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## MANY PEOPLE DIE IN SNOWSLIDE

### Big and Horrible Tragedy in Idaho

Great Mass of Snow Rushed Down and Split the Town of Mace in Half—Scores of People Buried Alive—Some Rescued, But at Least a Hundred Reported Dead—Buildings Were Rolled Over as if Made of Paper.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 28.—At least 100 persons are dead as the result of an avalanche at Mace, Idaho. The snows of the severe winter, loosened by heavy rains and wind, swept down on the town and demolished half of it and buried the other half. Seven hundred men were rushed from Wallace and began the work of rescue. In a short time, ten bodies were taken out. Twenty-five, who had been buried alive, were taken out and resuscitated. Buildings were rolled over and hurled about when struck, as if made of paper mache. In the slide were tons of rock and earth, and trees, which had been torn up by the roots. The avalanche came shortly after midnight, starting above the timber line on the mountain side. It cut the town in two, one portion remaining intact.

#### BEARING FRUIT TODAY.

Likelihood of a General Strike Causes Strong Peace Moves in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The threat of a general strike of 100,000 workers today bore fruit and several moves to bring about peace are under way. The car company, however, is not yet ready to accept arbitration. The company set out today to run almost the normal number of cars, but many clashes occurred, though none of serious nature, during the early hours. The authorities hope to prevent another day like yesterday, when rioting was as bad as any day since the strike began. The leaders of 140 or more unions called in general strike for Saturday began today laying plans for a walk out. Many believe that peace will be made before Saturday.

#### HOLDS COURT HAS THE RIGHT

But Senate Committee Will Not Report in Court.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Justice Wright handed down his decision today in the mandamus proceedings brought by the Valley Paper Company against the joint printing committee of Congress. The decision involves only the jurisdiction of the court in the mandamus proceedings and it is held that the court has jurisdiction. The Senate members of the committee have so far ignored Justice Wright's summons to appear in court.

#### DOCKERY LANDS AGAIN

Will Again be United States Marshal of Eastern District and Logan Gets Western Job.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: United States Marshal, Western District of North Carolina, W. E. Logan; Eastern District, Claudius Dockery; Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, Henry Lincoln Johnson, of Atlanta; Postmaster at Staunton, Va., S. Brown Allen.

#### STRUCK BY TORNADO

Much Damage Done by Wind to Mississippi Town Today.

Leland, Miss., Feb. 28.—A tornado struck Leland early today. Many houses were unroofed, trees and out-houses blown down and smoke-stacks levelled. Several negroes were hurt by falling cabins, but none fatally.

#### The Cotton Market.

New York, Feb. 28.—At the opening of cotton there was a big scramble for old crop, the months attended by a sharp advance of prices. Initial quotation were six to twenty-one points higher. Cables, which were about as expected, were not a factor; shorts were buyers, but there was also a good demand for brokers, who acted for spot interests. Opening, March, 14.45; April, 14.47; May, 14.55; July, 14.30; September, 12.90 bid.

#### The Grain Market.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28.—Wheat was a shade lower early today and corn and oats were weak in sympathy. Opening, May wheat, 114 5-8; corn, 65 3-4; oats, 47; pork, 24.40.

#### Tomorrow—Tuesday.

Our new interest quarter will begin March 1st. Deposit now and receive interest in three months. The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

## A TREMENDOUS FIRE

Two Mammoth Warehouses Owned by the Seaboard Air Line Railway Were Destroyed Last Night—Loss in the Neighborhood of \$200,000. The Most of Which is Covered With Insurance—Most Spectacular Fire in Several Years—Witnessed by Thousands.

One of the most destructive, as well as the most spectacular conflagrations of recent years, occurred early last evening when two mammoth storage warehouses owned by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and located on the water front just north of Brunswick street, were totally consumed by fire. The structures burned were warehouse B, one of the new buildings just completed, and an older warehouse. The loss upon the buildings and their contents of fertilizer, materials, etc., will probably amount to \$200,000. It is stated that Armour & Company who leased the warehouse to the north and practically half of the other, are the heaviest losers. It was authoritatively stated last night that both this firm, as well as the Seaboard Air Line are well covered with insurance. In spite of a blinding rain storm which prevailed at the time the conflagration, aided by the chemical constituents in the fertilizers, raged furiously for several hours. Only the fact that the wind was from the southwest prevented an even more disastrous fire than that which resulted. If the wind had shifted to the northwest there is no doubt that Warehouse A, a twin to the new warehouse destroyed, would have been burned, as well as a handsome foreign steamship moored to the docks, a string of eight cars loaded with nitrates and other valuable property to the south. The pressure from the water mains was a farce, a stream from one line of hose at its maximum length extending probably the long(?) distance of twelve feet from the nozzle. The fire engines, however, maintained several good streams and these were played upon the fire for several hours. The steamer Jarlesburg was moored to the wharf just south of the large Warehouse A, which was burned. The steamer is of iron. This proved the ship's salvation. It was more than an hour before several river craft moved the big ship loaded with fertilizer out of the danger zone, and then only after the ship's small boats and bridge had been destroyed by the intense heat generated from the fire.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Several causes have been advanced such as a defective electric switch, bad wiring, a spark from a cigarette or probably spontaneous combustion in the nitrates stored in the building. The fire started in the east end of Warehouse B, a mammoth structure just completed and delivered to the Seaboard authorities the first of this month. It is stated that the blaze started at the east end of this building, which section was occupied by Armour & Company. A large force of workmen were busily engaged yesterday morning and the early afternoon in discharging the cargo from the steamer Herman Wedel Jarlesburg. This steamer was moored to the docks and a part of the cargo had been removed when the men stopped work in the afternoon. At this time it is stated that everything at the warehouse was in good condition and that no fire had been kindled in the office stove of Armour & Company.

The fire probably started shortly after seven o'clock. A negro at work on the yard stated that he noticed a bright light in the east end of the large warehouse. Within a minute the structure was ablaze from end to end so rapidly did the fire spread. This negro gave the alarm. For once the crippled fire alarm bell which seems now to have been retired on a pension, with immunity from further work, was not needed. The lusty sound of church bells in different sections of the city took upon themselves the duty which should be filled by the big bell at the central station. The fire started just at the time that the church bells were sounded for the evening services. As people in different sections of the city emerged from their homes they noticed the brilliant reflection toward the north which brilliantly illuminated the heavily clouded sky. No further intimation was needed from the crippled fire alarm bell which, strange to state, did feebly ring twice, to inform citizens that probably the largest fire of several years past had started. To judge from the thousands of people who hurried to the scene to witness the spectacular blaze it is more than probable that many prospective churchgoers in spite of the driving rain, suddenly changed their destination and decided to visit the fire.

When the fire department arrived on the scene, the flames had spread from the new Warehouse B, to the adjoining old warehouse to the north, owned by the Seaboard and leased by Armour & Company. This building, while an old structure, was nearly filled with valuable fertilizer materials. It has been stated that practically no help was rendered from the water hydrants as one stream could have

## ENDED HIS LIFE HERE YESTERDAY

### Mr. Howard Van Epps Wilcox Shot Himself

Sad Sunday Tragedy—Young Man Who Has Been Resident of Wilmington Only a Month Shot Himself Yesterday, Practically in Presence of His Wife and Father—Died Two Hours Later at the Hospital—Remains Sent to Former Home of Deceased at Augusta, Ga., for Interment.

Despondent to the extent that he was afflicted with melancholia in its most acute form. Mr. Howard Van Epps Wilcox, a former citizen of Augusta, Ga., for the past few weeks a resident of Wilmington, placed a pistol to his right temple yesterday shortly after 1 o'clock and sent a bullet crashing into his brain, death ensuing two hours later. The sad tragedy occurred at the residence of Mrs. B. R. Dunn, corner Seventh and Princess streets, where the deceased with his wife and young child had been boarding since their arrival in Wilmington. Immediately after he had shot himself Mr. Wilcox was hurried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the ambulance. He remained in the unconscious condition which followed the shooting for two hours, death ensuing at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased did not regain consciousness for a moment after he shot himself.

Although comparatively a stranger in Wilmington, Mr. Wilcox and his family had made many friends here. These were greatly surprised and distressed because of the shocking tragedy. Mr. Wilcox came to this city about a month ago to accept a clerical position in the Freight Traffic Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. For the past few weeks young Mr. Wilcox had been very despondent. It is stated that his mental trouble resulted from recent financial reverses he is said to have sustained in Augusta, Ga.

The deceased belonged to one of the most respected families in Augusta, Ga. His father, Dr. George A. Wilcox, a prominent physician of that city, arrived here late Saturday night to visit his son and his family. Dr. Wilcox registered at The Orton. Yesterday morning young Mr. Wilcox and his wife went to the hotel, where they welcomed Dr. Wilcox. The trio attended one of the local churches. After the service had been concluded they went to Mrs. Dunn's residence where, as stated, Mr. Wilcox and his family boarded.

Mr. Wilcox, his wife and Dr. Wilcox were conversing together in a room when the young man went in an adjoining apartment. A moment later the muffled report of a pistol shot was heard by Dr. Wilcox and the wife of the unfortunate young man. They rushed into the room and were horrified to discover that young Mr. Wilcox had shot himself in the right temple and was lying unconscious. In the effort to stop the hemorrhages which followed the fatal shooting, Dr. Wilcox applied his fingers to the gaping wound in his son's temple. Other physicians were summoned immediately by persons in the residence. Dr. George G. Thomas and his son, Dr. Pride J. Thomas, responded in a few moments. Although it was seen from the first that the young man could not recover, every thing possible was done for him. Mr. Wilcox was sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the ambulance. Here his life gradually ebbed away until death ensued two hours after Mr. Wilcox had inflicted the mortal wound.

The remains of the deceased were removed to the undertaking establishment of Mr. James F. Woolvin, on Princess street. Here the body was embalmed and prepared for burial. The tragedy cast a shadow of sadness over the city. Many heartfelt expressions of sympathy were heard on all sides for the bereaved young widow and her child in the sorrow which had befallen them. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox had lived here only a few weeks, but they had made many friends in this short period of time.

It was stated that the young man was impelled to end his life in such rash manner by money losses he is said to have sustained recently. Before coming to Wilmington it is said that Mr. Wilcox lived in Atlanta. There, it is stated, that he embarked in the real estate business and that financial reverses resulted which caused him to lose quite a good deal of money. It is presumed that this preyed on his mind to such an extent that he felt unable to face the future and therefore determined upon suicide as the best solution of his troubles.

Mr. Wilcox was 35 years and three months of age. He is survived by his wife and a young child, about six

## YOUNG LADY SUICIDES

Miss Florence E. Hale Ended Her Life at Her Home in Brooklyn, N. Y.—Her Father, Captain Chas. N. Hale, Master of the Clyde Liner Sabine, Will be Acquainted With the Sad News Upon His Arrival at This Port Today.

Captain Charles N. Hale, Master of the Clyde Liner Sabine, upon his arrival at this port today will be greeted with tidings of most mournful nature in information to the effect that his daughter, Miss Florence E. Hale, of Brooklyn, N. Y., committed suicide at her home in that city. Captain Hale left New York for this port before the sad event transpired. Therefore he will be first acquainted with the distressing intelligence when his ship is docked at the Clyde line wharves upon arrival today.

Captain Hale has scores of friends at this port and he will receive the deepest sympathy of everyone in the sad affliction which has befallen him. Miss Hale visited Wilmington several times in the past on trips to this port with her father and acquaintances and friends she made here will learn with deep regret of her sad demise.

The following article from the New York World tells of the distressing manner in which the young lady terminated her life:

"Relatives and friends in the fashionable Stuyvesant Heights section of Brooklyn are mystified over the reason for the suicide of Miss Florence E. Hale, No. 579 Macon street, Brooklyn, who took her life at 6 o'clock last night by inhaling gas.

"Miss Hale was the daughter of Capt. Charles N. Hale, master of an ocean steamship, who in his years on the sea has amassed a fortune but still continues his maritime life. She was thirty years old. Her mother, two sisters and an uncle made up the family.

"At the residence last night it was said that no reason could be found, because Miss Hale had not left a note nor had she done anything that would indicate that she wished to die. She had not been ill nor had she had any trouble so far as members of her family knew.

"She went out automobile riding about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and returned about 5:30. After chatting with the members of the family for a few minutes she called the butler and gave some orders about the dinner and then went to her room. That was the last seen of her alive.

"About 6 o'clock Miss Hale's uncle, Charles N. Chase, who lived at the Macon street home, smelled gas from the back room on the second floor and when he tried the door he found it locked. He broke in and found his niece in an armchair, but still alive. After shutting off the gas from four jets and opening the windows, he called to Dr. Henry W. Ross, No. 644 Halsey street, whose back yard adjoins that of the Hales.

"The physician hurried around, but Miss Hale was beyond help and died a few minutes after he arrived."

#### At The Bijou.

The feature film at the popular Bijou Theatre today is called "The Roman." This is a most pleasing picture and it will entertain the patrons of the popular theatre.

#### NEGRO HURT TODAY.

Seized With an Epileptic Fit in Front of Postoffice.

A negro, John Brown, known as "Book," was seized with an epileptic fit today in front of the postoffice and he fell to the pavement, receiving a painful gash on his head. The man was sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital where, it is stated, that he is not in a serious condition.

#### Regular Meeting Held.

The regular meeting of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers was held here Saturday night. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was manifested in the proceedings. The meeting of the Grand Council of the Carolinas to be held here in June was discussed, as was the banquet to be given by the Commercial Club next Friday evening in honor of the traveling salesman of Wilmington.

#### Tomorrow and Wednesday.

All deposits made with The Peoples Savings Bank will bear interest from MARCH 1st.

Mr. J. Hurlley, late of the Wonoco House barber shop of Lakeville, Conn., has taken an interest in the Atlantic Barber Shop on North Second street, with F. Pittman. Work guaranteed, clean towels and keen razors.

years of age, his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. George A. Wilcox, of Augusta, Ga., and a number of other relatives in that city.

"The body was sent to Augusta this morning on the early southbound train. The funeral and interment will be held in that city. The remains were accompanied by the bereaved widow and the father of the deceased young man.

Our Regular Interest Quarter Will Begin on March 1st

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| RESOURCES                               | LIABILITIES                             |
|---|---|
| Loans and Discounts.....\$3,483,083 75  | Capital.....\$ 500,000 00               |
| U. S. Bonds (at par)..... 531,000 00    | Surplus and Net Profits..... 275,579 08 |
| Bank Building..... 25,000 00            | Circulation..... 350,000 00             |
| N. C. State and other Bonds 143,783 00  | U. S. Bond Account..... 100,000 00      |
| Cash and due by Banks..... 1,131,586 02 | Deposits..... 3,798,882 69              |
|   |   |
| \$5,384,461 77                          | \$5,384,461 77                          |

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

A STATEMENT OF GROWTH:

|                    | Cash Assets  | Net Surplus |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| JANUARY, 1892..... | \$ 55,358 68 | \$ 3,414 39 |
| " 1895.....        | 68,421 42    | 10,740 24   |
| " 1898.....        | 70,013 62    | 10,857 39   |
| " 1901.....        | 77,090 94    | 15,318 58   |
| " 1904.....        | 85,880 64    | 17,093 23   |
| " 1907.....        | 109,983 03   | 19,701 45   |
| " 1910.....        | 107,367 61   | 23,084 74   |

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