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107 ARE DEAD IN RUINED THEATRE

More Than One Hundred Others Known to Have Been Injured

An accident which took a toll of one hundred seven dead and more than another hundred wounded, occurred in Washington, D. C., Saturday night when the entire roof of the Knickerbocker Motion picture theater fell in, pinning the occupants of the theatre beneath a mass of debris. The spectators were enjoying the film comedy, "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" when the crash came without any warning whatever. The weight of the snow is said to have caused the roof to collapse. Owing to the severe storm only a comparatively small crowd was in the theatre. The capacity was 2,000 persons but only a few hundred were there when the accident occurred.

The fire alarm was sounded, and firemen braved the heaping snowdrifts in answer to the call. Relatives of those in the theatre rushed to the scene. Police patrols hurried to be of assistance. Wild confusion reigned for a time, but soon the work of rescue began carefully and cautiously. Nearby stores were converted into rescue stations. Army ambulances from Walter Reed hospital were on the scene with sacks full of bandages, and doctors from everywhere attended the injured. All through the night the work of rescue went on. Housewives made pots of coffee for the workers as the night went on. With dawn the work became easier, but less than half the total had been rescued when daylight came.

Most of the dead and injured were residents of Washington, or those who had recently gone there. There was the name of one North Carolinian in the list of dead, Miss Nannie Lee Lambert, formerly of Asheboro. The list of injured stood at 134, with 14 listed as "seriously injured."

In regard to the cause of the disaster, Senator Capper, of Kansas, member of the Senate District of Columbia committee, has announced that he expects to introduce a resolution calling for an investigation of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster, and also of all large building construction in Washington since the beginning of the war. He fears that during the rush of construction following the increase of the city population during the war, the building code of the District of Columbia was violated.

B. O. TOWNSEND IS HARNETT'S CHOICE

For State Director of Cooperative Cotton Marketing, B. O. Townsend, of Dunn.

That is the way Harnett county's ticket will read when the ballots are gathered and sent in after the voting this week.

At Raleigh last Wednesday when the district convention was held Mr. Townsend and C. P. Harris of Franklin county were named as nominees for director from the Sixth district. The meeting was enthusiastically attended by Harnett's eleven delegates with several extra volunteers also on hand. Mr. H. T. Spears, of Lillington led the fight as chairman of the delegation for the naming of the Harnett man.

The state will have eleven directors, ten to be elected from the ten districts and one to be named by the governor. Upon these directors a great responsibility rests and therefore it is incumbent upon the cotton growers to name good men.

Harnett farmers feel reasonably certain that Mr. Townsend will be the man to represent them.—Harnett County News.

WOULD CHANGE NAME OF WATERLOO TO "FOCHLOO"

Waterloo, Belgium, Jan. 28.—One of the new names suggested for this town is "Fochloo," after the Field Marshal Foch. The desire to change the name is due to an effort to avoid recalling "the humiliation of an Allied and friendly power"—the defeat of Napoleon.

A petition is now being circulated among the residents of Waterloo asking Parliament to pass a bill abandoning the old name. Several new names beside that of "Fochloo" have been suggested.

NORTH CAROLINA LADY WAS IN LIST OF DEAD

Newspaper Correspondent Pictures Scene of Theatre Disaster in Washington

The following extract from a letter of January 29th of Theodore Tiller, Washington correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, pictures the awful scene of the Knickerbocker Theatre tragedy, giving facts about Miss Lambert, the victim from North Carolina.

"A North Carolina girl, who intended to leave the government service and return home, was one of the hundred or more victims of the Knickerbocker theatre catastrophe of last night. Late today, under the debris in the theater, whose roof caved in because of its deep covering of snow the body of Miss Nannie Lambert, of Asheboro, was found.

Miss Lambert for the past 5 years had been a government clerk in Washington. She intended resigning her position in a few weeks. Before coming to Washington, she was employed in the law and newspaper office of William C. Hammer, now a member of Congress. She was a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, made an unusually creditable rating in her examination for a government position, and was regarded as one of the brightest graduates of the state college.

This writer will tell below what he saw late last night and today at the Knickerbocker theater. The death of this North Carolinian but emphasizes how widespread is the mourning in which Washington came today, for men and women from all parts of the country were in that unfortunate lot that went to the Knickerbocker last evening.

Representative Hammer said tonight that the body of Miss Lambert could not reach her home for two or three days. All Washington undertakers are so hard pressed by the theater tragedy that bodies cannot be prepared earlier.

Tonight they were still digging through the ruins of the Knickerbocker theater but at a late hour the only North Carolina who seems to have been killed is Miss Lambert.

"Miss Lambert," said Representative Hammer tonight, "was one of the finest girls North Carolina ever produced. Before she came here she was in my office for quite a time; she worked there a part of her vacation periods, while attending college at Greensboro and greatly aided me in publishing my newspaper. She was a cousin of H. M. Robins, who is known throughout North Carolina, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lambert, of Asheboro, whom I advised today of her untimely end. Her mother was the sister of the late Montague Robins, known as one of the great lawyers of our state."

Miss Lambert went to the Knickerbocker last night with Archie B. Bell, who boarded at the same address as that of the North Carolina girl. Both she and Mr. Bell were on the list of the dead today. There was another young man in the party whose fate so far is unknown.

And now one comes to the general tragedy of this calamity which has stunned all Washington and the country."

DAILY NEWSPAPER FOR BURLINGTON PLANNED

Burlington, Jan. 28.—Burlington will have a daily newspaper after March 1. "The Burlington News," a semi-weekly newspaper, published here, will make the venture and launch the new daily newspaper. Plans for the publication of the daily are nearly completed, which provides for an afternoon paper the name of which will be "The Burlington Daily News." The announcement of the plans for the daily newspaper has caused much interest and favorable comment by leading citizens of the city and county and the enterprise will mean a greater development of the commercial life of the city.—Greensboro Daily News.

Profanity Is Disgusting.
Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is richer, happier, or wiser for it. It recommends no one to society; it is disgusting to refined people and abominable to the good.—The Uplift.

BRITISH EXPLORER DIES ON VOYAGE

Sir Ernest Shackleton Died Jan. 5 While Exploring Antarctic Seas

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 29.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer, died January 5 on board the steamship, Quest, which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic regions. Death was due to agonia pectoris and occurred when the Quest was off the Gritvicken Station.

The body was brought to Montevideo on board a Norwegian steamer and will be taken by another steamer to Europe.

Captain L. Hussey, of the Quest, will accompany the body home. Professor Gruvel and the other members of the explorers' party will continue the expedition.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874. He was a third lieutenant in the British National Antarctic Expedition in 1901 and in 1907-09 commanded an expedition which got to within 97 miles of the South Pole. He made his third quest of the Pole in 1914.

The expedition in which he was engaged when he died was to have covered 30,000 miles of uncharted sections of the South Atlantic, the Pacific and the Antarctic seas.

On board the Quest, a little 200-ton ship, Sir Ernest set sail from England last September on what was to have been a two-year voyage. Large crowds gathered on the docks in London to wish the party a successful voyage.

The voyage had as its objective not only oceanographic research, but the exploration of a petrified forest and the location of a "lost" island—Tuanki—the adjacent waters of which had not been sailed for more than 90 years. In addition soundings were to have been taken of the ocean plateau surrounding Gough's Island, in an effort to determine the truth regarding a supposed underwater continental connection between Africa and America.

Sir Ernest for his distinguished services was made a Knight in 1909. Various societies throughout the world honored him for his work.—Associated Press.

TRAIN CRASHES INTO A MOUNTAIN OF DIRT

Nineteen Persons Slightly Hurt In Wreck On Southern Near Asheville.

Asheville, Jan. 28.—Eighteen passengers and Conductor Jas. Richard were slightly injured today when Southern Railway passenger train No. 20 crashed into a mountain of dirt and rock which fell on to the track a short distance west of Nolan.

Engineer F. W. Poindexter, driving the engine around a sharp curve, saw the slide coming and throwing on the emergency brake, he and Fireman Frank Pennington jumped to safety just before the pilot of the engine jammed into hundreds of tons of dirt that came crashing down the mountain side, covering the railroad track and the public highway for a considerable distance.

Loyal to Dad.

Little John was sent alone to the barbershop for a hair cut. The barber, in his joking way, inquired what kind of a haircut he wished and then pointed to a man in the chair. "Do you want one like this man is getting?" "No, sir," the little fellow returned after he had looked at the man. "If you have to cut it like somebody's, just cut it like my dad's, with a hole in the middle.—Indianapolis News.

Three Fires in Wilmington.

Three fires entailing a loss of over \$250,000 have occurred in Wilmington within two weeks. The origin of the fires is unknown, and the fact seven of the thirteen emergency fire hose lines had been mysteriously cut previous to the fire which occurred Thursday night has aroused the suspicion of Wilmington people. Some attach little importance to the circumstance, but at any rate matter has been reported to Washington.

STORM GENERAL IN EASTERN STATES

This City Not as Heavily Hit As Other Sections; Traffic Is Impeded

The snow which began falling here last Thursday seemed to be quite general over Virginia, North and South Carolina. The immediate vicinity of this city has not suffered from the storm as reports show other sections to have suffered. The electric current was off all Saturday afternoon and until about 8:30 o'clock that evening. Some telephone wires were torn down but the handicap has not proved serious.

Business was at a standstill because of the difficulty of travel, but work done on the highways in removing the snow and ice will soon remedy that, it is hoped.

The storm which affected such a wide area is said to be the worst since 1899. In Lynchburg, Va., the snow reached a depth of 16.4 inches, the greatest on record according to the weather bureau, while in South Boston, Va., the snow was 24 inches deep. Although North Carolina was well covered with snow, it was worse in some sections than in others. Hamlet was almost entirely cut off from communication with any other town, and street cars were put out of commission in Winston-Salem. In Oxford where the snow was 24 inches deep, the schools were closed and traffic stopped.

The following dispatches to various daily papers of the state give an idea of how certain sections were affected.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Buried under from one to more than two feet of snow by one of the most severe storms in several decades, the Middle Atlantic section of the country spent Sunday in valiant, but mostly vain efforts to resume the activities suspended Friday night when the storm swept up from the South.

The storm described by the weather bureau as the worst in twenty-three years, had its center tonight slightly north and east of Cape Cod, and was moving slowly over the ocean, but in its wake from North Carolina to southern New England and from the coast to the Alleghany Mountains all was buried under a snow blanket.

The coastal region had added to the factor of snow, strong gales, which crippled shipping. The Hampton Roads district experienced heavy seas along its water fronts, a forty-two mile gale and a dense mist of snow and sleet keeping the area within the Virginia Capes closed to maritime traffic and making navigation extremely perilous to the few vessels moving.

Reports to the weather bureau tonight indicated that gales, which were strong from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras during the day, would diminish before the end of the night as the storm center passed out over the sea. The forecast was for cloudy and unsettled weather over the Middle Atlantic region tomorrow and Tuesday with no severely cold weather.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 27.—One death, one prostration, two missing, four accidents and general paralysis of trolley and automobile transportation is the toll tonight of the worst snow storm in almost a quarter of a century in this city.

John R. Ellerson, a real estate dealer is dead, and G. S. Justice, a lawyer was overcome as a result of the storm, which assumed almost a blizzard proportions. Two girls, inmates of the memorial home for girls at Highland Park, a suburb of the city, are missing and late tonight had been unaccounted for.

Several persons were hurt, several seriously in a series of accidents attributed to the blinding storm and scores of automobiles are stranded in various sections of the city, according to police, their drivers being unable to move them.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight snow had fallen to the depth of almost ten inches, and at this hour, there has been no abatement in the fall, which has continued uninterruptedly since about 7 o'clock this morning.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 27.—Eighteen inches of snow had fallen here by 10 o'clock tonight and the flakes were still descending. All street car

TOBACCO CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Delegates to Convention In Raleigh Feb. 7 Elected, Who Will Choose Directors.

At a meeting of the tobacco cooperative marketing association held yesterday delegates to the convention to be held in Raleigh on February 7 were elected. These delegates will, on that day at a meeting held at the court house in Raleigh, elect a director for the counties of Johnston and Wake. The following men will represent Johnston county at this meeting: Messrs D. T. Creech, Princeton, R. F. D.; Zero Parker, Benson, J. P. Parker Smithfield, R. F. D. No. 1; T. S. Ragsdale, A. M. Johnson and J. W. Stephenson.

Despite the weather conditions, a goodly crowd of farmers was in town to attend the meeting.

Saw Two Feet of Snow.

Last week Mr. T. S. Ragsdale took a trip to the western part of Virginia to visit one of his sons in school there who was sick. Returning he reached Richmond Friday and to save time as he thought, decided to come by way of the Seaboard railroad to Raleigh and thence on the Southern to get to Selma. At Norlina his train took a siding and an extra engine had to be used to get it back on the main line track. At Henderson four engines were required to bring the train through the great snow which had fallen in that section. There the snow was two feet or more deep. Mr. Ragsdale arrived home Saturday morning instead of Friday night as he had expected.

Meeting of Farm Dem. Agents.

Mr. S. J. Kirby spent most of last week in Raleigh attending a convention of farm demonstration agents. The convention began Tuesday morning and continued until noon Saturday. Nearly all the agents in the cotton belt portion of the State were in attendance. Mr. Kirby informs us that all of the counties in the cotton growing portion of the State have demonstration agents except Hertford and Harnett counties.

Experts on Poultry Here.

The poultry keepers of our city will be glad to learn that through one of our enterprising grocery firms, Peedon and Peterson, they may have the privilege of conferring with experts as to poultry culture, only for the asking. Miss Ella Fussell and Mrs. E. L. Dowd are in the city making a survey of the poultry raised in this vicinity. They will be glad to help poultry raisers solve their problems while here.

LOCKS FOR POLICE PISTOLS

New York to Guard Holsters Against Gun Snatchers.

New York, Jan. 26.—Police Commissioner Enright today ordered the city's 12,000 policemen to obtain holsters with safety catches from which no one not in the secret can draw a pistol.

The order resulted from the recent killing of Patrolman Motz by a negro who snatched the pistol from Motz's holster in a police station. Orders also have been issued for a shooting school to improve the marksmanship of the law's guardians.—Washington Post.

Marriage at Selma.

Selma, Jan. 24.—Two marriages took place at the Methodist parsonage Saturday night. Ernest P. Surles and Miss Frances Blackman, and James A. Parker and Miss Katie Hinant, were the contracting parties. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. G. B. Perry. The newly weds are well known here where they will make their future home.

traffic is suspended.

CHESTER, S. C., Jan. 27.—Chester was visited by one of the worst sleet storms last night that has visited it in many years. Accompanying the sleet was an icy wind that forced the thermometer down considerably. The icy streets have made travel by automobile, foot, etc., very difficult.

MAY VOTE FOR DIRECTOR TILL FEB. 4

Mr. A. M. Johnson Added to Ballot; Other Nominees In the Race

Due to unfavorable weather conditions, Mr. A. M. Johnson, county chairman of the cotton cooperative marketing association, announces that the State Organization Committee has ordered an extension of time for voting for the cotton director until Feb. 4, at noon. Those signors who have not received the ballots can get them from the office of Mr. Johnson in this city. This extension of time is statutory.

It will be recalled that when representatives of district number five, which includes Johnston and Wilson counties, met here recently, Mr. W. H. Austin of this city and Dr. S. H. Crocker, of Stantonsburg, Wilson County, were nominated as directors. Since then, at the request of a group of cotton cooperative marketing signors from over the county, Mr. A. M. Johnson has allowed his name to go on the ballot for cotton director, as a signed statement elsewhere in this paper indicates.

FURTHER YIELDING IN COTTON

Selling Pressure Predominates, and Price Trend Is Downward.

With selling orders again predominating, further yielding of cotton prices occurred this week. The market trend has been mainly downward since the year opened, and losses of nearly 200 points from the closing quotations on the first business day of January are now disclosed. Starting the year at around 18.25c., both the January and March options have since declined to below the 17-per cent level, while the more remote months have fallen nearly as much. On occasions, pressure against the list has been sufficiently heavy to cause conspicuous weakness, though most of the time prices have given way gradually. The setback this week was of the latter character, but the active options were \$6 a bale lower at the end of Thursday's session than at the beginning of Monday's trading. Accompanying the decline in futures, the local spot quotation has yielded to 16.70c., which contrasts sharply with the price of 18.65c., on January 3.

Most of the news affecting cotton this week was bearish, or was so construed. As sentiment again seemed against an advance in prices, shorts became rather aggressive at intervals. Not all of the selling, however, came from this quarter, liquidation on the long side largely accounting for the market depression. Irregularity in stocks and in foreign exchanges, a small Wall Street failure, a break in Liverpool and in Bombay, and some disappointing domestic and foreign trade advices were prominent among the factors making for lower cotton prices this week. The number of idle looms in Manchester was reported to be increasing, with new business in cloths there contingent upon price concessions, and demand for goods from the Far East was said to have not improved. Some dispatches from domestic centers, moreover told of quiet conditions in print cloths and certain other fabrics, and activity in spot markets in the South was the exception. These unfavorable phases were stressed during the periods when the market was declining, but encouraging features were not wholly absent and prices displayed rallying powers on occasions. While this was largely due to the stronger technical speculative position which resulted from the persistent selling, part of the recovery from the lowest levels of the week reflected mill buying and temporary steadiness in spot cotton. The attitude of Southern holders will, it is believed, have much to do with shaping the future course of prices.—Dun's Review.

We Know Him.

"What kind of a fellow is Blinks?" "Well, he is one of those fellows who always grabs the stool when there is a piano to be moved."—People's Home Journal.

Mr. Edgar Watson, who is a student at Trinity College, Durham, spent the week end in the city with relatives.