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25 CENT A MONTH

FACTORY COLLAPSED

Caus'd by a Boiler Explosion

400 GIRLS EMPLOYED

Awful Disaster at the Chewing Gum Factory of Frank Fleet in Philadelphia—Scarce a Single Employee Uninjured.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—A terrible explosion has just occurred in the northwest section of the city. All the ambulances from the city hospitals have been summoned to the scene.

The chewing gum factory of Frank H. Fleet, corner of Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets, collapsed. Many girls were employed there. It is reported that the boiler exploded. Several of the employees are believed to have been killed. Two bodies were taken from the ruins and six seriously injured were taken to the hospitals.

A number of other buildings were wrecked. In these four hundred girls were employed and scarcely one escaped unhurt. So many were injured that the druggists and physicians for blocks around had more than they could attend to.

The boiler was very large and tore down the supports of the building, causing almost the entire structure to collapse completely and wrecking the parts which were left standing. Fire started after the collapse and the flames were so fierce that five alarms were sounded.

Two bodies had been recovered at eleven o'clock. One was taken from the ruins burned to a crisp. The other was blown through the roof and found nearly a hundred feet distant. Over a dozen of the injured were removed to the hospitals by that hour. Reports of the injured vary, but the employers say that they do not believe many employees were injured.

For more than a block not a building side at the time of the explosion. The interior of those close by were wrecked and in some instances may prove a total loss. Later it is learned that benzine was the cause of the explosion. Two were killed there and two others unaccounted for, one woman was fatally injured. About twenty were more or less seriously hurt.

CROP BULLETIN

Favorable Crop Conditions Prevaling During the Week

The Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, April 24, 1899, says:

The reports of crop correspondents for the week ending Monday, April 24, '99, indicate in general, a continuation of the favorable conditions that prevailed last week, except in the eastern coast counties, which suffered from the heavy rain-fall accompanying the storm of the 19th and 20th. The rain-fall was quite heavy from Southport as far north as Greenville, but diminished rapidly westward. Southport reported over 6 inches, Wilmington 2, and Greenville 1.55.

In the central and western sections the rainfall was very light, and a warm rain would now be beneficial, as the ground has become dry and hard in some counties. The temperature was below the normal during the first three days, with frosts which did little damage, but the cool nights have generally retarded growth and were unfavorable for the germination of seeds. Warmer weather prevailed the latter part of the week and the amount of sunshine was abundant and very beneficial.

Farm work was delayed in the southeastern counties by the rain on Wednesday and Thursday, but elsewhere plowing and planting have been pushed with vigor, and farmers have recovered much of the time lost in consequence of the late, wet spring. The soil is generally in excellent condition for plowing and roads are in good order.

Excellent progress in planting corn has been made, and large areas are ready for the seeds. In many sections upland corn is all in the ground and is coming nicely; preparation of bottom lands for corn is very backward. Planting cotton has commenced in several counties on a limited scale; preparation of cotton land is under good headway everywhere. Tobacco plants are still small and late, but are growing nicely; transplanting began this week in several counties. Wheat, oats and rye continue to improve slowly, though not up to the standard and quite thin in many sections. Seeding spring oats has been finished except in the Western District. All small grain would be benefited by gentle rains.

Large quantities of rice were planted in the east this week. Some peanuts have been sown, which is rather early. Gardens, though backward, have received much attention this week and have greatly improved. Turnips, beets, radishes, peas, and onions are doing well; cantaloupes and beans are coming up; cabbage plants are being set out; Irish potatoes are reported to be rotting in northeastern counties, but elsewhere are doing well.

Strawberry shipments are beginning in larger quantities. Though a little late, the berries are fine and prospects good. Trucking interests are advancing rather slowly. Good yields of apples, plums, and cherries are indicated by the abundant bloom on the trees. Frosts are now becoming green.

ONE KILLED.

BOSTON, April 25.—One man was killed and two fatally injured in the caving of a water in Charleston today.

UPCHURCH OR NO?

City Democratic Committee to Meet

HEARING TODAY

Auxiliary Democratic Committee Hears Evidence Showing that Candidate Sherwood Upchurch Does Not Live in 3rd Ward.

The indications are now that Mr. Sherwood Upchurch will not be one of the Democratic candidates for alderman in the second division of the third ward. The auxiliary committee, composed of Messrs. R. N. Simms, E. C. Smith, W. E. Dewar and F. A. Habel, met today at noon and considered the matter and they will report to the Democratic executive committee which has been called by Chairman Russ to meet at 8 o'clock tonight.

The session of the auxiliary committee was presided over by Chairman Russ as ex-officio president. The charge against Mr. Upchurch is that he is not a resident of the precinct in which he has been nominated. The following witnesses testified in support of the charge: J. A. Wiggs, J. M. Broughton, R. E. Olmstead, R. T. Hornbuckle and Walter Cooper. Mr. Upchurch claims that his residence is there. He introduced no evidence.

The committee was unanimous in its decision and it is learned on good authority that they will make recommendations at the meeting tonight adverse to Mr. Upchurch.

Mr. Upchurch said this evening: "I don't care what they do. I have been nominated and I intend to run and will be elected."

COGHLAN'S REPLY.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—CAPTAIN COGHLAN, OF THE CRUISER RALEIGH HAS SENT HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY LONG WHO RECEIVED IT AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT AT NOON. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT IT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BEFORE THE SECRETARY REACHES A DECISION ON THE CASE.

PRESENTED TO MISS GOULD.

Crew of the Raleigh Make Her a Handsome Present.

The crew of the Raleigh presented to Miss Helen M. Gould Saturday three flags to express the appreciation of the "ben behind the guns" for her services to soldiers and seamen during the recent war. When the ship was at Valletta Malta, the crew held a meeting and decided to raise money for the purpose of presenting some token of their esteem either to the city of Raleigh or to Miss Gould. A vote decided that the gift should go to Miss Gould.

Chairman McDonald said today that he saw the gun which will be presented to the Raleigh. He thinks that Nash Square would be the best location for it.

"CHILDREN'S MUSICALS."

There will be a children's musical tonight (Tuesday) at the residence of Mrs. Annie M. Parker at 8 o'clock. A number of little folks will participate and a pleasant evening is expected. Voluntary contributions for a worthy cause.

TONE OF THE MARKETS

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by H. D. White, manager for Paine, Murphy & Co., 307 S. Wilmington street.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations for the leading stocks:

American Sugar	17 1/2
Southern R. R. Preferred	54 1/2
Pacific Mail	53
R. R. T.	131 1/2
St. Paul	128 1/2
Washington	122
B. & O.	42 1/2
American Tobacco	37 1/2
Missouri Pacific	68 1/2
T. C. I.	48
L. & N.	190
J. C. O.	37 1/2
C. & O.	32 1/2
U. S. Rubber	52 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON.

Months	Closed
April	5.68470
May	5.69470
June	5.74470
July	5.80481
August	5.88484
September	5.94485
October	5.98489
November	5.96491
December	5.94495

Closed steady

THE BALL IS STILL ROLLING.

Editor Times-Visitor: The ball you started rolling some time ago in regard to promoting one of our efficient policemen to the position of Chief has kept rolling, and from present prospects looks as if it will strike the police force. Now, Mr. Editor, you can, through the great influence of your valuable paper greatly aid in keeping the ball moving in the right direction. The Board of Aldermen cannot afford to pass over such men as Conrad, Thompson, Mullen and others. They are familiar with the criminal class of our population.

Now, Mr. Editor, join in this fight and show to the Board more fully that it would not only do honor to itself, but the whole city of Raleigh, by going into the regular force for the chief.

E. A. A.

RAINY SEASON

Progress of Troops in Philippines Retarded

FORCES DIVIDED

Lawton, Summers and Hale Advance on the Enemy—Telegraphic Communication Interrupted—Napaidan at Work.

MANILA, April 25.—Although the sticky condition of the ground, on account of the rain storm, seriously impeded the progress of the troops, Gen. Lawton's column left San Jose today and expected to reach Norzargay this evening.

Col. Summers is marching across from Bocava, with two battalions from each the Oregon and Minnesota regiments, three troops of cavalry and two guns. Meantime Gen. McArthur's division is in front of Calumpit preparing to attack and Gen. Hale is threatening the enemy's flanks.

A number of rebels between Novaliches and Latoma have persistently interfered with the telegraphic communication, but the signal corps repaired the break and captured several prisoners.

The armored launch Napaidan this morning discovered a small body of rebels at Taktay. A few shots scattered the rebels and drove them inland from the lake.

FIERCE BATTLE IN WHICH SIX MORE AMERICANS ARE KILLED.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—General Otis cables that Hale's Brigade and McArthur's division high moved down the right bank of Quin Qua river yesterday, in the vicinity of Calumpit, is now joined by Wheaton's brigade on the left bank. Hale encountered fierce opposition, driving the enemy with heavy loss, and taking the entrenchments on their flank. Our loss was six killed and twelve wounded. The division now invested Calumpit, which will be taken today. Lawton and part of the command, reaches Norzargay this evening where he will be joined by the centre column from Bocava.

The extreme heat, rains, high streams and bad roads made the march very difficult. No opposition appeared since he left Novaliches, the enemy retreating in his front south of and near Manila. The enemy's force is about four thousand and they are making demonstrations daily but are easily taken care of as they cannot communicate with the north.

BURN TO DEATH.

A Drunken Husband Burns His Wife to Death.

WESTCHESTER, Pa., April 25.—John Halpin of Coatesville burned his wife to death in a most horrible manner. The couple quarrelled in their home about a bucket of water. Halpin was intoxicated and struck his wife. Then he poured the contents of a can of oil on her clothes and fired it with a match.

PAYING FOR A RAILROAD.

The Williams Syndicate Gets The Cutting Holding in the Florida Central.

John L. Williams and Sons, of Richmond, Va., and Middendorf, Oliver and Company, of Baltimore, on Saturday, paid to the Messrs. Cutting, of New York, a certified check on the Produce Exchange Trust Company, of that city, for \$3,490,000, being payment in full for a majority of the shares of the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company, recently purchased from the Messrs. Cutting and their associates.

The funds for the payment of the minority stock have already been provided, and the minority stock is being sold for as fast as presented at the Produce Exchange Trust Company, in New York.

Director of the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company will meet Wednesday, when the new purchasers will be elected on the board.

As has already been announced, this purchase will be followed by the consolidation of the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad, the Georgia and Alabama Railway and the Seaboard Air Line, which are all owned by the syndicate headed by John L. Williams and Sons and Middendorf, Oliver and Company. The combined properties embrace 2,500 miles of track.—Baltimore Sun.

BROUGHT HERE FOR INTERMENT.

The body of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love, of New York, will arrive here tonight for interment. The death occurred in New York last Saturday.

Mrs. Love is the daughter of Dr. W. T. Hodge, of this city.

The funeral will take place tomorrow.

A LIVE FIRM.

It is an interesting sight to visit the large furniture establishment of Thomas and Campbell, on Martin street, and inspect their handsome stock of furniture and house furnishing goods. The several floors of their big establishment are packed with all the latest and best styles of goods.

This firm has been in the furniture business here for years and the growth of their business has been steadily on the increase. They are among the largest and most enterprising business firms of this city and are offering bargains in the various lines of goods which they carry. They have a handsome ad. in this paper which the readers will do well to give careful attention.

CIVIL COURT

Judge Brown Decides With Cherry

BURNS APPEALED

Report of Commissioner Simms Confirmed—Suit Against the City Dismissed and an Appeal Taken.

Judge Brown immediately gave his decision in the action of C. C. Cherry vs. J. L. Burns for the position of keeper of the capitol when court convened today. The court holds:

"Upon considering the matters presented the court is of the opinion that there is no fixed term of office for the office of keeper of the capitol.

"That it was within the power of the General Assembly to amend the Code and to elect a keeper of the capitol.

"That the fact that defendant filed another bond on January 3, 1899, does not give him a fixed or additional tenure of office.

"Wherefore upon pleadings and above facts it is adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff recover of the defendant the possession of office of keeper of the capitol, together with the salary and emoluments of said office since March 8, 1899, and the costs of this action to be taxed by clerk and that judgment be entered against defendant and his bondsman accordingly."

The defendant appeal to the Supreme court and the bond was fixed at \$25.

Commissioner R. N. Simms made his report in the case of Ludden and Bates Southern Music House against Mrs. S. C. Dodd in which he reported that the piano was sold at auction to R. T. Gowan for \$225 and after paying expenses the residue \$170.25 was paid to the plaintiff. This leaves a balance due the plaintiff of \$50.35 and a judgment was given for this.

The action of the Capital Printing Company against the City of Raleigh for damages from water flooding the cellar from the street ditch was dismissed, after the examination of A. W. Shaffer for the plaintiff, on motion of the defendant's attorney. The plaintiff took exceptions.

Court then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Familiar Faces From the Passing Through—Items of Note

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Jerman have gone to Ridgeway.

Mr. R. W. Finlayson a K. of P. is quite sick at the residence of Maj. W. H. Martin, 108 Saunders street. Miss Ethel, sister of Mr. Finlayson, is also there.

Miss Mary Powell, daughter of Mr. Henry Powell is quite sick at her home at Aberdeen.

Lieut. Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., of Co. K, who arrived with the boys Sunday, left this afternoon for his home at Rockingham. Lieut. Dockery now holds a commission in the regular army and expects to be ordered to service in the Philippines.

Mr. Vernon Melvay of Co. K, has reached the city.

Among today's arrivals were J. A. Dunbar, of Apex, W. R. Land, of Goldsboro, H. A. Foushee, of Durham, and C. W. Johnston, of Chapel Hill.

Solicitor E. W. Pou is in the city.

Seventeen bottles of the well-known Rheumacide was sold by one drug store within an hour yesterday.

The program has been arranged for a delightful entertainment which will be given in the lecture room of the First Baptist church next Thursday evening at 8:30. A silver collection will be taken and the proceeds devoted to the Baptist Female University.

Work has now been begun on a charming entertainment to be given by local talent at an early day. The play will be arranged by Mr. Baker, who met with such success last year. Miss Alice Jones is director. The object is to raise funds for Rex Hospital.

Invitations to the commencement exercises of Wake Forest College, which occur May 22nd to 25th, have been received. Monday evening at 8:15 p. m. Hon. M. H. Justice will deliver the address before the law department. Hon. W. W. Kitchen will deliver the alumni address Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. On Wednesday at 11 a. m. the address before the literary societies will be delivered by Professor William P. Trent. Wednesday night at 8:15 Rev. John O. Rust, D. D., will preach the baccalaureate sermon. Orations by the senior class Thursday at 11 a. m. and the concert and social gathering Thursday at 8:15 p. m.

A delightful lawn party will be given on Thursday evening on the Park Place lawn on Blount street, from five until ten o'clock. Special attractions for children in the afternoon and music will be furnished by the Raleigh String Orchestra. There will be no price for admission, but delightful refreshments served for a very reasonable amount. The lawn party is given by the Young Ladies' Guild of the Good Shepherd church.

SAMOAN COMMISSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Members of the Samoan Commission have arrived. They will sail tomorrow. Judge Tripp says the commissioners are in entire harmony and desire to avoid international complications and are in accord with the main issues.

RALEIGH'S EXTENSION

\$6,000 Iron Bridge on Peace Street

WESTWARD HO!

Peace and Dawson Streets Will be Extended—The Cameron Property will Also be Sold Off in Lots.

Late yesterday evening at a conference held between the street committee and several prominent officials of the Seaboard Air Line a plan was prepared which will be presented to the board of aldermen at their next meeting and unquestionably adopted. Chief Engineer Gwaltney of the S. A. L. and several directors of the road were present and they agreed to the extension of Peace street west across the railroad north of Johnson street station. The street will run under the railroad track and in order to do this the company will put in a fine iron bridge where the track crosses Peace street. This bridge will cost about \$6,000.

But this was not all. They also arranged for the extension of Dawson street due north beyond Johnson street station to intersect Peace street as extended.

The Cameron property just west of St. Mary's school will be divided into lots and placed on the market.

This information comes from a perfectly authentic source and the importance of this announcement can scarcely be overestimated. For years and years the growth of the city westward has been restricted, but when the plan now on foot is carried out every obstacle will be removed.

This property extends from St. Mary's on the east to the Oberlin road on the west and from Hillsboro road on the South.

The present plan is to divide this land into lots and squares corresponding as nearly as possible with the streets which bound it. For instance the road now leading from Hillsboro road to the penitentiary will be extended north through this Cameron tract. In the same way the streets parallel with and north of Edenton street will be extended west until they intersect the Oberlin road. The opening up of this tract will give real estate development in West Raleigh a great impetus such as it has never received since Saunders streets was opened and the Saunders property sold off in lots. Indeed the Cameron tract will be largely a continuation of the Saunders property, which sold so satisfactorily and was bought by a class of citizens, than whom no more desirable purchasers or better neighbors could be found.

HORRIBLE MURDER

Husband Stabbed His Wife and Daughter

CAMDEN, April 25.—Edward Oswald, early this morning murdered his wife and eight year old daughter at his home in this city. He stabbed them both in the heart. After killing them Oswald tried to kill himself, cutting his throat with the same knife with which he killed his wife and daughter. He inflicted a bad wound, but it is believed that it will not prove fatal. He made a desperate fight against arrest, but was finally secured and lodged in the hospital.

GOLD MINE.

A Mining Company With \$500,000 Capital Incorporated.

Articles of agreement were filed with the Secretary of State today by G. W. Prentiss, Emma Francis Prentiss, Sarah A. P. Liscomb, Franklin A. Smith, Jr., and S. E. Williams for the incorporation of the Sterling Gold Mining Company to develop gold mines in Montgomery county. The branch office will in Providence, R. I. The capital stock is \$500,000.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty in his infinite wisdom to take away the father of our beloved comrade, Louie C. Nichols,

Be it resolved, 1st. That the members of Co. "K," First North Carolina Volunteer Infantry, hereby extend to our bereaved comrade our deepest sympathy in this hour of severe affliction, which, on his return from foreign service, has fallen upon him.

2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our comrade, and published in the local press.

W. R. BEAVERS, Captain.
O. H. DOCKERY, JR.
C. M. BROUGHTON,
F. C. DOYLE,
B. J. ARENDELL,
J. F. BUSBEE,
Committee.

LYNCHERS FAILED.

LAGRANGE, Ga., April 25.—A negro was brought down from Newman last night and placed in jail for safe keeping. His name is not given, but he is thought to be the one who tried to break into a house with an axe in Cavata county, near Fairburn a few days ago.

Mrs. Smith, from whom the man demanded the money, says this is the man. Officers were about to start for Atlanta with him, but learning that the mob had already organized and prepared to lynch him, changed their plans and came here.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER

Fusion Agricultural Board Defies New Board

WORD DISREGARDED

Col. Cunningham Makes a Plain Statement—The Fusionists Now Repudiate Their Official Acts in March.

The present Fusion Board of Agriculture and the officials elected by them have deliberately gone back on and violated their word and have decided to refuse to recognize the board elected by the last legislature and board elected by the last legislature and board to turn over the offices when their terms expire June 15th to the gentlemen whom the new board will elect. This means that they will hold the building by force if necessary against the new board and that commissioner of agriculture John H. Smith and Secretary J. L. Ramsey together with the inspectors, etc., will not surrender their offices to Messrs. Patterson and Bruner in June.

The first official notice of this was at 3 o'clock this afternoon when Secretary Ramsey met Col. John S. Cunningham, the able and scholarly president of the board elected in March, in the Yarbrough lobby and handed the following:

Col. J. S. Cunningham, Present.
My Dear Sir: The Board of Commissioners nominated to the Senate by Governor Russell in March, 1897, and confirmed by that body, are advised by lawyers eminent in their profession, that the election of yourself and others as Commissioners of Agriculture by the General Assembly in March last, was illegal and void, and therefore you are not entitled to exercise the power and duties of this position. There cannot be any question as to our legality and right to exercise the powers and duties of Commissioners of Agriculture, and accepting the advice of our attorneys in this behalf, it would be exceedingly wrong in us to admit you to further participation in the administration of the Agricultural Department. We have, therefore, to inform you that we have resumed possession and control of the Department of Agriculture. Enclosed find copies of resolutions adopted April 14th and submitted for information.

Yours truly,
J. B. MAUTTSB,
Pres. Board of Commissioners.

Whereas, the members of the Board of Agriculture nominated to the Senate of 1897 by Governor Russell and were confirmed by that body, have been advised by lawyers eminent in their profession, that the persons who were elected Commissioners of Agriculture by the General Assembly in March last, are not lawfully Commissioners of Agriculture, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Commissioners who were appointed to their position in 1897, as aforesaid, that they do now assume possession and control of the Agricultural Department.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Agriculture appointed in 1897, as aforesaid, do refuse to recognize any other persons than themselves as the legal and lawful Commissioners of the Agricultural Department.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the persons claiming to be the Board of Agriculture, held in this city on March 9th and 10th last, are repudiated as being null and void, and they are cancelled and are ordered expunged from the records of the Department.

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture are moved to the action expressed by the foregoing resolutions by the fact that we are charged as trustees of the public with the administration of an important department of the government, and with duties which affect the property interests of the State, and as such, desire only to divide the responsibilities of our administration with such as are clearly entitled to participate therein.

It is not with any disposition to make a fractious opposition that this course is taken, and we will cheerfully abide the result of any legal determination that may be had in consequence of our action as expressed by the foregoing resolutions.

The action of the Fusionists is universally characterized as outrageous and even dishonorable, a violation of every promise made when the new board decided in March not to interfere with a single employe until his term expired.

After hastily perusing the papers handed him by Ramsey Col. Cunningham remarked to the Times-Visitor representative that this case was very different from the Day case and the board had not attempted even to deprive a single one of his office before his term expired. Col. Cunningham continued: "They promised at the meeting March 9th to get out and they recognized the new board. Harris stated that he recognized it and would not interfere with the board. They are now clearly falsifying the position which they had taken."

"This history of ancient and modern times," added Col. Cunningham, "bears out the assertion that those who attempt usurpation have always met with downfall, and impeachment will fall upon the heads of those who attempt it now from the highest to the lowest."

PROBABLY FAIR TOMORROW.

For Raleigh and vicinity the weather forecast says: Unsettled weather but probably fair tonight and Wednesday.

The conditions as shown by this morning's map are very indefinite and unsettled. No distinct storm center is visible, but the weather is generally cloudy from the east Lake region southward to the Gulf, and also over Texas. Light rain occurred from North Carolina south to Georgia, with the largest amount, 1.16 inches, at Macon. The temperature is far above the frost line everywhere except at Buffalo, N. Y. Generally fair weather prevails in the central valley and northwest.