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WORKMEN SHOT HIGH IN AIR And Fifteen Killed and Many Injured

Fatal Explosion in Gas Main in Brooklyn—Twenty-Five Workmen Were Engaged at the Scene at the Time—Flames Went One Hundred Feet High and Threatened Nearby Buildings.

New York, Nov. 20.—Ten men were killed today in an explosion of gas in a main in Brooklyn. Twenty-five men were working on the main, when it sagged and burst with tremendous report. Workmen were hurled in every direction. When the ambulance surgeon arrived, he found 15 of the men dying. A number of others were badly hurt. With the explosion the gas ignited and the flames shot 100 feet high, threatening nearby buildings. The flames continued to burn until the gas was turned off. Great excitement prevailed in the neighborhood.

CROSS EXAMINATION STARTS.

John D. Faces Attorney Kellogg in Court Today.

New York, Nov. 20.—Rochester did not look as if he expected to be put on the griddle today, when he walked with a steady tread into the Custom House building, where the evidence is being heard in the case against the Standard Oil. It is conceded that the trust lawyers scored a point against the defense yesterday in stopping the direct examination just short of the time of 1882, when the trust was organized. Mr. Kellogg, the Government attorney, is thus kept from asking the Oil King the most important questions and the question that might have been asked is answered. Rochester went on the stand early and the cross-examination was begun.

DOESN'T WANT ANY MORE COMMUNICATIONS SENT HIM

New York, Nov. 20.—Charles W. Morse sent for Warden Flynn, of the Tombs, today and forbade him sending him any communications whatever from newspaper men. The warden declared that Morse didn't have to see anyone he didn't care to see, but that he would continue to send him all cards and papers left for him.

DETECTIVES ARRESTED

Charged With Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 20.—Following the arrest of fifteen men, four white and eleven negroes yesterday by three detectives from South Carolina employed by the Anti-Saloon League, Morrissy, Stanton and Huggins, warrants were issued last night for Morrissy for selling whiskey and carrying concealed weapons and Stanton for carrying concealed weapon. They were held under one hundred dollars bond each for trial this afternoon. J. Sprunt Newton, city attorney, went on their bond.

PLUNGED INTO DRAW.

Auto, With Eight Occupants, Dropped Into River.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Two persons were drowned and six rescued in a thrilling automobile accident today when a big touring car plunged over an embankment of the Calumet River. The machine, with eight occupants, struck the platform fifteen feet from shore, the entire party being thrown into the water. A bridge tender and several others jumped into the water and swam with the drowning people to shore. The draw was open, but the chauffeur thought it was closed.

LOST IN STRANGE MANNER.

And Now Cow is Wanted Returned to Steamer Duplin.

All have heard of the cow jumping over the moon, but now comes the cow that jumped overboard. Last night an animal of this type was aboard the steamer Duplin, which was at her wharf, and suddenly took a notion to take a dip. She jumped overboard, and nothing has been heard from her since. She hasn't written back home and it is not known whether she is dead or alive. There is a possibility that she may have drowned, but as cows can swim she may have made the shore and is now grazing somewhere. News of the missing cow is wanted at the steamer Duplin.

Get busy boys and call at J. M. Solky & Co., for information as how to get bicycle.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Church—Reception This Evening at the Home of Rev. A. D. McClure, Pastor of St. Andrews—Elaborate Program for Sunday Services.

The exercises arranged in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Andrews Presbyterian church in this city will be given this evening and will continue through Sunday night. Much interest is being taken in the event by members of the Presbyterian churches in the community, and the services to be held Sunday, which are to be features of the anniversary celebration, will undoubtedly be attended by large congregations.

The opening of the anniversary will be featured with a reception to be given at the residence of Rev. Alexander D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrews church, which handsome structure was recently erected just south of the church building, on Fourth between Red Cross and Campbell streets. The reception will begin at 7:30 P. M. this evening, and will continue until 10:30 o'clock. While the reception has been planned primarily for the members of the three Presbyterian churches in the city, all friends of St. Andrews church, irrespective of denomination, are extended a cordial invitation to be present. The reception party will consist of Dr. and Mrs. McClure, Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and wife, and Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C. The reception bids fair to be a most delightful social event.

Saturday is really the anniversary day, upon which the church was founded fifty years ago but no special features will be held tomorrow. On Sunday, however, the real exercises arranged for the anniversary occasion will be carried out and the program for the morning service is as follows: Organ prelude, doxology, invocation, alleluia, psalm reading, scripture, prayer, hymn offering, offertory, "A Prayer of Penitence," baritone solo by Mr. J. Wesley White; sermon, by Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C.; prayer, organ postlude, benediction.

The order of exercises for the evening is as follows: Organ prelude, hymn, invocation, hymn, scripture reading, prayer, "Unfold Your Portals," by the choir; remarks by Mr. B. G. Worth; reminiscence, by Mr. James Sprunt; address by Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; hymn, historical sketch, by Dr. Alexander Sprunt; offering, during which will be sung, "Glory Be to God On High," by the choir; address by Dr. Alexander Sprunt; hymn, benediction.

The choir which will render the musical selections during the two services is composed of the following well known musicians, with Miss Canine Chasten as organist: Sopranos—Miss Lucy McIntosh, Miss Carrie White, Miss Gertrude Sneed and Mrs. Jos. W. Yates. Altos—Mrs. James D. Smith, Miss Lizzie Waddell, Miss Sallie Smith, Miss Carrie Barker. Tenors—Messrs. J. B. and Greese Penley, H. E. Boney and W. L. Williford. Basses—Messrs. H. R. Bates, G. S. Boylan, H. K. Holden and R. G. Rankin.

As stated above, those in charge of the anniversary exercises extend most hearty and cordial invitation to the public to participate in the occasion, which will be a general period of rejoicing for Presbyterians in the city.

ENJOYABLE MUSICAL

Was Rendered Last Evening at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Those who attended the musical at Immanuel Presbyterian church last evening are enthusiastic in their praises of the excellent program rendered. The pleasant affair was given under the direction of the Ladies Aid Society of the church and was one of the most successful ever held by that organization. A large number of people were in attendance and all praised unstintingly the fine program which was rendered.

After the musical a short address was delivered by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the church, upon the work in the kindergarten and the Sunday School.

Decision Rendered.

The Circuit Court of Appeals has recently rendered a decision in the long contested suit of the Union Trust Company against the Southern Saw Mill and Lumber Company, of Kingsdale, N. C., which action was instituted by the bondholders in 1904, after the lumber company had been placed in the hands of a receiver in 1902 by the creditors. As a result of the decision, the bondholders recover about \$25,000.

DR. H. O. HYATT will be in Wilmington at his office over Murchison Bank Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 24th and 25th for the purpose of treating diseases of the eye and fitting glasses. Dr. Hyatt is at ways in Winston Thursday, Friday and Saturday. no 9 6t mo we fr

COAST LINE'S YEARLY SESSION

President's Report Shows Decreased Rates Hurt

Says Passenger Experiment Has Been Costly, But Sees Bright Future Ahead—All Dividends Were Paid as Usual and All Officers Re-elected—A. C. L. Stock Steadily Rising.

Since the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Atlantic Coast Line in Richmond this week, the stockholders of this city and others of Wilmington who are naturally interested in the welfare of the road, have felt jubilant. Its true that the meeting showed losses, or decreases in revenue have been incurred by the decreased passenger rates imposed by certain States, but the report of President T. M. Emerson was most optimistic and predicted a bright future. The showing made as to the payment of dividends is also highly gratifying. For some days now Coast Line stock has been advancing and while it did not close today as high as yesterday, yet 109, at which it did close today, is a big improvement on what it was a month or so ago.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch of Wednesday gave this interesting account of the annual meeting:

Like other railroads, the reports of the Atlantic Coast Line, read at the annual meeting of the stockholders yesterday, showed heavy losses by reason of the recent business depression and the 2-cent rate. From the former the road has been gradually recovering since July 1st, but, as President Emerson said in his report, the adoption of the reduced passenger rate has been a very costly experiment.

Operating Record.

The gross operating revenues for the first five months of the year increased \$712,933.81 over the same months of the preceding year, while for the last seven months they decreased \$1,454,559.95, as compared with the same months of last year, resulting in a net decrease in the operating revenues for the year of \$742,476.14, or 2.77 per cent. The effect of the business depression was particularly felt in the freight department, which showed a revenue decrease of \$704,523.16, or 3.82 per cent.

The passenger traffic shows a gross increase of \$195,592.53, or 3.21 per cent, which is attributable to Jamestown Exposition travel, which was in progress during the first five months of the fiscal year, and to an increase in the through passenger traffic. Local passenger traffic showed a decrease due to the reduced passenger rates in the several States in which the road is operated. The number of passengers carried increased 12.65 per cent.

Losses on Reduced Rates.

By agreement with the Railroad Commissions of most of the States which we serve, as an experiment, said President Emerson in his report, there went into effect April 1, 1908, reduced passenger rates, including 2 cents per mile interchangeable mileage tickets.

"The experiment is proving a very costly one, as shown by the following figures. The large increase of through travel which we handled during the winter to and from Southern resorts came to an end with the month of April.

"Our passenger revenues, both through and local, from April 1 to October 1, 1908, have been as follows:

"Year 1908—April, \$539,354 (increase, \$33,735); May, 437,944 (decrease, \$49,384); June, \$404,633 (decrease, \$95,782); July, \$441,370 (decrease, \$92,122); August, \$427,097 (decrease, \$115,933); September, \$407,532 (decrease, \$104,664). Total, \$2,657,030; total decrease, \$457,891.

"Year 1907—April, \$505,619; May, \$486,428; June, \$500,415; July, \$533,492; August, \$543,036; September, \$512,196. Total, \$3,081,186.

"From this statement it will be seen that, in the five months following April, the last month of heavy through travel, passenger revenues fell off \$457,891, equal to 17.8 per cent. Of this \$164,000, or 6.4 per cent is to be attributed to the Jamestown Exposition held last year at Norfolk. Of the balance, an average of \$50,000 per month is due to the decreased passenger rates."

Mr. Henry Walters, chairman of the board of directors, stated that all dividends had been paid out of the earnings, and that a surplus of \$32,000 was left. While this is considered small, a number of the roads of the country have been obliged to pay this year's dividends out of the profit and loss account. Members of the board and the stockholders expressed the belief that "hard times" were practically over, and that while the increase in

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IMPORTANT ORDERS

Received by Mr. S. P. Collier, Clerk of the United States Court, Concerning the Disposition of Youthful Prisoners Under the Age of Sixteen Years, and Also Female Prisoners.

Two very important orders concerning the disposition of youthful male prisoners, both white and colored under the age of sixteen years, and of female prisoners, convicted and sentenced in the United States courts in this district, were received and placed on file today by Mr. S. P. Collier, clerk of the courts at this point. Both orders were issued by Judge Thos. R. Funnell, of the United States District Court and become effective immediately.

The order concerning male prisoners, both white and colored under the age of sixteen years, states that the Attorney General of the United States has designated the National Training School for boys at Washington, known as the reform school of the District of Columbia, as the place of confinement for juvenile male prisoners, both white and colored, convicted of crime in the Eastern District of North Carolina. The order continues that upon motion of District Attorney Harry Skinner to the court, from and after this date, all juvenile male prisoners convicted in the Circuit or District courts and whose sentences to a reformatory, shall be confined in the National Training School for boys at Washington as designated by the Attorney General. It is further stated that the order be entered on the records of the court here and that certified copy be sent to the clerks of the courts at Elizabeth City, New Bern and Washington, N. C.

The second order concerning the disposition of female prisoners recites that the State's prison at Nashville, Tenn., which has heretofore been used for the purpose, is no longer available for the confinement of female prisoners convicted in the United States Courts. It is therefore commanded that the order appointing this prison as the place of confinement, issued in 1906, be revoked, and it is further ordered that in cases where females are convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, they shall be confined in such prisons as the Department of Justice upon application, shall designate.

At the Bijou
The films to be shown at the Bijou theatre today are called "Grotesques" and "The Mesmerist." Both are of unusual interest in that they treat of subjects not usually encountered in the moving picture world. The pictures will undoubtedly please the patrons of the theatre.

DETECTIVE BUREAU.

New Concern Rents Princess Street Offices and Files Papers of Incorporation.

The Southern Detective Bureau, which was chartered by the State several days ago, filed its papers of incorporation at the court house this morning. The papers set forth the object of the new concern, its amount of capital and its incorporators. The latter are given as S. H. Renfrow, J. T. Kelly and O. J. Sikes, and the capital stock of the association is given at \$5,000, with \$1,000 paid in. The object is set forth in the following clause of the papers of incorporation:

"To organize and train a force of active detectives in North Carolina and in other States where we should desire. The purpose of this bureau is to assist the authorities and individuals in the running down of criminals, solving mysterious happenings; to protect the country at large by bringing lawbreakers to justice with the hoped results of modifying crime."

It is understood that the Bureau has rented offices in the Smith building, on Princess street, and they are now being fitted-up for its use. The offices are the same ones occupied during the campaign as the Democratic headquarters.

DR. J. L. NICHOLSON

Will Deliver an Address on the Hook Worm This Evening.

Dr. J. L. Nicholson, of Richland, N. C., will arrive this afternoon and tonight he will deliver an address at the Elks' Temple before the physicians of New Hanover county, and a number of visiting surgeons and physicians from the adjoining counties of Pender, Onslow, Brunswick and Columbus, who have been extended invitations to hear the address. Dr. Nicholson is one of the foremost authorities in the country on the hook worm disease and he will speak upon this subject. After he has concluded his address, he will lead a discussion concerning the topic announced as his subject.

Dr. Nicholson is making a campaign of the state delivering addresses upon the hook worm, and it is believed that practically the entire medical profession of this county will be present to hear his interesting address this evening.

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