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## A FIRE IN ATLANTA

Destroys a Whole Block, Doing Much Damage

MANY BUSINESS PEOPLE LOSERS

A Section of Old Buildings in the Business District Completely Burned Out.

Atlanta, Special.—Fire in the heart of the downtown section of Atlanta wiped out almost a block of business houses, causing a loss estimated between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

The fire originated in the furniture store of Snook & Austin, on the Whitehall street viaduct and was first discovered about 4 o'clock in the morning. It spread with great rapidity to the Norcross building, a structure on the corner of Peachtree and Marietta streets, whose six stories were largely taken up with the offices of physicians, dentists and attorneys. The Norcross building and the Snook building were entirely consumed, only portions of the walls remaining. The building occupied by the Jacobs Pharmacy Company, adjoining the Norcross building, on Marietta street, was completely gutted and the Jacobs Company and the Snook Company sustained the heaviest individual losses of the fire. Water did considerable damage to several stores adjoining and across the street. The Williams Hotel, a small hotel located on the upper floor of the Jacobs Pharmacy building, contained about 65 lodgers, and for some time rumors prevailed that loss of life had occurred among the guests of the hotel, but Fire Chief Joiner declared tonight that all the guests had escaped unharm.

The entire street car service of the city was suspended for a period of about four hours, during the fiercest progress of the fire. The burned buildings were most of them old and their material value was not great. The Norcross building, the most valuable of those destroyed, was to have been demolished within a year to make way for a modern office structure. It was built at a cost of about \$50,000. The heaviest monetary loss falls upon the merchants in the various board buildings who lost their stock and fixtures. There was considerable apprehension early in the morning that the flames would spread to other buildings.

Fierce Cold Up North.

New York, Special.—New York and New England have experienced during the past 24 hours the coldest weather of many years. In this city it was the coldest December 9 in 26 years, the thermometer registering as it did in that year 3 above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people were not prepared for it, the cold wave having descended suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal caused much suffering among the poorer classes and even those able to afford the luxury of a ton of anthracite had to use it sparingly for fear that the cold snap would last and they would be unable to get a fresh supply. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, charitable organizations having taken steps to supply the poor and the board of aldermen having voted \$10,000 to help along the good cause.

The cold in the city was mild, compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the State and in New England. At Albany, the mercury fell to 10 below zero and in some nearby districts it went down to 20. The river is frozen over at Albany, putting an end to navigation. Balston reported 12 below, the lowest registration since 1861, and Saratoga felt the grasp of weather 30 below. The cold wave struck New York also. Newark, Conn., reported 23 below zero, the coldest in years.

Murder at Charlotte, N. C.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Arthur L. Bishop, a well-known traveling salesman, who represents a shoe manufacturing company of Lynchburg, Va., shot and killed Tuesday night, Mr. Tom Wilson, an overseer on the public roads of this county. The shooting occurred at Wilson's residence, at 208 Oak street, at 10:30 o'clock. Bishop fled immediately after he fired the fatal shot and has not yet been apprehended, though the police are watching every train and making diligent effort to arrest the criminal.

Took the Oath.

Washington, Special.—The new Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Hon. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Massachusetts, Monday took the oath of office and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties. The oath was administered by the clerk of the court, James H. McKeeney, and the ceremony was witnessed by as large a concourse of people as could find admission to the court room.

Col. Phelps Dead.

Aiken, S. C., Special.—Colonel Sheffield Phelps died here Tuesday morning and his remains will be taken to his home in New Jersey for interment. He was a son of the late William Walter Phelps and was at one time editor of the Jersey City Journal. A few years ago he built a winter cottage here and has spent each season here since. He also owned a game preserve of 2,000 acres.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Session at Wilmington Adjourns—The Appointments.

The North Carolina annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South, closed Monday, the following appointments for the coming year being announced:

APPOINTMENTS.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—W. H. MOORE, P. E.

Raleigh, Edenton street, G. F. Smith. Central, G. F. Adams, J. O. Guthrie. Brooklyn and Macedonia, M. M. McFarland. Epworth, J. M. Culbreth. Cary, G. B. Starling. Clayton, G. W. Fisher. Smithfield, N. E. Coltrane. Kenly, to be supplied by R. H. White.

ACKER.

Millbrook, N. L. Seabolt. Youngsville, G. R. Road. Franklinton, J. H. Shore. Louisburg, M. T. Plyer. Tar River, A. L. Ormond. Granville, W. H. Puckett. Oxford station, A. McCullen. Oxford circuit, J. D. Pegram. Editor Raleigh Christian A. J. T. N. Ivey.

Agent of Methodist Orphanage, J. B. Herley.

Superintendent of Methodist Orphanage, J. W. Jennings.

DURHAM DISTRICT—J. T. GIBBS, P. E.

Durham, Trinity, R. C. Beaman. Main street, W. L. Cunningham. Car church and Ernsford, F. B. McCull. Durham City mission, B. B. Culbreth. Durham circuit, J. B. Thompson. West Durham and Cunningham, C. P. Jerome. Chapel Hill, N. M. Watson. Hillsboro, Rufus Bradley. Ma. Tizah circuit, M. D. Giles. Leasburg, R. F. Taylor. Boxboro, K. D. Holmes. Woolsdale, to be supplied by B. E. Stanfield.

Milton, J. A. Daily.

Yanceville, J. H. McCracken.

Hurlington station, D. N. Caviness.

Hurlington circuit, L. M. Brower.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, to be supplied by W. R. Green.

Alamance, N. C. Yearley.

President Trinity College, J. C. Killen.

Lectureship in Trinity College, E. A. Yates.

Head master Trinity High School, J. F. Bivins.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—B. R. HALL, P. E.

Fayetteville, Hay street, T. A. Smoot.

Cumberland, E. C. Sell.

Cokesbury, L. H. Joiner.

Sampson, B. B. Holder.

Buchanan, J. W. Wallace.

Dunn, E. M. Snipes.

Newton Grove, R. A. Bruton.

Pittsboro, J. H. Fritzsche.

Haw River, R. W. Bailey.

Goldston, J. C. Humble.

Siler City, E. H. Davis.

Carthage, R. H. Broom.

Sanford, S. T. Moyle.

Jonesboro, B. C. Allred.

Lillington, A. D. Betts.

Elise, L. S. Elberidge.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—W. S. BONE, P. E.

Rockingham station, J. H. Hall.

Rockingham circuit, supplied by J. W. Gurganus.

Red Springs, Z. T. Harrison.

Lumberton, J. P. Pate.

Robeson, J. N. Asbury. R. W. Townsend, superintendency.

Rowland, J. W. Bradley.

NEWBERRY DISTRICT—F. D. SWIN, P. E.

Newberry, Centenary, R. F. Bumpass.

Goldboro, St. Paul, M. Bradshaw.

St. John, J. E. Thompson.

Goldboro circuit, H. E. Tripp.

Mount Olive circuit, supplied by J. M. Carraway.

Mount Olive and Paison, G. D. Langston.

La Grange, H. B. Anderson.

Snow Hill, E. Pope.

Kinston, E. H. Davis.

Grifton, J. M. Lowder.

Craven, W. H. Townsland.

Jones, D. C. Geddie.

Pamlico, W. H. Kirtan.

Oriental, supplied by F. S. Beeton.

Cartersville, J. H. Giles.

Morehead, City, H. M. North.

Beaufort, J. A. Hornaday.

Core Sound, supplied by L. E. Sawyer.

Stratton, F. E. Dixon. S. Leffers, superintendency.

DEVER, B. H. Black.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—R. B. JOHN, P. E.

Wilmington, Grace church, J. N. Cole.

Fifth street, F. M. Shamburge.

Bladen street, G. B. Webster.

Market street, W. B. Potter.

Scott's Hill, Y. E. Wright.

Onslow, W. A. Jenkins.

Jacksonville and Richlands, supplied by V. A. Royall.

Magnolia, J. W. Martin.

Kenansville, L. E. Sagger.

Burawick, C. C. Brothers.

Clinton, J. T. Draper.

Bladen, A. J. Groves.

Elizabeth, G. T. Simmons.

Whiteville, A. S. Barnes. C. W. Smith, superintendency.

Carver's Creek, J. J. Porter.

Waccamaw, T. J. Browning.

Shallotte, N. H. Givton.

Town Creek, supplied by W. R. Royall.

Southport, E. McQuilten.

New River, supplied by J. M. Marlowe.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—F. A. BISHOP, P. E.

Washington, L. E. Thompson.

Aurora, P. Greening.

Swan Quarter, W. Y. Everton.

Robbersonville, to be supplied by W. B. Humble.

South Edgecombe, J. H. Buffalo.

Rocky Mount, L. L. Nash.

South Rocky Mount and Marion, P. D. Woodall.

Nashville, J. M. Benson.

Spring Hope, D. A. Watkins.

Willson, A. P. Tyler.

Freemont, D. L. Eamhardt.

Wilson circuit, J. L. Rumley.

Cracoke and Portsmouth, R. R. Grant.

Bath circuit, to be supplied by D. A. Fettrill.

Holwood, D. W. Robinson.

WARRENTON DISTRICT—R. A. WILLIS, P. E.

Warrenton, C. W. Robinson.

Warren, L. M. Chaffin.

Ridgeway, J. A. Lee.

Henderson, J. D. Bundy, J. E. Brison.

Littleton, H. A. Humble, W. E. Nicholson.

Weldon, W. W. Rose.

Roanoke Rapids, E. R. Welch.

Roanoke, supplied by R. B. Clark.

Enfield and Halifax, S. A. Cotton.

Battleboro and Whitaker's, J. G. Johnson.

Scotland Neck, T. P. Bonner.

Holwood, D. W. Robinson.

Williamston and Hamilton, T. H. Sutton.

Gerysburg, E. W. Fox.

Northampton, E. E. Rose.

Rich Square, J. T. Stanford.

Conway, W. C. Merritt.

Murfreesboro, F. L. Church.

Harrisville, R. C. Thompson.

Bertie, R. L. Davis.

President Littleton Female College, J. M. Rhodes.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT—J. E. UNDERWOOD, P. E.

Elizabeth City, First church, D. H. Tuttle.

City Road, R. H. Willis.

Passquotank, W. F. Jones.

Camden, W. C. Hocutt.

Haycock, J. Y. Old.

Currituck, W. A. Piliand.

North Gates, H. M. Jackson.

Gates, T. J. Daily.

Perquimans, G. W. Starling.

Horton, M. H. Tuttle.

Edenton, C. L. Reade.

Plymouth, W. H. Brown.

Roper, W. F. Craven.

Pantego and Bellhaven, W. E. Brown.

Dare, William Towne.

Roanoke Island, J. J. Parker, C. R. Taylor, superintendency.

Kitty Hawk, to be supplied.

Kennekeet, J. E. Sanders.

Hatteras, to be supplied by L. B. Jones.

Columbia, W. P. Constable.

Student in Vanderbilt University, R. E. Porter.

Secretary Correspondence School, J. L. Cunningham.

Transferred: J. A. Root to the Baltimore Conference; J. C. Jones to the Denver Conference.

Saw First Train.

Santiago de Cuba, by Cable.—Two thousand persons, among them the American representatives of the Cuba company, witnessed the departure of the first regular train to Havana with one hundred and fifty through passengers. The crowd gave the train an enthusiastic send off. The Cuba Company publishes liberal freight and passenger rates, and it is anticipated that the opening of the railroad will lead to the rapid development of the interior of the island.

Killed by Blast.

Nashville, Special.—Two men were killed outright, three others fatally injured and seven painfully hurt Monday afternoon by a delayed explosion of a blast at Baker's hill, 13 miles north of here on the Evansville & St. Louis division of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The victims were Italians and were at work in a cut which was being constructed by the Louisville & Nashville road. The spot is remote from telegraph or telephone communication and details are meagre. The names of the victims are not known.

Becker Acquitted.

New York, Special.—Wm. Becker, who was arrested several weeks ago in the postoffice, charged with sending blackmailing letters to merchants in this city, demanding, on pain of death at the hands of nihilists, was acquitted Judge Newburger taking the case from the jury and ordering his discharge. The prisoner convinced the court that he was not guilty of sending the letters and had received them at the postoffice for another man.

Trestle Washed Away.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The long trestle on the Atlantic & Birmingham Railroad, over the Satilla river, was washed away and destroyed Thursday night by the flood. The Satilla is higher than has even before been recorded. Orders were issued today annulling all Atlantic & Birmingham trains over the division affected until repairs can be made. Many country roads in Ware county are impassable from water and fallen trees.

Concerning Sleep.

The scholar and professional man, like the anxious housewife, is apt to carry his cares to bed, and insomnia becomes a curse. Men and women who are busied in getting and gaining, the merchant, the banker, all alike, fail to secure that self-control which can manage the mind as well as sleep as awake.

Normal sleep should be purely a physical and repose similar to the rest of animals who go to sleep with the darkness and awake with the light. Some one has said that sleep is like hunger and thirst, representing a diminution of energy throughout the entire body. I hardly think this can be true, but in my judgment sleep rather suggests the diminution of the energy of the brain, and he is a wise man who takes the hint when brain fatigue sets in of an evening, and goes comfortably and properly to bed.—The Pilgrim.

## DEATH OF MR. REED

Ex-Speaker Thos. B. Reed Suddenly Passed Away

DEATH FROM BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Mr. Reed Was One of the Best Known of Modern Politicians and a Noted Parliamentarian.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Hon. Thomas B. Reed, ex-Speaker of the national house of representatives and a well known Maine statesman, died here at his hotel Saturday night of Bright's disease.

The remains left here Sunday afternoon for Portland, Maine, his former home, where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon. They were placed aboard a special train leaving Washington at 4:50 o'clock, scheduled to arrive at Portland tomorrow. Accompanying the body were Mrs. Reed, the widow; Miss Catherine Reed, the former Speaker's daughter; Hon. Amos L. Allen, Mr. Reed's successor in the House of Representatives; Mr. Asher C. Hinds, Mr. Reed's parliamentary clerk, and Mr. August G. Payne, a life-long friend. At Mrs. Reed's request there were no ceremonies of any kind here, and at Portland, they will be of a simple character.

Reed was born in Portland, Maine, July 1, 1839. He was educated at the Portland High School and at Bowdoin College. He was a member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1861 to 1863, and of the United States House of Representatives from 1863 to 1891. He was Speaker of the House from 1889 to 1891. He was a member of the Maine Senate from 1891 to 1893. He was a member of the United States Senate from 1893 to 1895. He was a member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1895 to 1897. He was a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1897 to 1899. He was a member of the Maine Senate from 1899 to 1901. He was a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1901 to 1903.

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