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NEWS & OBSERVER PLANT DESTROYED

Spectacular Fire Destroys Building and Equipment of Raleigh Newspaper.

ORIGINATED IN BASEMENT

Loss Estimated At Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars. Partially Insured.

(Special to the Journal)

Raleigh, April 24.—Fire which originated in the basement of the News and Observer plant late this afternoon almost completely destroyed the building and its equipment, the damage is estimated at seventy-five thousand dollars with insurance of forty thousand dollars.

The News and Observer building was located on Martin street right in the business section of the city and was only two doors from the Bland Hotel, which is conducted by Bland and Cherry. So quickly did the fire spread that within a few minutes the entire lower floors of the structure were enveloped in flames. The fire companies of the city were on the scene in a few minutes after the first alarm sounded but they were greatly handicapped in fighting the flames by a low water pressure.

Slowly the fire spread until it reached the roof burning everything within its path. All the machinery including six linotype machines and the stereotyping outfit were destroyed. A complete filling system of cuts which was valued at several thousand dollars, was also burned. The loss to the building is estimated at thirty thousand dollars and to the contents, forty five thousand dollars.

As soon as it was seen that the building would be destroyed, the editorial and mechanical forces were transferred to the plant of the Raleigh Daily Times and the News & Observer will be issued from that plant until its own building can be rebuilt and a new plant equipped.

The fire occurred just at a time when the crowd was returning from the baseball park and thousands of persons blocked the streets and witnessed the spectacular conflagration and the police had trouble in keeping the spectators back so that the firemen could fight the flames.

The Bland Hotel was damaged only by smoke which filled that locality while the blaze was in progress.

The News & Observer building was a practically new structure, having been completed and occupied only a few years ago. It was four stories and was thought to be absolutely fireproof, and was one of the most completely equipped plants in the State. In the basement was the Hoe perfecting press on which the paper was printed and also on this floor was the mailing room. On the second floor was the business offices and editorial rooms and the other floors were taken up with the composing room and the stereotyping room.

Louisiana is engaged in her periodical stunt of wilding her cane on Uncle Sam's shoulders.

By his own testimony in forgiving Mr. Bryan, Speaker Clark now loves him enough to choke him.

"Writing no. 1 does not pay you well nowadays," says a writer, "but at no. 2 we're rich or die reading 'em."

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY

VAUDEVILLE.

"The Cincy Trio"

Presenting a refined tabaret entertainment using only the best in character and ragtime songs, with changes every day. This is an excellent act—they were roundly applauded on every song last night.

PICTURES.

"The Beach Combers"

A beautiful drama of the Sea by Pathe.

"The Minister's Temptation"

A touching drama showing the sad plight in which a minister was placed—everything turned out alright for him in the end.

"Mr. Ford's Temper"

This is a very funny Vitagraph, featuring beautiful Lillian Walker.

"Views of Ireland"

An excellent scenic picture.

Matinee daily at 2:45. Shows at night. 1st starts at 8 o'clock and 9:15. Observe the hour and always get a comfortable seat.

THE ELFRIDA AT NORFOLK

Naval Reserve's Boat Is Undergoing Repairs.

The North Carolina Naval Reserve training ship, the Elfrida, is now at the Norfolk navy yard undergoing repairs and several weeks will probably elapse before she will be returned to this port. The Elfrida, with the Washington Division of Naval Reserves on Board, ran aground while enroute to Washington, D. C., where the crew intended participating in the inaugural parade. She was so badly damaged at that time that it was absolutely necessary to carry her to a well equipped ship yard to be overhauled. The torpedo boat, Foote, which was formerly located at this port, is now at Washington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Davis and Mr. H. R. Sauls and daughter Miss Bessie of Fort Barnwell arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit. The trip was made in an automobile.

WASHINGTON TEAM WAS VICTORIOUS

NEW BERN BOYS LOSE THE GAME BY A SCORE OF 21 TO 5.

Yesterday morning the New Bern High School baseball team left for Washington where they were to play the Washington High School team in another waiting for her.

The man said he was Reuben P. Stevens, a farmer, from Denton, Md. He was led into the corridor and there told his story.

The girl, he said, was the only surviving child of a family of seven. His wife and he had determined to give her a good education, and had toiled night and day to make her a teacher. They had sent her to the West Chester Normal School, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, but the girl did not like the life, and they found it too lonely at home without her.

"We kept her home after the Christmas vacation," Stevens went on, "but somehow she had got restless. She had friends in Philadelphia, and it seemed pretty dull on the farm with only me and her mother to talk to. So we let her have her way and told her in January she might go back on a visit for a few days. Then the next thing we heard was that she had gone to New York to marry some fellow or other, and we never heard another word of or from her until she came into the hands of the Government agents."

As he finished his story, the girl was allowed to leave the stand and came running out into the corridor. A woman social worker was with her, and as she held into her father's arms, he kept saying, brokenly:

"Mary, your mother is waiting for you at home; your mother is waiting for you."

The story the girl had to tell was commonplace enough. One day she had gone to a restaurant and happened to sit opposite a young traveling salesman called Louise Segal. The young man had attracted her. He followed her from the place and she, in a fit of half-relieve her boredom, had flirted with him. They had gone to a moving picture show together and a tea that there was the usual dinner.

The Segal had suggested that she come to New York and live with him and his wife. The girl assented and they came to the city and took a furnished room apartment. In a few days Segal brought in some young man and introduced them to her. She had objected to his proposals at first, but had finally fallen in with them. She became ill and Segal left her.

Friendless and sick in mind and body, Mary Stevens went back to Philadelphia. She was afraid to go home and she picked up a living as best she could. She tried smuggling in an amateurish way and was detected. She was not prosecuted. While she was held in jail her story attracted the attention of a social worker. The Government agents were informed with the result that Segal was arrested.

The man put in no defense and the jury came in with a verdict of guilty, but recommended Segal, who is only 19, to mercy. An attempt was made to show that he bore a good character except for the affair with Miss Stevens.

Assistant United States District Attorney Griffith was prepared for this and called in the aged Minnie Lewis, a Philadelphia girl. She testified that she knew Segal. Two months ago she

COMMITTEE AT WORK ON BOOK

Information and Data For Advertising Pamphlet Is Now Being Compiled.

WILL "BOOST" THIS SECTION.

Thousands Of Copies To Be Distributed In The North And West.

At a meeting of the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night a committee composed of C. D. Bradham, H. B. Craven, R. E. Snowden, T. D. Warren and M. Howell was appointed to get up the data for a booklet which will be used in advertising New Bern.

Wednesday afternoon this committee met in the office of the Pepsi-Cola Company and thoroughly discussed the work before them. Each member of the committee was given some special subject to take up and explain in this booklet and they were instructed to begin work on this as soon as possible so that the "copy" could be placed in the hands of the printer as soon as possible.

Every member of the committee is thoroughly enthused with this work and will devote their best efforts to getting up and compiling data which will place the advantages and resources of New Bern before the public in an interesting and favorable manner.

The advantages of this section for the farmer, the immense timber, possibilities, fishing and oyster, industry truck growing and manufacturing will be the chief objects discussed and the gentlemen who have each of these departments in charge are thoroughly capable of performing their work in an entirely satisfactory manner.

When the booklet has been issued from the press, thousands of copies will be mailed all over the north and west, especially in sections where the price of land is known to be high and the possibilities few for the manufacturer and farmer. It is hoped that the booklet will be ready for distribution by the latter part of next month.

WANTS TO PUT ON FIVE HUNDRED TO TAKE PART LYCEUM COURSE

REPRESENTATIVE OF ALKALIST BUREAU SEEKS TO INTEREST SCHOOLS.

T. S. Memory of Whiteville was in the city yesterday in the interest of the Alkalist Lyceum Bureau of Atlanta. He wants the Graded Schools to undertake the responsibility for placing this attractive course of entertainments before the people of New Bern, but Superintendent Craven was out of the city yesterday and he consequently could not get the matter closed up. But he will return and make another effort.

A course of entertainments was given here by the same bureau year before last and proved very popular. Mr. Memory says that the attractions for the coming season will be high class in every respect. The numbers are: Lecture by Richmond Pearson Hobson, Apollo Concert Company, De-Koven Male Quartet, Cambridge Players, Rosa Crany, clay moulder and cartoonist; Both Lowery, famous humorist.

Says the Washington, N. C. News: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer of New Bern arrived in the city Wednesday, bringing with them their little son, Herman, for the purpose of placing him in the Washington hospital for an operation.

Segal did not deny the charge and Judge Holt, after questioning him closely, sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment on Blackwell's Island, before him in doing so that to take account of his youth and the jury's recommendation.

The Federal authorities will have Mary Stevens in their charge and will send her back under care of a special agent in Philadelphia. There they will hand her over to her father.

GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN ROAD

Will Keep Thoroughfare From Cypress Street To National Cemetery In Repair.

IT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED

City Can Regain Possession At Any Time By Making the Proper Application.

Mayor C. J. McCarthy is in receipt of a letter from John F. Clem, Colonel Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., in which the writer states that in the future the government will keep the road leading from Cypress street to the national cemetery in good condition.

Continuing Mr. Clem says that through a misapprehension on the part of the Depot Quartermaster, who has charge of the maintenance of roads leading to National cemeteries, this road has been neglected but from now on it will be under the supervision of the government.

At any time that the city wishes to incorporate this road up as far as North Avenue, this may be done by making application to the government, setting forth the facts, etc. However, it would be necessary for Congress to pass on this matter before any definite decision could be rendered. However, any alterations such as the laying of sewer pipes, etc., can be done after the government has passed upon the plans and specifications of the work.

Samuel Parsons has sold his residence corner of Craven and New streets, to George Harriet and has moved with his son at 22 Metcalf street. Marvin Lewis, who has been living in the Parsons home at New and Craven, has moved into his new home on National avenue.

Governor Craig has appointed J. B. Blades to represent New Bern at the Southern Sociological Congress which meets in Atlanta, Ga., today for a four days session.

FIVE HUNDRED TO TAKE PART

CAST OF "SLUMBERLAND" WILL BE LARGEST EVER SEEN IN NEW BERN.

At least 500 will take part in the coming production of "Slumberland." It doesn't seem possible that so many people can be taught to perform in a single performance, but Mr. Foote, who is drilling the participants of "Slumberland" every afternoon and night in the various singing and dancing stunts, states that five hundred is a snap compared with the eight, nine and ten hundred that he often coaches in the large cities.

Every one who is taking a part seems very much interested in the undertakings, as the songs, dances and work in the play is considerably different from anything ever attempted here before. Enough to say that Slumberland will be given on the professional order. Those who will witness the performance not knowing it is composed of local talent will be astonished at the finished product as there will be no rigged scenes, no indication of a amateur and the costumes, electrical effects and stage paraphernalia carried by Mr. Foote will lend an air of professionalism that will lead those who do not know, to believe that Slumberland is a real professional production.

Among the many dancing groups who will perform difficult and intricate steps are the Pizzicato Dancing Girls. These maidens will dress in bright red, and spangles and tinsel. The costumes are very pretty dancing dresses and their dance is considered one of the most difficult in the play. A partial list of those who will take part in this dance are: Ellen Guion, Bertha Hawk, Julia B. Jones, Martha Mueger, May Baxter, Catherine Patterson, Lula Poe, Hattie Male Cohn, Agnes Foy, Emma Louise Keboe, Grace Stewart, Georgia Kabeo, Carrie Hill, Hazel Simpson, Vida Brock, Myrtle Tooker, Beanie Bell, Annie Jones.

Editor W. T. Caho of the Bayboro Sentinel was in the city yesterday.

AUTOISTS VISIT MAYSVILLE.

Nelson P. Angell Drives Hupmobile There On High Gear.

During his Hupmobile automobile from New Bern to Maysville, a distance of twenty-one miles, on roads that were dry and full of dust and having the machine in high gear during the entire trip was the feat performed yesterday afternoon by Nelson P. Angell of the firm of Angell and Hooker.

With Mr. Angell were Oscar A. Kater and H. K. Land, Business Manager of the Journal. The machine used in making the trip is a five passenger, thirty-two horse power touring car and its ability to cover ground under very unfavorable conditions was demonstrated in this trip.

The Hupmobile is not a new machine on the market by any means but only recently has an agency been opened in this city. During this time a number of the cars have been sold to local citizens and the machines are fast growing in popularity.

MRS. DUKE SEEKS SOCIAL CONQUEST

FAMOUS SOUTHERN BEAUTY IS ENROUTE TO LONDON WILL ENTERTAIN.

New York, April 24.—James B. Duke formerly known as the "American Tobacco King," and his wife, who was Mrs. William Inman, of Atlanta, famous throughout the South for her beauty and wit, sailed yesterday on the Mauretania for England, where they are to make their home for an indefinite time.

Mr. Duke recently secured Dorchester House, which was the residence of Whitelaw Reid, in Park Lane, London, and it is understood that Mrs. Duke will entertain extensively.

According to several intimate friends Mrs. Duke, shortly after her marriage to Mr. Duke, promised that she would attempt the social conquest of London. It was said that the guarded announcement that Mr. Duke had secured Dorchester House, which has been the scene of many notable gatherings, and is considered one of the most magnificent show places in England, confirms the intention of the trip.

"She always had that ambition," one said to-day, "even when a girl. After her marriage she laughingly admitted that hitherto the only barrier in her path was the lack of money, and that she was sure the Duke millions would prove to be the 'open sesame' to the social gates of London."

At Mrs. Duke's offices a statement was given out by her secretary that, while his stay in England would be indefinite, the "Tobacco King" had no intention of becoming an expatriate, and that he would retain his marble palace at Fifth Avenue and Seventy-eighth street, for which he paid \$1,600,000 and later remodeled and furnished at a cost of several millions.

It is understood, however, that while Mrs. Duke is devoting herself to social conquest, Mr. Duke will be busy with the affairs of the British-American Tobacco Company, the chairman-ship of which he accepted shortly after the dissolution of the tobacco trust.

The British-American Tobacco Company is known as the "world-wide tobacco trust," by reason that it owns or controls companies doing business in the United States, Canada, Denmark, Germany, China, India, Africa, Egypt, Jamaica, Ceylon, Belgium and Sweden.

BRIDGETON MAN WILL BE JAILER

J. D. MCCOY, PRESENT JAILER HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION.

After May 1 Craven county's jail will be presided over by E. J. Baylis of Bridgeton. J. D. McCoy, the present jailer, has handed in his resignation to take effect on that date.

Mr. McCoy succeeded M. C. Williams as jailer and took charge of the institution shortly after Sheriff R. B. Lane took charge of the Sheriff's office. Mr. Baylis is one of Bridgeton's most highly respected citizens and bears an excellent reputation for integrity and ability.

M. D. W. Swenson left last evening for a visit at Philadelphia.

SAYS NEW BERN HAS FISH TRUST

New York Man Claims His Buyer Is Not Allowed to Purchase Herring.

"PREPOSTEROUS" SAYS DEALER

If New Yorker Can Get Eel Bait He Will State New Industry Here.

Ernest H. Lueders of New York states that he wants to start operations here that will mean a new industry for New Bern, but is about to be unable to do so on account of what he says is a trust of the fishing interests here.

He proposes to buy eels and smoke and jelly them for the New York market—that is if he can get the eels, the procuring of the eels being contingent upon the ability to get the bait with which the eels are caught.

It is in getting the bait that he has encountered the difficulties which he says convince him that the fishing interests here are banded together to prevent an outsider from coming in and doing business, though he says that the business that he proposes to do would not harm the men engaged in the industry here in the slightest degree as there is no business at all done here in the way of preparing eels for market.

He has employed a well known colored fisherman who informs him that the local fish dealers won't sell him the herring that are used as bait for the eel traps. Mr. Lueders says it is possible to "spear" a few eels and to get a few more in the course of ordinary angling operations, but that he wants eels on a big scale and the only way to get them in such quantities is to set traps with bits of fresh herring as the enticements for his eelshp.

"There is a fine demand for smoked eel, also jellied eel in New York," he said. "I have a special process both for curing and for jellifying this variety of fish, and if I could just manage to break over the barriers set up by your local fish trust here I could build up here an industry that would give employment to several people every working day in the year."

"What, you don't like eel? Maybe you have never tried any. Wait until you have tried some the way I prepare it and you will say you have discovered an entirely new dainty. It is toothsome, I can assure you."

"When are you going to leave?" Mr. Lueders was asked. "Leave? Who said anything about leaving? I am going to fight some before I leave—and I may not leave."

He would not say whether he had retained a lawyer or along what lines his efforts to get the fishing interests here to do business with him would be conducted. "I won't tell you about that," he said.

Dealer Denies Charge.

A well known fish and oyster dealer was asked about the existence of a trust. He said if there was one here he didn't know it. In fact, he said the charge was preposterous. Anybody with the money, he said, could buy herrings on the local market and buy them very cheap for on Wednesday they had sold as low as \$1.75 a thousand. He added that earlier in the season they sold for one, two and three cents apiece and that price was prohibitive to those who wanted to use them for bait. But as for any body tendering the cash at the prevailing price on the open market and not being allowed to buy fish, such a charge was ridiculous.

DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES

St. Louis, April 24.—Autopsies on the bodies of Mrs. Ernestine Kommichau and her daughter, Selma, which were found imbedded in cement in the basement of their home Tuesday, convinced the postmortem physicians that both women died of natural causes.

The revenue cutter Pamlico is now at her local dock being repaired and overhauled. The vessel has recently completed her annual cruise in Eastern North Carolina waters and after these cruises she is always placed in the hands of the ship's carpenters and painters.

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