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EXPLOSION IN WALL STREET LAST THURSDAY

Caused Death of Thirty-four People And One Hundred and Twenty-Five Others Seriously Injured

Last Thursday a moment after noon an explosion occurred in the heart of New York's financial center—corner of Wall and Broad Streets—which caused the death of 34 people and inflicted fearful injuries upon 125 others.

The explosion took place just in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., and close to the United States sub-treasury building. All structures in the vicinity were damaged, and the property loss is conservatively estimated at two and a half million dollars. Besides this three hundred thousand dollars worth of securities were lost in the hands of messenger boys, who were carrying them to and fro between the discreet business offices when the blast took place. Some of these boys were killed, and others were panic-stricken, and threw the valuable papers away. Half of these securities have been found.

The general opinion is that it was the work of extreme radicals. Some few people believe it might have been due to an accident, but the police do not share this view. William J. Burns stated that a month ago, a general alarm was sent all over the eastern part of the United States warning the authorities, that just such an outrage was planned. The police departments have taken all possible precautions, but to no avail. There are two theories of the method of the crime. One is that a bomb was thrown from a rapidly moving automobile, and that the drivers of the car got away before it exploded. The other theory, and the one which the police think the more probably, is that a dilapidated red wagon, with a bony horse hitched to it, and loaded with TNT, one of the most deadly explosives known to science, was driven up to the Morgan office, and left standing. They think a time fuse was attached, and when the fatal moment arrived, it went off, blowing the wagon to bits and carrying death and destruction to the surroundings.

The police hope to learn the perpetrators of the deed through this queer clew. The poor old nag which drew the wagon was blown to pieces, but they found its shoes, and feel sure they can identify the horse, through the blacksmith who shod him.

Some time ago the French High Commission, which occupies quarters near the scene of the greatest disaster, received a letter warning the members that a catastrophe was to take place. The Commissioners did not think much of the warning, and threw the letter into the waste basket. Luckily they have found the scraps and have pieced them together, and this letter may be a valuable clew.

The police suspect a prominent Red who was in Wall Street just before the explosion. He does not live in New York, and his presence there at this time, is a coincidence which they consider significant. They do not give his name.

The authorities of New York city are exerting every effort to clear up the mystery, and to identify the criminals, but the daily papers do not give much assurance of probable success.

Bad Automobile Collision.

Sunday night about half way between Goldsboro and Princeton a bad automobile collision occurred. The accident took place about nine-thirty o'clock on a slight curve in the road.

One of the cars was a seven-passenger Buick, license number 108,801, which was going toward Goldsboro. The other was a five passenger Columbia, Six, carrying a 1919 license number 62,294. This number had been painted the same color as the 1920-21 numbers and made to appear as if it were a new license tag.

Both cars were completely wrecked which indicated that at least one of them was going at a high speed when the crash came. One lady received a fractured skull, a baby was seriously, if not fatally injured, and the other occupants of the cars were more or less hurt. An ambulance was called from Goldsboro and carried the injured to that city where they were placed in a hospital.

The names of the parties could not be learned.

So far Buncombe county leads all counties in the state, in increase of population since 1910. Buncombe's gain is nearly 15,000.

CURRENT EVENTS AS GLEANED FROM DAILIES

The Most Important Happenings of The Day Condensed to Shortest Possible Space.

The Lord Mayor of Cork was alive at last accounts, but was still insisting that he will starve himself to death unless England releases him from prison. There are fourteen other "Hunger Strikers" in jail with him. Prime Minister Lloyd-George made a statement to the British cabinet, saying that England cannot govern Ireland, if he yields to sentiment and releases the strikers. He said that they were the instigators of disorders, which resulted in the death of 80 policemen, who were trying to keep peace in Ireland. They are not under sentence of death, and he said that if they preferred to starve themselves to death rather than serve a prison sentence, the English government would not interfere. He stated further, that all the disorder in Ireland, is caused by only a small part of the population—that 80 per cent of the Irish people were law abiding citizens of the British Empire.

A movement is on foot in Washington to prevail upon the Federal Reserve Board to authorize credits to the farmers of the South, for the movement of their crops, to the amount of two and one half billion dollars. Senators Simmons and Overman are doing all in their power to relieve the situation confronting the farmers of North Carolina.

One of the victims of the bomb accident in New York Thursday, was Worth Bagley Ellsworth, of Washington, whose parents were formerly from Henderson, N. C. Young Ellsworth who was to have entered college in a few days, was on his way home from a vacation at Saranac Lake, N. Y., stopped over an hour or two to see the sights in New York. He was in front of J. P. Morgan's office when the explosion took place. He died a short while later.

Greensboro is to have an amusement board of eleven members, who are to pass on all moving pictures and other amusements which come to that town.

Senators Overman and Simmons recommend Stonewall Durham of Gastonia for District Attorney of the Western District of North Carolina to succeed W. C. Hammer.

The state entomologist has decided that the bugs found in cotton fields in Robeson county are Nut Weevils and not Boll Weevils.

The women of Wilmington have arranged to study citizenship with a view to registering and voting.

People have long since ceased to think much about the Austrian Archduke and his wife, whose murder at Sarajevo in June 1914 was the excuse the Junkers made for bringing on the war. So many million young lives have been sacrificed since, that the murder of two middle-aged persons by comparison has lost significance.

Former Secretary W. G. McAdoo addressed a crowd of 10,000 at the New Bern Fair. He was introduced by Senator Simmons, who referred to him as the greatest public servant who has had the office of Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton. Senator Simmons alluded to the action of Mr. McAdoo in coming to the rescue of the farmers four years ago, and declared that but for the genius of Mr. McAdoo the United States could not have raised the gigantic funds under the Liberty Loans, which were necessary to carry on the war. The crowd which heard the former Secretary was the largest ever assembled at any New Bern Fair, and the speech was received with enthusiasm.

The striking switchmen in Chicago have voted to return to their former positions.

The state Board of Health expects to banish typhoid fever from North Carolina in a few more years. An encouraging rate of decrease is given out in a bulletin just issued. Five years ago there were more than 7,000 cases of this dread disease in this state, while in 1920, at the close of the summer months, during which almost all cases of typhoid fever occur, only 984 cases have been reported. The board thinks the number would have been materially less, but for the fact, that a quarter of a million people in the state are still more or less debilitated by the effects of influenza, and this weakness makes them more susceptible to typhoid fever.

TRIP UP COLUMBIA HIGHWAY WAS MAGNIFICENT

Dr. Noble Relates Many Interesting Facts and Scenes on His Great Western Shrine Trip.

(By Dr. R. J. Noble)
ARTICLE IX.

Mrs. Noble says I got the big flowers mixed in my last notes. That the roses were eight inches in diameter and the Peonies were almost twice as large, and I remember now that I measured from the stem of the Peonies seven and a half inches which when you double that will make fifteen inches. Big enough for anything.

The electrical display was beautiful. I had no idea that electric bulbs could be so colored and placed as to make such a sight, but they could and it is impossible for me to try to tell how they were arranged. The trip up the Columbia highway was one never to be forgotten. The highway kept as close to the river as it could, sometimes we were way above the river, then only a few feet above. It took a good auto to go up some of the hills. Then too we went through several tunnels. There was one tunnel about six hundred feet long that had four openings on the river side to it. Will try to describe it. The rock on the outside was not smooth like one of our hills but was as if several large rocks were piled against each other. Then as the tunnel went through there would be light at the edges of the big rock. Now this tunnel was some three hundred feet above the river and the floor of the tunnel was of solid rock or masonry, for if the rocks were not close enough to make the road bed without filling in, then concrete was used. In going to the Vista House the rise was almost continuous till at the house we were eight hundred and fifty feet above the river. The house was built for the comfort of tourists, and every car stopped. After enjoying the scenery from the Vista House we went on up the river, passing the many beautiful water-falls. We reached the Bonneville Fish Hatchery, for hatching Salmon. I think we could have spent a whole day investigating for it was interesting and fascinating. This Salmon fish hatchery is the largest in the world. When we arrived the keeper was counting the young fry as the little fish are called. They were from one inch to an inch and a half long, and as we heard long ago "all coons look alike to me." These fry were in small wire boxes in a trough about three feet wide and sixteen feet long. The mesh being so small that the fry could not get through, but the clear water from the snow capped mountains could pass freely, never getting but so much. As they grow they are moved from one box to another with small wire dip-pers. I suppose they might be called seines. When counting the fry the fellow paid no attention to anything said to him. One Shriner said, "Don't talk to him he is a dummy." Then we saw a faint smile pass over his face, and we knew he was busy; and waited for him to speak which he did in a few minutes. Then he was just as clever as he could be and gave us a great deal of information about the fry. He went into the fish hatchery business fully and freely. Said the reason he did not answer our questions was that he was counting the fry. He would take up the fry in the dipper, count them and put them into another box. He told us that they marked the fish and kept a strict account of the mark and number of fish with that mark. Then the fish were turned into the various mountain streams. After three years the fish began to come back and whenever a fish was caught marked they could turn to the book of marks and tell when the fish was turned loose and how old it was. The fish were marked in various ways, following the law of nature, that a part of any living creature cut off will not grow again. Now our cows, pigs and sheep are marked on the ear, but the fish were marked by having their fins cut off. One year they would have the right under forward fin cut off; the next year the other fin. Then the right under rear-fin and so on. Then sometime they would cut off a few, two or three of the bones of the fin on the back. It was very interesting to us, and he was so nice. He did not seem to tire of telling what he knew to us who were so ignorant of the ways of the fish. This hatchery was a very pretty place, nicely laid out walks over which bridges to

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A JOHNSTON COUNTY FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

Despondent Over The Low Prices of Tobacco, Mr. Joe Brannan Takes His Own Life.

Coroner James H. Kirkman was called upon Sunday to hold an inquest over the body of Mr. Joe Brannan, who lived in the northern part of the county. The following jurors were empaneled: W. B. Long, J. E. B. Hottel, Bill Glover, C. W. Allen, Will O'Neal, S. B. Strickland. These gentlemen rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by his own hand.

The following account taken from Monday's News and Observer will be of pathetic interest to our readers:

Despondent over the collapse of the tobacco market, and with personal differences with a man with whom he had worked his crop over the matter of placing it on the market, Joe Brannan, a farmer living in Johnston county near Wendell, took his own life sometime between Friday at midday and yesterday afternoon, according to information reaching the city last night.

The body was found in the tobacco barn where he had cured the crop of tobacco over which he was worrying. There was a bullet hole in the right side of his head, just behind the ear. In his hand was grasped a pistol, with one chamber empty. The pistol is said to have belonged to him, and it was in his pocket Friday afternoon when he was last seen.

On Friday, according to the story, Brannan threatened to burn up the tobacco which was stored in a pack house, and then take his own life. So fixed was his determination to destroy both himself and the tobacco that he made preparation to fire the pack house. He had placed kindling under it and was preparing to light the fire when his wife threw herself in the door and declared that if he burned the house, he would burn her with it.

He went away and was not seen any more until his body was found yesterday afternoon. Search was made for him Friday night and again yesterday. The searching party looked in the tobacco barn on both occasions, but did not find him there. Going back a third time yesterday afternoon, he was found lying on the dirt floor dead. Apparently he had been dead for some time. He was wearing his shoes Friday when last seen, but when the body was found, the shoes were missing.

Surviving are Brannan's second wife and four children. He was 42 years old, and was well known in the community. He tended the crop of tobacco this year on shares with the owner of the land, Ivan Narron. It is understood that Brannan wanted to sell the tobacco for any price and give up the hope of any improvement in the market. Narron wanted to hold the tobacco, and the difference of opinion led to some personal differences between the men, it is said.

An Automobile Collision.

Last Sunday Messrs. H. A. Stancil and J. H. Cockrell and their wives of Oneals township took Mrs. Jesse Hales to Raleigh to see her husband. Coming back that night between Smithfield and Clayton on the road where Mr. J. R. Coats lives, Mr. Stancil's Ford car was struck by a large car. One wheel was badly broken and the windshield was shattered. Mrs. Stancil and Mrs. Cockrell and Mrs. Hales were hurt but not seriously. Mrs. Hales was thrown out of the car.

Two Old Mules.

Editor Smithfield Herald:
About one year ago I noticed several old mules written up in your paper. I will say our old friend J. H. Stanly of Ingrams township who died about four years ago, bought a mule in Smithfield in January, 1894. The mule was then five years old. The mule is living yet and doing light work. The mule has been on the same farm since bought in 1894. When uncle Haywood died his youngest son, Charles, took charge of the mule and Diner, as she is called, is there dragging around yet.

Mr. W. D. Lee of the same county and same township, bought a mule the same spring and his mule is on the same farm and has made a crop every year since 1894. Mr. Lee's mule was five years old when bought.—L. M. Hockaday, Four Oaks.

TURLINGTON GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY 1920

Names of Teachers, Their Home Address and Short Sketch of Their Educational History.

Primary Department

Miss Irene Myatt, Smithfield, N. C.—Student, North Carolina College for Women, 1913-1914; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1914 and 1916; Teacher, Smithfield Graded School, 1914.

Miss Lina Woodard, Statesville, N. C.—Student, Mitchell College, 1912-1914; Student, Meredith College, 1916-1917; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1919; Student, Columbia University Summer School, 1920; Teacher at Cana, 1915-1916, at Advance 1917-1919, at Thomasville 1919-1920, and Smithfield 1920.

Miss Luna Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.—Student, East Carolina Teachers' Training School, 1916-1917; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1920; Teacher, Public Schools of Wayne County, 1917-1918; Smithfield Graded Schools, 1918.

Miss Esther Dingelhoff, Lenoir, N. C.—Student, North Carolina College for Women, 1915-16; Student, Lenoir College, 1917-18; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1919; Teacher, Lenoir Graded School, 1918-19; Teacher, Smithfield Graded School, 1919.

Miss Elsie Sparger, Mt. Airy, N. C.—B. E., North Carolina College for Women, 1917; Student, Summer School, North Carolina College for Women, 1919; Teacher, Mt. Airy Graded Schools, 1917-20; Teacher, Smithfield Graded Schools, 1920.

Miss Janie Lyerly, Hickory, N. C.—Student, Flora Macdonald College, 1913-16; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1919; Teacher Grandview School 1916-17; Hickory Graded School, 1917-19, and Smithfield Graded School 1919.

Miss Eula Parrish, Smithfield, N. C.—B. E., North Carolina College for Women, 1917; Teacher Gastonia Graded Schools, 1917-19, and Smithfield Graded School, 1919.

Miss Madge Kennette, Chapel Hill, N. C.—B. E., North Carolina College for Women, 1917; Student, Columbia University Summer School 1920; Assistant Supervisor of Primary Department of the Practice School at North Carolina College for Women, 1917-18; Teacher, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1919; Principal, Primary Department, Smithfield Graded Schools, 1918.

Ivanhoe School

Miss Elva Anne Timberlake, Timberlake, N. C.—Student, Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, 1918; Student, University of Virginia Summer School 1919, and University of North Carolina Summer School 1920; Teacher, Hurdle Mills, 1919-20, and Smithfield 1920.

Grammar Grade Department

Miss Sarah Miller, Mocksville, N. C.—Student, Flora Macdonald College 1908-1911; Student, Davidson College Summer School 1911 and University of North Carolina Summer School 1919; Teacher, Public Schools of Davie County, 1911-13, Bessemer City Graded School, 1913-15; Concord Graded Schools, 1915-19, Smithfield Graded School, 1919.

Miss Emma Wellons, Smithfield, N. C.—Student, North Carolina College for Women, 1914-15; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1916 and 1920; Teacher, Meadow School 1915-16, Woodrow School 1916-17, and Smithfield Graded School 1917.

Miss Laura Holt, Bahama, N. C.—B. E., North Carolina College for Women 1917, Teacher North Carolina College for Women Summer School, 1917; Teacher, Burlington Graded School, 1917-19; Winston-Salem Graded Schools, 1918-20, Smithfield Graded School, 1920.

Miss Nettie Smoak, Wilkesboro, N. C.—Student, North Carolina College for Women, 1910-12; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1919 and 1920; Teacher, Graded Schools, Granite Falls, 1912-15, Grifton Graded School, 1915-16, Granite Falls Graded Schools, 1916-17, Mt. Airy Graded School, 1917-18, Wilkesboro Graded School 1918-1920, Smithfield Graded School, 1920.

Junior High School

Miss Ruth Coble, Guilford College, N. C.—A. B. Guilford College, 1917; A. M., Haverford College, 1920; Teacher, Guilford College High School, 1917-18; Jamestown High School, 1918-19, Smithfield High

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

In Honor of Mr. T. J. Lassiter Who Was Secretary and Treasurer Of the Board.

The Board of Trustees of the Smithfield Graded Schools, adopted the following resolutions at its meeting, Tuesday night, September 14th:

WHEREAS God has taken T. J. Lassiter from us and whereas he was for a quarter of a century a member of this community and has always been a constructive leader in every movement for its uplift and betterment, and

WHEREAS for a number of years he has labored lovingly and loyally as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Turlington Graded School for better school facilities, for the children of the community and for the cause of education throughout the county,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this school board in session assembled make known its heart-felt grief at his untimely death which has taken from this board one of its most interested and faithful members and from the community one of its finest and most constructive citizens,

And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the papers, and be written into the record of this meeting.

F. H. BROOKS |
L. D. WHARTON | Board of
JAS. H. ABELL | Trustees
Jas. A. WELLONS |
Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 14, 1920

Death of Mr. Jack Deans.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Jack R. Deans which occurred at his home about three miles north of Princeton on Wednesday, September 15th. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He was buried Thursday at the cemetery on the hill near the old Deans mill place. The funeral was preached by Elder Collier of Micro.

School, 1920.

Miss Maude E. Lassiter, Mechanic, N. C.—A. B., Guilford College, 1917; A. M., Haverford College, 1920; Teacher, Bethany High School, 1917-18; Principal, Highfalls School, 1918-19; Teacher, Smithfield High School 1920.

Miss Ruth White, Stovall, N. C.—A. B., North Carolina College, 1918; Assistant Principal, Pikeville High School, 1918-19; Teacher, Sanford High School, 1919-20, and Smithfield High School 1920.

Senior High School.

Miss Ora Cansler, Newton, N. C.—A. B., North Carolina College for Women, 1918; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School 1920; Teacher, Public Schools Catawba County, 1911-13; Teacher, Smithfield High School 1918.

Miss Laura Weddell, Tarboro, N. C.—A. B. Brenau College, Georgia, 1913; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, 1914 and 1917; Teacher, Dixie High School, 1913-14; Teacher, Walnut Cove High School, 1914-16, Derby Memorial School, 1916-18, Smithfield High School, 1918-19, ibid., 1920.

Mr. G. T. Whitley, Smithfield, N. C.—A. B. University of North Carolina, 1908; A. M., ibid., 1909; Instructor and Graduate Student, ibid., 1909-10; Student, University of North Carolina Summer School, five sessions; Instructor, ibid., four sessions; Student, Columbia University Summer School, five sessions; Superintendent, Clayton Graded School, 1910-14; Superintendent, Nashville Graded School, 1914-15; Principal, Smithfield Graded Schools, 1915-20; teacher, ibid., 1920.

Mr. Thomas H. Franks, Smithfield, N. C.—A. B. Elon College, 1908; Student, University of Michigan Summer School, 1913; University of Virginia Summer School, 1918; Principal, Southport High School 1909-10; Principal, Waynesville High School, 1910-12; Teacher, Asheville High School, 1912-18; Superintendent, Biltmore Graded School, 1918-20; Principal, Smithfield Graded Schools, 1920.

Music

Miss Sarah Eliza Kennedy, Ridgeway, S. C.—B. M., Chicora College, 1917; Teacher of Music, Ridgeway Public Schools, 1917-18; Teacher of Music, Smithfield Graded School, 1918.