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FIVE PERISH IN ORPHANAGE FIRE.

CHILDREN VICTIMS AT PRESBYTERIAN HOME.

Heroic Deed of Woman. Fifteen Brought Safely From Falling Building by Mrs. Priest—Jury Exonerates the Home Authorities.

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 26.—Late this afternoon the remains of the five children who were burned in the fire which destroyed the Shelton cottage at the Presbyterian Orphan's Home near the city at 4 o'clock this morning were recovered though they were burned past recognition.

A coroner's inquest which concluded its work at 8:15 o'clock tonight threw no light on the cause of the fire, but the verdict included a statement fully exonerating the home authorities from blame.

The children were all in the second floor of the wing of the building and they were caught by the fire in a manner that made their rescue impossible. Ruby Moorefield, however, was taken out of the building, but when she ascertained that the young sister was still inside she ran back into the burning building and lost her life.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Priest, the cook, who was aroused by the roar of the flames. When she saw that it was then impossible to get the children out by the stairway the entire basement and first floor at that time being enveloped, and that it would be but a few minutes before the whole building would fall she rushed to the third story and brought 15 children down to the second floor leading them to the veranda top where they were taken down a ladder, several of them dropping into the outstretched arms of the older boys in the institution.

When these children were all safe Mrs. Priest had to jump for her life and in doing so sustained a dislocated shoulder, a scalp wound and an injury to her a dislocated shoulder, a scalp wound and an injury to her back. She will recover. While all of the escapes were miraculous only one of the rescued girls was injured, and she escaped with a sprained ankle, sustained in jumping.

Cotton Ginned to October 18th.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The census report shows 5,525,591 bales counting round as half bales ginned from the growth of 1909, to October 18 compared with 6,296,166 for 1908, 4,420,258 for 1907, and 4,531,621 for 1906. Sea Island cotton 36,330 for 1909, 32,011 for 1908, 18,775 for 1907 and 12,091 for 1906.

The number bales ginned of the crop of 1909 by states is as follows:

Alabama 513,535; Arkansas 327,645; Florida 34,903; Georgia 1,112,700; Louisiana 144,073; Mississippi 393,414; North Carolina 253,245; Oklahoma 329,709; South Carolina 622,570; Tennessee 101,190; Texas 1,672,812; all other states 19,799.

Badly Hurt in Gin.

Four Oaks, Oct. 28.—Roby Adams was caught in one of the gins belonging to the Adams Co. today. He was cleaning out the gin when his right hand was caught by the saws and the arm drawn into the gin. The arm was broken in two places and torn badly. In some way he threw the belt off but it was twenty minutes after the gin stopped before they could take him out of it. Doctors Dickinson, Hooks and Stanley amputated the arm this afternoon about three inches from the shoulder. He is seventeen years old and a son of Mrs. Sophia Adams.

STATE NEWS.

Cyrus Parham, of Durham, an old man of about 73, who was soon to have been sent to the County Home, and who was so badly affected with Bright's disease that the physicians said he could not live more than thirty days longer, was killed by a freight train on the Southern main line at that place Friday.

Raymond Ellis, age 20 years, of Wilmington, was fatally injured last Friday while coupling cars of freight train, on which he was flagman.

Walter Stallings, of LaGrange, died Friday of hydrophobia caused from a dog bite last May.

Clingman Bengie, a citizen of Winston-Salem, was found dead in bed last Friday morning. On Thursday he was enjoying his usual good health, but he remarked to his sister that he would die during the night. Little attention was paid to the statement and his death fulfilling his prediction came as a shock.

While hauling rails last week, J. W. Aldridge, a Lenoir county farmer, met a tragic death. His mule ran away with a loaded cart. He was dragged under the wheels and his body was so badly crushed that he died a few hours later.

Charles Finch, a fifteen-year-old boy of Thomasville, fell from a moving train in Greensboro Saturday and was so badly injured that he lived but a short while. He fell while passing from one car to another.

Jones Fuller, of Durham, has resigned as solicitor of the Ninth Judicial district, to locate in Boston as attorney for the United Drug Co.

The North Carolina Synod is in session at Red Springs this week. Rev. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, was chosen Moderator. This is the 96th annual session of the Synod.

Jo. Cotton shot and killed Frank Wilson, at a construction camp of the Southbound railroad, in Forsyth county last week. Both color Cotton has disappeared.

The stewards of three Charlotte clubs—the Business Men's club, the Tar Heel club and the Park Driving club—have been indicted for retailing liquor.

The 5 year-old son of William Fields, who lives near Goldston, Chatham county, was smothered Thursday in a pile of cotton seed. He was playing with other children in the seed pile and later was missed. When found he was covered in the seed pile and was dead.

Indictments were returned Saturday in Onslow county Superior Court against a dozen or more parties charged with violation of the antibucket shop law of North Carolina. The defendants in the bill are charged with being the buyers, sellers and those who "furthered the alleged transactions."

Editor Whichard, of the Greenville Reflector, was assaulted on the streets of Greenville Saturday by J. R. Hutchings. Hutchings had published a statement about the editor which the latter denounced as a falsehood. During the scuffle the editor drew a pistol and fired twice but the balls did not hit Hutchings. A pistol was found on the latter when he was arrested.

SHOT BRIDE AND HIMSELF.

Charles Rhinehart Commits Suicide After Wounding Wife.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 25.—Charles Rhinehart this afternoon, at the North Coal Company's mines, shot and fatally injured his 13-year-old wife. She had started for water, and when only a few yards from the house, he drew a pistol and fired three times, the bullets taking effect in the back. The man then ran about 200 yard from the house, stopping and shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. The girl will die.

Trouble with Rhinehart's mother-in-law is said to have caused the tragedy. The couple had been married about a month.

COTTON MILLS TO SHUT DOWN.

RAW COTTON TOO HIGH FOR PROFIT.

Thousands of Operatives Will be Idle as a Result of Curtailed Production in New England and South Carolina.

Boston, Oct. 25.—The officials of the Arkwright Club reported today that cotton manufacturers in New England, representing several million spindles, have expressed their intention of following the club's suggestions for a curtailment equivalent to 224 hours between November 1 and August next.

While some of the mills may not curtail unless there is general action by a large majority, many other mills will close their factories regardless of what action others may take.

It is said assurances have been received from mills in New York state that they will follow the example of the New England mills.

If the other mills represented in the Arkwright Club join in the movement, between nine and ten million spindles will be affected.

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 25.—It was announced here today that the cotton mills in Greenville, Anderson and Greenwood counties, finding it impossible with the present price of raw cotton to sell their products at a profit, had decided to curtail production by closing down one day in each week, effective immediately. One million spindles and 25,000 looms are represented in the mills included in the agreement. These mills consumed annually 300,000 bales of cotton.

Anderson, S. C., Oct. 25.—Because the price of cotton goods does not correspond with the high price of raw cotton, the cotton mills of Anderson and adjacent counties will operate but five days a week. This action was decided upon today and became immediately effective. Several thousand operatives are affected.

It was not announced how long this curtailment would be in force.

CONFERENCE AT BENSON.

Methodist Laymen to Meet There October 31st.

The Laymen's Conference of the Methodists of this section will be held in the Methodist church at Benson next Sunday, October 31, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, and dinner will be served in the grove just opposite the church. Mr. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, is chairman and Mr. N. E. Edger-ton, of Selma, is secretary. The Elevation choir will furnish good music and a good time is expected. The program is as follows:

Hymn 180. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, by the Elevation choir.

Scripture lesson and prayer. Hymn 653, Morning light is breaking, (Tune, Webb).

Object of the meeting, by the Chairman.

Short Talks: "The Laymen's Relation to His Home Church," Mr. E. S. Yarborough, of Duke.

"The Four Oaks Circuit," Mr. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks.

"Business Methods for Church Finances," Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield.

"The Right Distribution of a Laymen's Time in his Business and Church Duties," Mr. L. H. Allred, of Selma.

Short talks by other Laymen.

The Elevation Choir will render sweet music between talks. The public is cordially invited.

The United States government has filed a suit against the New England Navigation Company for 50 cents.

Attorney General Wickersham declares that the District Jail is a reproach to the nation.

JUDGE PECKHAM DIED SUNDAY.

APPOINTED BY GROVER CLEVELAND IN 1895.

Had Served as Member of Supreme Court of New York. Was an Able Lawyer and a Strong and Fearless Judge.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Rufus W. Peckham, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at 8:15 this evening at "Cool Moore," his summer residence, in the village of Altamont Friday night he had a sinking spell, but rallied Saturday afternoon and it was thought he might survive for a week or two longer, but Saturday night and Sunday he grew weaker.

Angina pectoris is given as the cause of death, though the heart trouble was complicated with Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries. Justice Peckham had been in ill-health for some time, but his condition was not considered serious until recently. His heart action, which became affected after an attack of asthma in Washington, had, however, despite the efforts to stimulate it, steadily failed.

Rufus William Peckham was born in Albany, November 8, 1838. He came of one of the oldest families in the State, and his father, Judge Rufus Wheeler Peckham, was for years one of the most eminent jurists in New York, being at the time of his death, which occurred in the shipwreck of the Ville de Havre, November 20, 1873, Justice of the Court of Appeals.

In 1869 Mr. Peckham was elected District Attorney of Albany, and conducted several notable cases. He represented his Congressional district at the National Democratic Convention of 1876, and was an ardent supporter of Tilden for the Presidency. In 1880-81 Mr. Peckham was Corporation Counsel of Albany, and in 1883 was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York. While holding this position he was elected, in 1886, an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, and while on the Appeals bench he was appointed, in 1895, by President Cleveland one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

On the bench and in public speaking Justice Peckham was noted for the positive character of his opinions, often delivered with such fearlessness as to win him the name of being the most outspoken man on the United States Supreme Court bench. His opinions were considered as among the ablest and clearest coming from the highest court.

Commissioner Narron's Court.

Commissioner John A. Narron had in his court here last Friday Charles Game, of Boon Hill township, whom he bound over to the Federal court for working at a still on Jack Eason's land. On Monday Ward Capps was bound over for operating and for feeding his hogs at the same still. Jack Eason's case was sent forward to the Federal court for aiding and abetting the running of the still on his land.

Robbed at Raleigh Fair.

Mr. Robert I. Lassiter was robbed of seventy dollars by some negroes last week while in Raleigh at the Fair. It is said he took out a roll of money to pay for something and it is supposed that it was seen by the robbers. Just a little later he was passing through a colored car of a train to get to a car where he could get a seat when he was suddenly seized by some negroes who held him until his pockets could be searched and the money taken. They made their escape and no one knows who they were.

GENERAL NEWS.

P. H. McCarren, State Senator and a noted Democratic politician of Brooklyn, N. Y., died Saturday morning of appendicitis. He underwent an operation on the 13th and his condition had been critical since then.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday night three boys, from 8 to 10 years old, were blown to pieces by an explosion of giant powder caps. They had secured the caps and were playing at mining when the explosion occurred.

Nineteen thousand looms and 600,000 spindles in Spartanburg county, S. C., are idle as the result of the decision of the presidents of the cotton mills in that county to curtail the output of their plants. There are also curtailments at various other points.

A dispatch from Hartshorne, Okla., says that ten miners are dead, two injured and one is missing as a result of an explosion in Mine No. 10 of the Rock Island Coal Mining Co. Thursday. Nine bodies were recovered. The men are believed to have gone beyond a "dead line" with lighted lamps in entering the mine, the lamps igniting escaping gas.

A committee of 15 colored men from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, representing the colored citizens of Fairbanks, Alaska, presented former United States Senator Foraker a gold medal in Cincinnati the other day in recognition of his efforts in behalf of the colored soldiers who were dismissed from the United States army for alleged participation in the Brownsville (Texas) riot.

Texas Cotton Crop Short.

Mr. Clarence H. Poe is in receipt of a letter from President D. J. Neal, of the Texas Farmers' Union, declaring that the cotton crop there is the shortest in the history of the State. Letters from other States also indicate a short crop.

President Neal says: "The cotton crop in Texas as it looks now will not exceed one and a half million bales. It is impossible for it to exceed 1,750,000 bales. In many sections of our State the rain was insufficient to bring up the cotton that was planted, and today the fields are just as bare of vegetation as they were the day they were planted. In other sections what little cotton was made has been gathered and the cattle turned into the field. It certainly is the shortest crop in the history of Texas."—News and Observer.

CORN GROWING CONTEST.

Committee Called to Meet At Smithfield November 10.

All the boys in the county who entered the corn growing contest, all the various committeemen who were appointed to measure the corn of said boys, and all those who offered premiums to said boys and all other people who will are hereby asked to meet in the court house in Smithfield on Wednesday, November 10, 1909, at 11 o'clock A. M. The object of the meeting is to decide what three boys have won the premiums, and to award the premiums. Furthermore, we would like to lay out larger plans for next year.

While there is no appropriation to pay the committee for their trouble, their services being given solely for the benefit of the boys, yet we hope they will come promptly. Then in case any controversy should arise as to land, corn, fertilizer, etc., the committee will be here to explain. This meeting, let me emphasize, is very important. Let a large crowd of our farmer friends attend the meeting.

J. P. Canaday.

The funeral of Patrick Henry McCarren, the Democratic leader, was the largest Brooklyn has seen since Henry Ward Beecher died.

JAPANESE PRINCE ASSASSINATED.

GREAT STATESMAN SHOT BY ENRAGED KOREAN.

Japanese Leader was Premier at 44. Was Murdered at Harbin as He Alighted From His Train. Prince Ito was About 70 years Old.

Harbin, Oct. 26.—Harobumi Ito a prince of Japan, but the greatest commoner in the empire, for two years the uncrowned ruler of Korea and who was hoping to build up that country anew, was assassinated by Koreans today just as he alighted from a special train here, having come from Tokio in his capacity as president of the privy council on a mission of peace. Suddenly a half dozen revolver shots were heard, followed by the cries of those standing near the Prince, who had either been wounded or imagined themselves to be.

At the second shot Prince Ito staggered and fell fainting. It was subsequently found that he had received three bullets, two of which entered the abdomen. Prince Ito did not recover consciousness, and died 20 minutes later.

The perpetrator of the outrage was not hard to locate, as he stood defiantly in the crowd, revolver in hand. He proved to be a Korean, and, with two companions of the same nationality, boasted of a conspiracy to take the life of the former resident general of Korea in satisfaction for the alleged tyranny of the Prince over the Koreans.

As the police pounced on the three Koreans the one who did the shooting exclaimed dramatically:

"I came to Harbin for the sole purpose of assassinating Prince Ito to avenge my country."

None of the three Koreans attempted to escape. The assassin, while claiming to have been inspired by a patriotic motive and to believe that Japanese wrongs to Koreans justified his act, admitted under examination that he had a personal grudge against the Japanese statesman, who, while resident general in Korea, had caused the execution of several of the murderer's friends.

Hirbumi Ito, the "Bismark of Japan," four times premier and the head of the elder statesmen who practically decided on war with Russia, was between 68 and 71 years old. Some of his biographers say he was born in 1838, but the Japanese year book places the date at September 2, 1841. He was prominent in the affairs of Japan for many years and concluded the argument with Li Hung Chang after the Chinese-Japanese War. He made several tours of the United States and was LL. D'd by Yale in 1901. He was created a count in 1884, made a marquis in 1895 and a prince in 1906.

In 1885 he succeeded Prince Sanjo, who resigned as premier. He was then 44 years old.

OLD LOVE ROUTS DIVORCE.

Couple Parted Two Years Remarry With Children Witnesses.

Cincinnati, Oct. 21.—Just 30 years ago today Kathrine Martin and August Lux were married in Cincinnati. Two years ago today they were separated, both claiming incompatibility of temperament as the cause, and this evening they were remarried.

Lux is 52, his wife 55. Only the four children of the couple, the oldest being 18, were present when the ceremony was performed at the Lux home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lux asked that no presents be sent them, and that none of the neighbors make any undue celebration.

"We have got over our difference and feel that we can live in harmony together again," said the bride.