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THIRTEEN KILLED BY TRAIN.

Eight Others Badly Hurt When Engine Plows Through Hayrack. Party of 31 Was Returning From Wedding Anniversary Celebration—board Hid Track.

Neenah, Wis., Sept. 24.—Thirteen persons are dead, three others are dying and five are seriously hurt as the result of a fast train on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad early today crashing into a hay wagon on which a party of merry-makers were returning from a wedding anniversary celebration.

A big billboard beside the railroad tracks obscured the view from the locomotive as well as from the wagon. Dust and fog were contributory causes to the tragedy.

Nine members of the party escaped without a scratch. Nobody on the train suffered except from a momentary severe jar.

The collision occurred at 3:40 A. M., at the Commercial street crossing here. Train No. 121, northbound, whirled through the wagon load of singing and happy unfortunates. All but two, who were Chicago men, resided in Menasha.

ARMY FEELS HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The increased cost of food products, such as beef, potatoes and other vegetables, is being felt in the army. Commissary General Sharpe estimates the cost of the army ration for the next fiscal year at 23.36 cents, as against the average cost of 23.35 cents a ration the past year. This estimate is considered conservative in view of the fact that the average cost of rations for the army during last July was 23.40. The total cost of feeding the army last year was \$9,100,000.

HUNTER KILLED BY HIS OWN GUN.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 27.—John Strader, the sixteen-year-old son of H. L. Strader, a well known farmer residing near Rock Hill schoolhouse, Belew's Creek township, accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday afternoon.

The young man was out hunting, and falling to return search was instituted and some of the neighbors found the body lying in the woods back of the house only a few hundred yards away. The gun was lying several yards from him. The load of shot entered his side. Just how the accident occurred will perhaps never be known as the boy was alone when it happened.

FOUR BODIES FOUND IN WRECK OF MAINE.

Havana, Sept. 26.—Four bodies were found to-day in the petty officers' room of the Maine. The workmen also uncovered the four rear boilers, which had not moved from their original positions. The recovery of the bodies, which remain unidentified, was made possible by the building of a temporary bulkhead, which cut off the inflow of mud and water from the after part of the wreck.

The engineers expect to make a rapid search of this part of the Maine, which is less shattered than the forward section. It is believed that many bodies will be found.

THIRTY ELECTION OFFICERS INDICTED.

Baltimore, Sept. 27.—Evidence of wholesale frauds in the counting of Democratic ballots in five precincts in different sections of this city at the recent primary election was discovered by the grand jury today. As a consequence 30 election officials, Democrats and Republicans, are tonight either arrested or evading detectives while trying to arrange for bail before giving themselves up.

Every so-called anti-organization candidate except in a few cases of individuals had been defrauded of votes in every precinct, according to a recount to-day. In one precinct it is asserted that more ballots were found in the box than there are registered voters in the precinct.

Governor Crothers is still undecided whether to call an extra session of the legislature to canvass the city's vote in the primary election as he has been urged to do so by Democratic party leaders.

OFFICIAL CARRIES MAIL IN AIR.

Hitchcock Delivers Sack of Letters From Aeroplane—Enthusiastic About Its Future.

New York, Sept. 26.—Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general of the United States, qualified as an aerial mail carrier on Long Island late today. While a large crowd cheered vociferously the Postmaster general took a seat beside Capt. Paul Beck of the United States army in the latter's aeroplane at the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome, carrying 78 pounds of mail matter. Without the slightest mishap the two made a seven-minute flight to Mineola, where, upon signal, the postmaster general dropped the mail sack to one of Uncle Sam's carriers. When the postmaster general returned to the aerodrome he was again roundly cheered, and the large crowd rushed on the field to greet him.

"The time is certainly coming," he said enthusiastically, "when we must depend on aeroplanes to carry mail. It is not effective yet, but it is being developed, and I think we shall soon find it practical."

Another feature of the day was a flight by Lieut. T. DeWitt Milling, U. S. A., who broke the American record for carrying a passenger. He aloft for 1 hour 51 minutes 42 3-5 seconds.

REMARKABLE CASE OF TWINS.

Seventy-three Hours Difference in Ages of Little Oncs.

Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 26.—Mrs. Grant Devore, of Mooreland, a village near here, has given birth to twins, the babies being born three days apart. One child is exactly 73 hours older than the other. Physicians say the case is almost without parallel in medical history.

HAND CUT OFF AT COTTON GIN.

Statesville, Sept. 27.—While at work in Brown Brothers' cotton gin at Troutmans seven miles south of Statesville, to-day C. C. Brown suffered an accident which cost him his left hand. The hand was caught in the machinery and so badly lacerated that when Mr. Brown was brought to Dr. Long's sanatorium here it was found necessary to amputate between the wrist and elbow. The injury is exceedingly painful, but the patient is getting along as well as could be expected.

GRATIFIED AT ELECTION OF MR. P. D. GOLD.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—The selection of P. D. Gold, Jr., of this city as president of the American Life Convention at Pittsburgh, Saturday is a source of much gratification here. Only 35 years old, a native of Wilson, alumnus of the University of North Carolina, an enthusiastic life insurance man, founder of the Jefferson Standard Company, Raleigh and its first vice-president and general manager, Mr. Gold has a circle of friends throughout the South who hail with peculiar delight this advancement that has come to him, the most signal, probably, that a southerner has ever received in the insurance field.

LARGEST NATIONAL FLAG IN THE WORLD.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 25.—(Special)—What is said to be the largest flag of any nation in the world was unfurled to-day in honor of the first of a series of annual reunions of veteran soldiers of the northern and southern armies of the war of fifty years ago. The flag is thirteen stories high in length and in breadth is stretched far across the street when unfurled from a local skyscraper. The old soldiers will march beneath "Old Glory" Wednesday during the parade when thousands are expected here for the fete days incidental to commemorating the discovery of the Mississippi river here by DeSoto centuries ago. Gov. Hooper and full staff are expected Tuesday morning to open the tristate fair.

Exports from the United States to Canada show a larger growth in the current fiscal year than those to any other of the important countries of the world.

ONE DEAD IN FLYER WRECK.

Four Hurt When Chicago-New York Train Hits Freight.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 24.—Train No. 28, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, known as the 18-hour flyer between Chicago and New York, was in collision 80 minutes after leaving here early this morning, killing one trainman and injuring four others and a passenger, H. D. Faulkner, of Harrison avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

After passing the Pitcan freight yards, where there are cross-over tracks entering the yards, the train was held up by the towerman near Larimer, 20 miles east of here. While the flyer was at a standstill a train of 50 empty freight cars was let in on the same track and crashed into the express head-on.

It is thought that the towerman, anxious over the delay to the flyer, in his hurry threw the wrong levers of the interlocking switch system.

Seven freight cars were derailed, blocking the four tracks for several hours. None of the passenger cars left the track. The flyer was provided with a new locomotive and proceeded east three hours late.

FOSS NOMINATED BY BIG MAJORITY.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 26.—The direct nomination plain had its first trial in Massachusetts to-day. The Democrats nominated Eugene N. Foss for governor by a good majority.

On the Republican side Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Frothingham seems to be the selection.

Thomas L. Hisgen, who ran against Foss for the Democratic nomination received only a nominal vote.

Foss received nearly twice as many votes as all of his opponents Democratic and Republican, and his election is believed to be assured.

Death of a Young Woman.

On Sunday night, Sept. 17, 1911, many hearts were made sad in South Dunn because of life's sun had set forever upon Mrs. Jesse Altman. For only a few days she had suffered the most intense agony. After all efforts of a skilled physician and the tender care of friends and relatives had proved in vain the Master said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," and her spirit took its flight to the world from whence no traveler ever returns.

Mrs. Altman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge. She was born May 23, 1887, making her stay on earth 24 years, 3 months and 24 days.

In February, 1908 she was married to Mr. Altman who survives her, together with two children. She also leaves father, mother, one sister, five brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She joined the Missionary Baptist church at an early age of 15 and lived a life consecrated to God. It can be truly said of her that she was an obedient child, a faithful wife and good mother. Oh! it seems so hard to part with wife and mother. We know that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Yes, it seems very hard, but there is one consolation and hope that we may so live that when we cross death's river "we shall see him face to face" and be with those we love once more.

The remains were laid to rest at the Eldridge graveyard near Glenwood while a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to this gentle woman. A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

A COUSIN.

THREE KILLED AND 26 INJURED.

Crowded Atlanta Street Car Topples Over On To Sidewalk.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Three persons are reported killed and 26 injured tonight when a street car coming into the city ran through a switch and toppled over onto the sidewalk. The car was crowded.

TOULON DEAD PUT AT 235.

Official Report Says 88 Were Hurt And 1 Is Missing. Loss of French Warship One of the Great Disasters In the Modern Navy.

Toulon, France, Sept. 26.—A thin ship's company was drawn up on the deck of the battleship Suffren this morning to answer the roll call of the crew of the ill-fated Liberté, which was destroyed by an explosion and fire 24 hours earlier.

The survivors of the disaster, with the exception of those in the hospital, are temporarily quartered on the sister ship. When the name of an absent one was called some one of his comrades responded "dead," "in the hospital," or "missing."

An official statement places the number of the dead at 235 and of the injured at 88, with 1 man missing. Many bodies were mutilated or burned.

The search of the wreckage of the battleship continued throughout the night with the aid of great torches. Occasionally a launch drew away from the illuminated spot in the harbor, disappearing in the darkness to reappear presently at the pier with its load of wounded for the mortuary.

During the night 50 bodies were recovered and eight wounded men were rescued from that part of the vessel which remained exposed when the hull sank. These men had been pinned in the ruins from 16 to 24 hours. Most of them were insensible from pain and their rescuers lacked the assistance that their cries otherwise would have given in locating their exact position.

Fifty corpses could be seen among the twisted masses of iron and steel, but it was impossible as yet to reach them, owing to the heaped up piles of wreckage over and around the bodies. Some of the bodies were in an upright position, while others were distorted out of all human resemblance.

One man, still alive, was found jammed between the armorplates. His body was blackened from the smoke and his legs were held under a mass of wreckage. A gang of workmen tried hard to release him, but their efforts was unsuccessful. Cocaine was injected to relieve the man's torture.

The man, who was caught under the wreckage of one of the turrets, was able to speak feebly. Provisions were passed through to him while his rescuers worked with feverish energy.

The quartermaster was found dead and his body entirely denuded by the force of the explosion. His body had been blown upward and had lodged on the ladder which leads up the mast.

Many fragments of bodies which will never be identified were brought ashore and were turned over to the naval authorities for burial. One piece of floating wreckage bore a pile of 50 dead bodies. A sailor who was wounded and wedged in the armorplate had to be freed by an oxy-hydric lamp.

Lieutenant Aubert, son of Vice-Admiral Aubert, commander of the fleet, described the admirable discipline on board the Liberté. The Lieutenant, who is serving on another warship, was sent with a party to help extinguish the fire on the Liberté. He found Senior Lieutenant Garnier in command of the imperilled battleship in the absence of Captain Jaures and the second officer in command, both of whom were ashore.

A petty officer approached Lieutenant Garnier and said: "The fire, sir is near the magazine. Isn't there danger of an explosion?" "Attend to your orders," the officer replied. The petty officer saluted and without further question returned to his post.

Lieutenant Garnier perished in the destruction of his ship. Captain Jaures, who was in command of the Liberté, visited the wreck this morning and then spent the rest of the day at the bedside of the wounded sailors. A number of these continue unconscious from a cerebral disturbance due probably to the fumes of burning powder which they inhaled. They may never recover their senses.

The improvement of Jamaica Bay, which is now under way, will add 150 miles of water front to the New York Harbor.

SENTENCED TO ATTEND CHURCH

Intoxicated Man Must Be At Every Service For Six Months.

Eaton, Ohio, Sept. 26.—Just because Cornelius Crowell was found guilty of being intoxicated, he will have to pay up for his infraction by regularly attending every church and prayer-meeting service for the next six months to come.

To satisfy Police Magistrate Kennell that he has attended the religious meetings Crowell will have to produce weekly a statement signed by Rev. M. I. Comfort, pastor of the United Brethren Church, where he has decided he will attend, possibly because of the fact that it is nearest his home.

A fine and costs, totaling \$22.50, will be paid by him at the rate of \$4 a week. Unless the Court's orders are obeyed Crowell will be sent to the workhouse to serve 30 days.

There is very little probability of the latter, however, as Crowell seemed more than willing to comply with the Court's orders and left the courtroom with a smile.

EDUCATIONAL.

Last fall some prizes for betterment work were offered by the following persons: Cotter Hardware Co., a stove valued at \$8; Stevens Furniture & Implement Co., a table valued at \$6; W. L. Woodall, a rug valued at \$4.

Thanks to these gentlemen for their kindness. Owing to the amount of work done around schoolhouses, in the way of cleaning up grounds, painting houses, cleaning windows and floors, in different parts of the county, we can easily see that it was money well spent.

Below is a synopsis of one of the reports sent in by a teacher: "We made all possible efforts toward improving the condition of our house and grounds. We cleaned the entire acre, part of which was a brier patch forty feet square, cleared away about fifty wagon loads of rubbish, removed five large stumps, a number of small trees and younger growth, trimmed up about forty-five trees in the yard, cut down and sawed into fire wood seven large oaks and two poplars, laid off a ball ground, painted the house inside and out and raised \$25 by a box party and contributions. The value in money of the labor spent on the school ground alone is estimated at \$50. The neighbors claim that the school and grounds are improved \$100.

Miss Matoka Pace was principal of this school, District No. 7, O'Neals township. The stove given by Cotter Hardware Co., was awarded to this school.

Miss Pearl Aycock won the table given by Stevens Furniture and Implement Co. This goes to Micro, District No. 9, Beulah township. Miss Patsy Edwards won the rug given by W. L. Woodall; this goes to District No. 3, Smithfield township.

A number of splendid reports came in which showed excellent work done by the teachers and pupils, but we could not give prizes to all. Misses Emma Tomlinson, Fannie Edwards and Mrs. Lillie Johnson all had reports that were under consideration by the committee. These did excellent work in their districts and it will tell in years to come.

We want more prizes next year and more work done. I am sure that every teacher will do his best for the school over which he presides. We want to make every school the best that it is possible to make it, thereby improving the citizenship all over the county.

I have had some inquiry about the new books. Let me advise each teacher to make the changes just as fast as he possibly can. No doubt there will be some confusion for a time, but the sooner over the better. The change will be a very little extra cost of the patron, especially if he exchanges old books. I think the publishers can furnish the arithmetics any time. The dealers in the county can get the geographies in time for the schools if they will place their orders at once.

Let every school in session prepare some work for the County Fair and State Fair. Notice the premiums.

L. T. ROYALL.

England makes a state grant of \$250 per acre to encourage tobacco growing in Ireland.

KILLS SELF IN LODGE ROOM.

T. L. Farrow, Prominent Winston-Salem Man, Ends His Life Before Masonic Altar.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 26.—Lying on his back at the foot of an altar in a lodge room in the Masonic temple, the body of T. L. Farrow, aged 54, with a pistol beside it, was found this afternoon by a negro janitor. On the altar a Bible was opened at the 18th Psalm, the pages being held down by a square and compass. A note was left by the dead man giving instruction for the disposition of his body, and stating that he "did not see any use in trying to fight it out."

It is believed Mr. Farrow killed himself while kneeling at the altar. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity and for many years was city tax collector. Ill health is believed to have led him to seek death.

Mr. Tooma Peacock Dead.

Mr. Tooma Peacock, who was well known in this county, died last Sunday afternoon at his home in North Wilkesboro, N. C. He had been in poor health for several months. The remains reached here Monday night. On Tuesday morning the funeral was preached at Smithfield Primitive Baptist church, by Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, after which the burial took place in Smithfield cemetery. Mr. Peacock was born in Meadow township, this county, in 1842, where he lived on the farm until he came to Smithfield, several years after the Civil War, to engage in business. For many years he conducted business here being a partner of his brother, Mr. G. N. Peacock. In 1890 he married Miss Annie Chestnut, of Sampson County. Since then he lived in Washington, D. C., for eight years. He had been where he died two years. He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for more than twenty years. He had many friends in this county who will regret to hear of his death.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore and Mrs. John Morgan, and Miss Ora Poole, of Benson; Mrs. Sarah Woodall and Mrs. D. L. Godwin, of Kenly; Mrs. E. J. Barnes, of Wilson; Mr. J. W. Poole, Miss Rebecca Poole and Mrs. Julius Lee, of near Four Oaks.

Educational Premium List.

The North Carolina Agricultural Society has issued a supplementary premium list, offering the following premiums to pupils in the schools of North Carolina:

- L22. Map of the United States \$2.00.
- L23. Map of North Carolina, 2.00.
- L24. County map (pupil to exhibit map of county in which he lives) 1.00.
- L25. Ornamental penmanship, composed of writings and drawings 1.00.
- L26. Plain penmanship, composed of at least two pages copied matter from standard author, by pupil under fifteen years, 1.00.
- L27. Essay on some subject from North Carolina History, 3.00.
- L28. Essay on "The Agricultural Products of My Country," 3.00.
- L29. Composition based upon study of volume in library of public school in the country, by pupil of said school, 1.00.
- L30. Composition based upon study of volume in library of public school in village or graded school in town, by pupil, 1.00.
- L31. Specimen of free-hand drawing, 1.00.
- L32. Specimen of perspective drawing, 1.00.
- L33. Specimen of mechanical drawing, 1.00.
- L34. Specimen of relief Map or globe work, 1.00.
- L35. Specimen home made apparatus for teaching mathematics or the sciences, 1.00.

Note—Exhibits by individual pupils competing may be included in the general exhibits from the schools.

The leather factories of England have a gross annual output of \$35,000,000.

Nearly one-fifth of the deaths in England occur in public institutions.