, "Cotton goods grown and made in America," instead of advertising "British cotton cloth," that will help.

Senator Capper, of Kansas, trusted by farmers, backs President Hoover's farm bill. He opposes the debenture subsidy plan, which would pay a bonus to exporting middlemen, cost the taxpayers heavily, and do the farmer little, if any, good.

Calvin Coolidge, as director of the New York Life Insurance Company, arrived twenty minutes ahead of time for his first director's meeting.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings."

The former President is interested in life insurance, not for profit, but for possibilities of public service. His day's work yesterday paid \$50; not much according to present ideas. But it is fifty times as much as Mr. Coolidge's father paid the black-bearded giant who earned in the Coolidge blacksmith shop \$1 a day fifty years ago.

Tears and laughter afford relief. Loud laughter, violent weeping, cause the mind to rest and bring temporary peace.

There will be farm-relief laughter in news that railroads have consented to lower freight rates on wheat flour from the Middle West to the Atlantic.

The notion that farmers will get more for their wheat when flour mills pay lower freight bills will make the saddest farmer laugh.

Relief for flour manufacturers is welcome. They are having a hard time with chain stores regulating their profits.

But charging them ten cents less a barrel for shipping flour will not cause them to give farmers two cents a bushel more for wheat.

Relief for farmers and for many others will come from generally increased prosperity, and especially from sharing national wealth more widely.

American farmers once sold corn for less than the amount of the tariff now proposed.

Prisons have changed. One ancient hero, solitary in prison, had to encourage him only the example of a humble spider spinning and respinning a web as fast as it was torn down.

A well known oil magnate, jailed because he wouldn't answer Senators' questions, has the deeper, pleasanter inspiration of a blonde trained nurse.

In the Medical Department of the jail, this blonde lady works for the

Administrators Notice

Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of D. W. Bradsher, deceased, late of Roxboro, Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 21, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Commencement Exercises Thursday

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the commencement exercises of the Central graded school were held in the school auditorium. A varied program of songs, drills, readings, etc., were given and each of the numbers was well presented and was given a generous applause by the large audience present. These exercises were given by the grammar grades, the primary grades having had their exercises several weeks ago.

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