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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION SHAKES NEW YORK

Boat Blown to Pieces and Buildings Wrecked: Number of Deaths Unknown at Present

Explosion Resulted From a Dynamite Charge at Railroad Pier and Was of Most Terrific Nature—Gotham and Vicinity Felt Crash, and Heavy Financial Loss Entailed—Windows Smashed and Other Damage Done. Number of Panics Occurred—Loss of Life Not Known As Yet, But Searching For Bodies Is in Progress.

New York, Feb. 1.—A dynamite explosion of titanic force on Jersey City water front No. 1 today caused an unknown, as yet, loss of life. The explosion shook New York city and vicinity for miles around to the very foundation and caused a heavy financial loss. The explosion occurred as the dynamite cargo of a lighter, moored at a Jersey Central railroad pier, was being unloaded into a freight car. The explosion wrecked everything in the vicinity of the pier and shook Manhattan Island, Brooklyn and the country within twenty miles of Jersey City. The window glass was smashed in thousands of skyscrapers in New York, including the financial district. Panics followed in a score of the buildings. No casualties from this source have been reported. The dynamite boat is believed to be the Catherine C. and blew up from some unknown cause. The pier was completely wrecked.

Many other boats lying by were badly damaged. Hurry calls were sent in for all available ambulances and doctors. The force of the explosion blew out glass windows and doors on a large number of buildings from Cortland street down to the Battery.

Show cases were shattered and flying glass blown upon pedestrians. As soon as the news of the location of the disaster reached the authorities, the police and fire boats were hurried to the scene to recover the dead and injured. Following the shock of the explosion there was a rush for the elevators in several big office buildings. People who witnessed the explosion from the office buildings fronting the harbor saw an immense black cloud show up at a height of several hundred feet. This cloud reached its height before the terrific crash of the explosion was heard. It was fortunate there were no occupants in the immigration station at Ellis Island, not far from the scene of the disaster. Three large holes were blown into the station building and the windows and roof shattered.

Concussion set off the fire alarms in many parts of the financial district. The clatter of the fire apparatus and the shrill shrieks of engine sirens added to the confusion. Men and women swarmed from buildings, some by the fire escape route. The streets were dangerously crowded. The shock caused trouble in the telephone exchanges, resulting in difficulty in transmitting accurate news of the disaster. The damage is heavy in many sections of Jersey City. The result of the explosion resembled the visitation of an earthquake. Glass was blown out of the windows of business places, and private houses. The dynamite boat Catherine C. was unloading at Jersey Central pier when the explosion occurred. What caused it may never be known.

LOCAL OPTION BILL INTRODUCED

Mr. Kellum Presents Such Measure in House

It Would Allow the People of Wilmington to Vote on the Liquor Question—Wilmington's Commission Form of Government Bill Comes Up Tomorrow—More Petitions Against the Near-Beer Joints and "Social Clubs"—New Bills Introduced Today.

(By Llewellyn.)
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—Representative Kellum states that the Wilmington Commission Form of Government bill, which was expected to be reported by the committee today, will be reported favorably tomorrow and that probably the House will act upon it before the close of the Thursday session. If so, it may become law by or before Saturday, likely passing Sunday Friday, as the calendars are not congested at this time.

The bill providing for the licensing of saloons in cities or towns of New Hanover county with a tax of one thousand dollars for retailers and two thousand dollars for wholesalers, was presented in the House today by Mr. Kellum. Mr. Kellum states to your correspondent that he believes that the provision of the measure will meet the views of a majority of the people in Wilmington, but that if any have suggestions to offer as to any changes, he will gladly hear them. The bill requires the Aldermen to call an election when one third of the voters of the town so petition and that the ballots shall read: "For Saloon" and "Against Saloon;" that the decision reached at such election to remain undisturbed for at least two years. On the other hand, there was a flood of petitions for the repeal of the law licensing near beer joints and process against the handling of liquors by clubs. Scores of so-called Senators and Representatives presented them in both houses.

The Hoke county bill (after amendments were all rejected) passed off final reading and now it goes to the House.

Speaker Dovid announced that he had received a petition signed by all the clerks and ninety members of the House calling for appointment of an other colored laborer in the House, but that he was compelled to deny it because the full quota has been reached and he was sure another laborer was not needed.

Not a new bill was presented in the Senate, the first day such a condition has prevailed this session.

New bills in the House were of general importance, with few exceptions. Doughton offered a resolution appointing a committee to ascertain the need of feeble minded and report.

By Ray, relating to insufficiency of notice in the case of trespass.

To Increase Pay of Legislators.

The bill by Senator Graham to amend the Constitution of North Carolina, provides that Section 28, Article 2, be stricken out and following inserted in lieu thereof:

"Section 28. The members of the legislature for the term for which they are elected, shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of five hundred dollars. They shall be entitled to recover ten cents per mile both while coming to the seat of government and when returning home, the distance to be computed by the nearest line or route of travel.

"The compensation of the presiding officers of the General Assembly shall be ten (10) dollars per day, and mileage. Should an extra session of the General Assembly be called, the members shall receive one hundred (100) dollars, and the presiding officer a like rate of compensation, as provided above for each day of the session.

"That this amendment be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State," etc.

Two Very Important New Measures Pending.

Following is the text of two very important new bills just presented in the Senate:

By Senator Brown (of Columbus)—A Bill to be Entitled An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Handling of Intoxicating Liquors by any Club or Association.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That any corporation, club, association or person who shall directly or indirectly keep or maintain by itself or himself, or by association with others, or who shall in any manner aid, assist or abet in keeping or maintaining a club room or other place where intoxicating liquors are received or kept to be drunk or for barter or sale or distribution or for division or use among the members of any club or association by any means whatever or where the

Arkansas Congressman Opposes Caleb Powers Being Given Seat.



A new opponent to Caleb Powers being given a seat in the national house of representatives has arisen in Congressman Robert B. Macon of Arkansas. Powers was secretary of state in Kentucky eleven years ago when Governor Goebel was slain, the shot being fired from Powers' office in the statehouse at Frankfort. Powers was tried four times for the murder and convicted three times and was pardoned in 1908. Since then he has campaigned for vindication through an election to congress. This he won last fall. Congressman Macon declares that if the Kentucky delegation does not take action against Powers he will present a resolution to have the matter taken up. "If the Republicans could not sit with Robert of Utah because he was accused of being a polygamist," says Mr. Macon, "the Democrats certainly cannot sit with a member convicted on the charge of murder and who is enjoying his liberty only by favor of a partisan executive."

TOOK FATAL LEAP

Young New York Woman Plunged From Sixth Story Window—Lifeless Body Discovered on Ground.

New York, Feb. 1.—Leaving the side of her sleeping sister, Miss Nellie Rutkay, a comely woman, aged twenty six years, went to a rear window of her home, in West One Hundred and Fortieth street, and leaped to the ground, six stories below. Her lifeless body was discovered later.

FIRE IN A HOSPITAL.

Nurses and Patients Were in Danger of Losing Their Lives.

Allioma, Pa., Feb. 1.—The lives of a score of nurses and patients were imperiled when fire partially destroyed Mercy Hospital here today. A defective flue started the blaze.

members are allowed to keep intoxicating liquors in lockers or in storage divides of any kind, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. That this act shall be in force on and after July first, nineteen eleven.

By Senator London (of Chatham)—A Bill to be Entitled An Act to Codify the Law as to Mental Anguish from Negligence in the Transmission of Messages.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. All telegraph companies doing business in North Carolina shall be liable in damages for mental anguish or suffering even in the absence of bodily injury, for negligence in receiving, transmitting or delivering messages.

Sec. 2. That nothing contained in this act shall abridge the rights or remedies now provided by law against telegraph companies and the rights and remedies provided for in this act shall be in addition to those now existing.

Sec. 3. In all actions under this act the jury may award such damages as they conclude resulted from negligence of said telegraph companies.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

"Special Music."

By that classy Grand orchestra.

DIES SUDDENLY

Rear Admiral Sperry Passed Away Today After Three Days' Illness Not Thought to Be Dangerous.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Rear Admiral Charles Stillman Sperry, United States Navy, retired, who commanded the Atlantic battleship fleet on the last leg of it's round the world cruise, died suddenly today at Garfield Hospital of pneumonia.

Admiral Sperry had been ill for a couple of days. He was sixty three years old, and a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. He entered the Navy in 1862 and reached a Rear Admiral's rank in 1906. He retired in 1908.

MANY INJURED WHEN FAST TRAIN TOOK A PLUNGE

Calgary, Alberta, Feb. 1.—Nine persons were seriously injured when westbound Canadian Pacific train No. 1 was derailed near Glouchen last night. The train, traveling fast, struck a broken rail. The engine and four cars plunged down the embankment, landing in deep snow.

THE OLDEST SPINSTER.

In the United States Died Today in Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 1.—Miss Victoria Kuschura, aged one hundred and six years, believed to be the oldest spinster in the United States, died today. She was a Pole, and retained clear mentalty to the end.

TEN BODIES RECOVERED.

Victims of Last Night's River Accident Found Today.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 1.—Rescuers succeeded in recovering the bodies of ten negroes who last night lost their lives in the Caisson accident in the Passaic river.

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FALSELY ACCUSED KING GEORGE

Assailed the Honor of England's Monarch

Trial of the Man Who Circulated Papers Which Attacked in Shameful Manner the Honor of the King—The Charge Proven False and the Culprit Sent to Prison.

London, Feb. 1.—After brief proceedings a special jury before Lord Chief Justice Alverstone today cleared King George of the imputations against his personal character by finding Edward F. Mylius, guilty of circulating a libel. Mylius was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. He was charged with distributing in England copies of The Liberator, a Paris publication, in which it was alleged his Majesty, while Prince of Wales, contracted a bigamous marriage with the older daughter of Admiral Sir Michael Seymour at Malta, in 1890. Sir Rufus for the prosecution said the alleged libel attacked the King's honor, charging him with contracting a shameful marriage at Malta, with Admiral Seymour's daughter, and that his Majesty "foully abandoned" this lady in order to marry the Princess.

The article, which it was charged, constituted libel, was entitled "Sanctified Bigamy." It read: "We were offered a spectacle of immorality in its sickly, beastly, monstrosity. The King has committed crime of bigamy with complicity or Prelates of Anglican Church. He had a superfluity of wives like a Sultan."

The Attorney General raising his voice to dramatic pitch asserted there was not a vestige of truth in those statements. "Sir Rufus said he regretted the disadvantage his Majesty suffered in not being able under the constitution to appear in court and answer the allegations under oath. The Crown called Admiral Seymour as a witness. Seymour testified that the daughter in question, now the wife of Captain Napier, of the British Navy, never saw the King until 1898, when the King called upon the witness at Portsmouth. He testified that the King had not visited Malta, while his daughters were there. Mylius had no counsel, and conducted his own defense. The defendant sought to have the King summoned, but this was refused on constitutional grounds. Sir Rufus in concluding his speech for the prosecution, said the suit was not brought to protect the monarchy, but King George sought the protection of the court as a man, a husband and a father. The jury reached verdict, after retiring, and the court forthwith condemned him to one year's imprisonment.

The proceedings closed with reading by Sir Rufus of a letter from the King in which the latter said he never married any one but Queen Mary and he would have appeared in court and given testimony but for advice of officers of the Crown, who held it would be contrary to the constitution.

INTENSE HEAT WAVE DOING MUCH DAMAGE IN TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 1.—A blazing sun's hot rays have brought suffering and have menaced the future of spring crops in the southwest. The heat wave is unprecedented for this season. The thermometer has reached ninety three degrees at Fort Worth.

AGED LAWYER PASSES.

Norfolk Loses Oldest Member of Its Bar.

Norfolk, Feb. 1.—Richard H. Baker, aged 84 years, a leading citizen and the oldest member of the Norfolk bar, died today after a brief illness.

SEEKING WOMAN AS A WOULD-BE GRAVE ROBBER

Stanford, Ky., Feb. 1.—Mrs. H. M. Harrison, known as Mrs. Amanda Gilmore, charged with being one of the persons who Monday night attempted to rob the grave of George B. Saulsby, a wealthy attorney, is being sought by the authorities.

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HOLLY'S FATE WITH THE JURY

No Verdict Up to 4:30 This Afternoon

Jury Got the Case Shortly Before Two and Up to 4:30 O'clock Had Not Agreed—Two Able Speeches This Morning and a Fine Charge By the Court—Stephens Case Continued For Lack of Time—John Bowman Now on Trial For the Second Time.

The fate of J. C. Holly, charged with murdering young Ed Cromwell, is now with the jury. The case went to the jury, following a clear and fine charge by Judge Peebles, shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. The jury went to dinner and afterwards started in to consider the case. Up to 4:30 o'clock this afternoon no verdict had been returned.

Court is now engaged in the trial of John Bowman, colored, charged with killing Miss Hickman, also colored. This is the second trial for Bowman at this term, his first week having been a mistrial, but Bowman is now only being tried for murder in the second degree, the Solicitor having taken a nol pro as to murder in the first degree.

The case of murder against Joseph Stephens went over this morning until the April term of court, being set for the first Tuesday of the term. It was recognized that there was not sufficient time left of this term for the trial.

When court convened this afternoon the work of selecting a jury for the Bowman case was commenced and the jury as finally constituted is as follows:

W. J. Meredith, Chas. Summerlin, R. M. Schulken, J. R. Millican, Wm. J. Hull, John E. Hines, E. L. Johnson, N. T. Maxwell, W. P. McGoughan, H. F. Otten, W. H. Best, J. T. Eagles.

When court opened this morning Solicitor Shaw commenced the closing speech for the State. He spoke for about an hour and forty minutes and he presented a masterly array of deductions and logic for the State, and ended in most impressive, strong manner by declaring that as surely as he believed in a hereafter, in the resurrection, in God that he believed Ed Cromwell was poisoned and that J. C. Holly did the deed. He viewed the testimony from various sides and reasoned it out clearly with the jury, in bearing out his contention that Holly was guilty. He argued that all circumstances pointed to Holly as the guilty man and declared that although the defense had a big array of witnesses summoned had not placed a single one on the stand; that the defense had made much of having an expert present in court to hear the testimony of the State Chemist and of the State's experts, and although they had had a physician in court for this reason had not placed him on the stand, because they could not contradict the testimony of the State's witnesses. He argued that the testimony of all witnesses showed that the body was stiff and cold, with fingers clinched, such as comes from the effects of strychnine poisoning; that Holly had purchased strychnine and that strychnine was found in the stomach of the dead youth and that the experts' testimony bore out the theory of strychnine poisoning, and that Holly was the man who did the poisoning and that the State's expert testimony (uncontradicted) showed that the body could not have stiffened, or been cold for three hours after suffocation, which would have put death some time before the fire even started; that Holly had been shown to have the poison, the chance and the motives. He dealt with both the life insurance motive and the fire insurance motive. He also laid particular stress upon the declarations that Holly made before Justice Harris and Constable Savage, that only "I, the boys and God know how it happened."

He analyzed the evidence in able manner and eloquently urged protection of the fire and called for the assertion of true manhood in the performance of duty. The Solicitor was highly praised for his able speech.

Following the Solicitor William J. Bellamy, Esq., leading counsel for the defense, closed the argument. Mr. Bellamy is a brilliant talker and a splendid reasoner, and he was in fine trim this morning. He is an orator of much power, which always lends impressiveness to anything he may say. He is also decidedly zealous in an effort to present things in a fair light, regardless of his ardor. He prefaced his real argument by showing that he and his associate, Mr. Weeks, were really court officers, because they had been appointed by the court to defend the accused. Then he declared that what the Solicitor called for, he sought. He wanted the fire.

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PROTEST AGAINST S. A. L. GOES TO THE COMMISSION

Washington, Feb. 1.—The controversy over freight rates on citrus fruits and vegetables between the railroad commission of Florida and the Seaboard Air Line railway was referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission today in a complaint filed by the Florida commission. It avers that the Seaboard Air-Line exacts certain rates from Florida producing points then charges certain other rates from the basing points to the destinations in other states. This combination of rates it is declared by the Florida Railroad Commission to be unreasonable and excessive.

STOCKS TODAY.

New York, Feb. 1.—Wall Street—The stock market showed more strength and breadth at the opening than at any day in several weeks. The pronounced strength of the market during the morning session indicated that improvement projects were undertaken by the Harriman companies, and Chairman Gary's utterances regarding Steel trade conditions were accepted as events of usual importance. Bull operators had as complete control of the market and punished the shorts severely.

LORIMER'S OPPONENTS MAY BLOCK LEGISLATION

Washington, Feb. 1.—Unless the Senate votes at this session on Senator Lorimer's case, the resolution pertaining to the election of Senators by the people, the bill to create a permanent tariff board, and the general service pension bill, Senator Norris Brown, of Nebraska, and some of his colleagues who favor the measures named, are determined that the appropriation bills also shall fail. The failure of any one of the appropriation bills would necessitate an extra session of Congress.

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK IN CANADA.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—The Grand Trunk Railway's Rutland express was wrecked at L'Acadie, Quebec this afternoon. Five persons were injured, three fatally.

"A Great Ballad."
"When I Dream in the Gloaming of you," Mr. Morgan.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE ELECTS THEM AGAIN

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 1.—For a second time the West Virginia legislature today elected William E. Chilton and Clarence Watson, Democrats, as United States Senators. In joint session the members of the two houses cast a majority of their votes for these men and since Republicans also took part the titles of the new Senators are considered clear.

PRESENTS THEIR CREDENTIALS.

Those of Senators Kern and Johnson Duly Filed.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Senator Hale, of Maine, today presented the credentials of his Democratic colleague, Senator Charles J. Johnson. Senator Shively presented the credentials of John W. Kern, the newly elected Democratic Senator from Indiana.

CONVICTED TODAY OF KILLING NEW JERSEY MINISTER

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 1.—John Sears, a negro, was convicted today of first degree murder, for killing Rev. Amos L. Armstrong, at Dutch Neck Thanksgiving eve. Mrs. Armstrong was killed at the same time.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD'S REGULAR DIVIDEND.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent.

DREADNOUGHT THUNDERER WAS LAUNCHED TODAY

London, Feb. 1.—The Thunderer the seventh British dreadnought and is fourth of the super-dreadnought type, was successfully launched today. Fifteen thousand people witnessed the ceremonies. The Thunderer has a displacement of 22,680 tons and will be equipped with turbines, with a total of 27,000 horsepower. The vessel is 584 feet in length and is armed with ten 12.5 inch guns and twenty-four four inch guns.

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