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## TRAPPED IN TUNNEL UNDER LAKE TWENTY THREE MEN LOSE LIVES

### Tragedy Occurred When Terrific Gas Explosion Bursts Walls Of Passage

(By United Press)  
Cleveland, July 25—A gas explosion today at one o'clock trapped the workers in a tunnel under Lake Erie and the number is estimated at twenty three.  
The tunnel in which the men were trapped was being constructed by the Cleveland Water Works Co. and the work was going on 150 feet below the surface of the lake.  
The force of the explosion burst the tunnel and water poured into the passageway.  
Five bodies have been recovered and were brought here this afternoon aboard the steamer "City of St. Clemens."  
The work had been carried to a point in the lake five miles off shore when the explosion occurred.

#### PRINCE OF PACERS ON GRAND CIRCUIT

(By United Press)  
Detroit, Mich., July 25—Joe Patchen III, prince of pacers, who established himself in the hall of racing fame, by pacing the mile in 2.03 1-4, will try a comeback here in the \$5,000 chamber of commerce stake, the pacing feature of the opening race of the Detroit grand circuit meeting. The ancient pacer will have some fast company. Billy Dale winter favorite for the 2.05 class, and a star performer on the Ohio tracks last season, is an entry.

## Negro Troopers Shot By Guard

San Antonio, Texas, July 25—Three negro soldiers belonging to Company E of the eighth Illinois Regiment of Militia are in the hospital today as a result of wounds received when the negroes were fired upon last night by the provost guard after attacking H. G. Henne, lawyer of New Braunfels, Texas.  
A fourth militiaman, also wounded, was taken to his tent to have his wound dressed and has not left since. In all cases the wounds were slight.  
The trouble started when a strong hit the automobile in which Henne was riding as he passed a group of negro militiamen. Henne got out of his machine and walked back to investigate.  
As the lawyer approached the group they assumed such belligerent attitude and began to use such threatening language that he concluded discretion would be the better part of valor and abruptly turned into the door of a nearby saloon. Forty negro militiamen followed him.  
At this juncture a detachment of regulars from the Nineteenth, constituting a part of the provost guard rushed to the scene and ordered the militia to disperse.  
The negroes refused and the guard opened fire, the bullets taking effect in the legs of the disorderly militiamen.  
Army officials are investigating the occurrence.

Superintendent Robert W. Isley of Currituck is at the Summer school at Chapel Hill for a few days this week to look for teachers for his schools in Currituck county.

W. G. Gaither has returned from Nags Head where he spent the weekend.

## FRENCH REPORT FURTHER ADVANCE

### While Berlin Is Silent Petrograd and London Both Claim More Successes

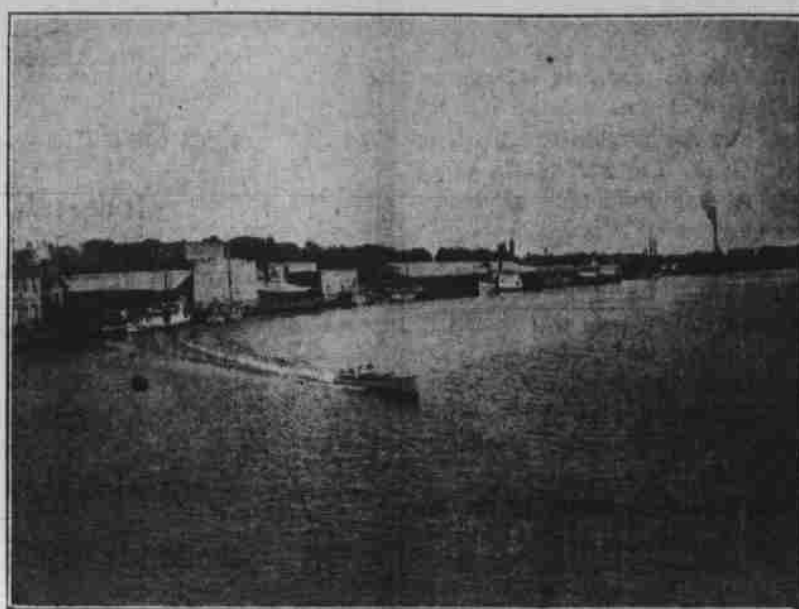
(By United Press)  
Paris, July 25—Another French advance is reported in today's official communique, which gives details of the ejection of the Germans from a strongly fortified block house south of Estrees. All counter attacks of the Germans, made in an effort to reoccupy the position, are reported repulsed.  
"The great part of Pozieres is now ours" is the message from General Haig received at London.  
"Nowhere have the Teutons reached the British trenches."  
"German counter attacks north of Pozieres have all been repulsed."  
"The British have gained addition at ground and have captured two machine guns and more prisoners."

#### ALLIES WIN ON ALL FRONTS

Dispatches from Rome report that the Italians have captured Mount Ciome, the loftiest peak of the Northern Apennines.  
Petrograd claims further advance of the Russian lines under General Sokharoff while in the Caucasus Grand Duke Nicholas is reported within ten miles of Erzincan with the Turks in disorderly retreat before him.  
Representations have also been made to neutral governments to the effect that famine conditions in Turkey are the worst in the history of that nation. It is unofficially charged that Turkish officials held vast quantities of grain and food until communication was opened with Germany at which time these supplies were disposed of to the great profit of the dealers and to the distress of the populace.

#### OFF FOR AUSTRALIA TODAY

(By United Press)  
San Francisco, July 25—Accompanied by his fighting brigade, Jimmie Dime of New Castle, Pa., silver haired "maker and breaker" of pugilistic lights, set sail aboard the Sonoma today for Australia. Included in the party of pugilists were: Ex Champion of the middleweight division, George Chip; light heavyweight "Bearcat" Tom McMahon; Middleweight Joe Chip; Welterweight Johnny Riley; Lightweight Tommy Toubie; Featherweight "Babe" Picato and Bantamweight Patsy Brannigan. For the service of the seven battlers Dime has been guaranteed \$10,000 with the privilege of accepting 25 per cent of the gross receipts. The fighting brigade will remain in Australia for six months, returning to the United States about Xmas, probably via Shanghai, China, where several exhibits bouts will be staged. Chip is guaranteed \$10,000 for four bouts, the other boys, \$1,000 each for five bouts.



The above cut gives a good view of the winner in the Good Will Day boat races getting under way.

## SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION CLOSES

### N. W. Walker Presented Bank Account For 'John' the Summer School Baby

Chapel Hill, N. C. July 25—The session of the University Summer School which comes to a close on Thursday of this week will be a landmark in summer schools in North Carolina for many reasons. Not only has it enrolled far more students than ever met together to pursue studies in this state during the summer months—1050 in all, 52 law students additional—but it has been a record for consistent work pursued not merely to satisfy attendance credits, but with a desire to bring about self-improvement and a more thorough knowledge of the subjects taught in the various schools of the state.  
The teachers of North Carolina have come here in full force. In fact over 900 of those here are either engaged in some phase of school work or are preparing to teach for the first time this fall. There are 380 teachers from the small country schools of the state, and 139 country schools principals, which together total nearly half of the summer school attendance. These come from all sections of the state, for only six counties are unrepresented here. Those preparing to teach during the coming year for the first time number 159. Many of these are already college graduates, but are here to perfect themselves in the professional work of the teacher.  
The city schools of the state have sent to the summer school 178 teachers, 13 principals and 10 superintendents, thus making a total of over 200. In addition to these there are 16 teachers from private school within the state and 24 teachers from outside the state. There are 25 students here to prepare themselves for college entrance this fall by removing certain conditions necessary for entrance. Furthermore, there are 103 students doing work simply for college credit. Many of these are students who attend the university during the winter term; others are students of other colleges in the state.  
One of the most interesting discoveries is the fact that 333 of those taking summer work here are college graduates, which means that they hold some degree from one of the North Carolina Colleges or some accredited college outside the state. This means that nearly one-third of the student body are college graduates and gives further evidence of the fact that the summer school is now drawing thoughtful people who wish to do serious work.

## WILL CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS

### Final Formalities of Purchase of Danish West Indies take Place To-day

(By United Press)  
Washington, July 25—Negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies will probably be closed today.  
The consideration is approximately twenty millions it is officially stated at the White House.  
According to the treaty the U. S. relinquishes any claim by discovery to certain parts of Greenland, which is a Danish possession.  
It is also understood in the agreement that the people of the three islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John will not surrender Danish allegiance. These are chiefly negroes and their chief industry is the cultivation of sugar cane.  
The islands lie fifty miles off the east coast of Porto Rico and are about 142 square miles in area.  
The inhabitants number nearly 3 thousand.

## On Excursion Next Week

The Sunday school of Blackwell Memorial church will go on a days outing at Virginia Beach on Wednesday, August 2nd.  
Everybody is invited to join this Sunday school on this excursion and the committee in charge will endeavor to make the occasion a most pleasant and enjoyable one to all who go.  
The train leaves Elizabeth City at 8 o'clock and will stop at Camden, Belcross, Gregory, Shawboro and Snowden.

All class work is now over, and everyone is in the midst of examinations. The summer school examinations close Thursday, when the work of the summer will have been completed. No session has been so fruitful of hard work, pleasant days, social pleasures and instructive and entertaining special features. Lectures, musicals, plays, and social hours have been numerous. The University campus was perhaps never more beautiful than now. The rains have kept it green, and it has been well cared for, besides.  
The esteem in which Director N. W. Walker of the summer school is held was strikingly illustrated last week when the faculty and members of the summer school presented to his infant son, John, "The Summer School Baby," a bank certificate of deposit for a substantial sum.

## RALEIGH WANTS NEW LAND BANK

### Capital City Working Hard To Get Federal Institution Located There

(Special Correspondence)  
Raleigh, N. C., July 25—The proverbial "Wilson Inck" continues to keep step with the official acts of the present administration, and it is being shared largely by the existing Democratic congress—since the lawmakers succeeded in getting 'second breath' and on second thought concluded to carry through the Wilson policies.  
Now that the President has signed the new Rural credits law, passed by the Democratic congress, both are being credited and congratulated upon at last breathing the breath of life into a practical means of emancipating in a measure the farmers of North Carolina and forty-seven other States by placing farm loans on a basis and footing with commercial loans generally.  
North Carolina hopes to secure one of the twelve Federal Land Banks provided by the new law, and Raleigh has already put in its bid for the location here of such a bank—for the district designated for the two Carolinas and Virginia—where reliable farmers can obtain (at law rate of interest) long time loans upon their land, with easy payments provided, just as a successful manufacturer can borrow money on his profitable mill properties. The farmers of the country could not get legislation of this kind, as the record proves, as long as a Republican occupied the White House. With both branches of congress Democratic, as they are today such a measure would not have been panted in the country's statute books if Charles E. Hughes had been president instead of Woodrow Wilson. Wall Street and the Morgans would not allow Hughes to sign a bill like that.

#### FIREMEN AND FIRE PROTECTION

The State firemen have returned to their respective homes after nearly a week spent at their State's capital. The inability of the Asheville and some other companies of the west to reach here on account of the floods detracted from the event to some extent. But the annual convention and the tournament event were highly successful and every visitor enjoyed the occasion immensely. They said so. And Raleigh is proud to have them, for they are a fine set of men and gentlemen. They greatly admired Raleigh's splendid aerial ladders, motor-truck reels, electric engines and other up-to-the-minute equipment, and when they ask their towns for like apparatus, it will pay towns of much size to provide it without delay. First-class fire protection is the best investment property-owning citizens of any town can make. The fire ladders will do the rest—what?—and then some.

#### THIRD DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

The Democratic judicial committee of the third district will meet at Weldon July 29th to take action in providing for the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Peebles, now temporarily filled (till the next regular election) by Judge F. D. Winston under appointment by the governor. The committee is expected to order a primary for the district to select the nominee, but in the absence of party machinery to provide for such emergency it is not required to do so. Judge Winston favors a primary. It is understood that several aspirants for the place may contest for it—and they may not do so.

## MORE FLOODS IN PIEDMONT

### Durham Reports Serious Damage Following Collapse of Big Dam Today

(By United Press)  
Durham, July 25—Many bridges are down, highways are flooded and corn three feet high is completely inundated following the collapse of the ten thousand dollar dam of the Little River Manufacturing Company today.  
The dam gave way before a phenomenal head of water produced by three days of heavy and continuous rain.

## Acquiesced In Blacklist

(By United Press)  
Washington, July 25—That the British blacklist of American firms wasn't published until the acquiescence if not the approval of several large New York banking institutions had been assured was the statement made to the United Press on good authority today.  
The influence of American bankers is considered responsible for the fact that more firms were not included on the list.  
The bankers approached argued that only those houses having direct trade relations with Germany and those business is of primary military value to Germany should be blacklisted.  
The bankers were convinced that the South American trade of the United States would profit rather than suffer by the boycott. Many blacklisted firms it is said who have been maintaining Germany's trade relations with South America, have been in a position to do so only because they were domiciled in a neutral country.  
British officials argued, in taking up the question of boycott with the bankers, that the business done by blacklisted firms would be merely transferred to bona fide American firms not blacklisted.

## To The Beach On Friday

The First Methodist and City Road Sunday Schools will enjoy an excursion to Virginia Beach Friday, July 28th.  
An invitation is extended to the public generally to go on this excursion with these two Sunday Schools and enjoy a day's outing by the seashore.  
Those in charge of the excursion have made most attractive arrangements to insure for the excursionists a day of pleasure at a very modest cost, and the indications are that the excursion will be widely patronized.  
Leaving Elizabeth City at eight o'clock the train will make stops at Camden, Gregory, Belcross, Shawboro and Snowden.

#### ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOOKS

The States school text-book commission and the subcommission have concluded the lengthy hearing given publishers and today (25th) they closed communication with them and all their agents and representatives. The subcommission are now working carefully in examining the books, the prices and briefs submitted by the publishers. Their conclusions and recommendations will be presented at a joint meeting of the commission and the subcommission as soon as completed.