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Several Killed Beneath Walls Of Club Building

Another Fatal Mishap At
Scene of Recent Fire
In St. Louis.

At Least Five
Persons Dead

Adjoining Building Unable
To Stand Deluge Of
Brick and Mortar

St. Louis, March 18.—At least five persons were killed and ten injured when the west wall of the Missouri Athletic Club building, which was destroyed by fire in which 30 persons lost their lives a week ago, collapsed under a high wind here late today and crashed through a four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed Company.

The wall of the Missouri Athletic Club building, which stood seven stories high, crumbled when a 35-mile wind veered to the northwest. A few minutes before the collapse Building Commissioner McKelvey, who was directing 170 men in the work of exploring the ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club, feared the wall would fall and ordered his men out of the debris. This action probably prevented a heavy loss of life.

The four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed Co. had weakened, apparently during the burning of the Missouri Athletic Club building, which adjoined it on the east and when the brick wall crashed on the roof of the four-story building, the walls of the latter gave way and all above the second floor crumbled.

Hours after the accident it was impossible to determine how many had been buried in the ruins. Many doubtless escaped and went away without giving their names, but ten persons are accounted for. Six injured, three of them women, had been taken from the ruins, two were known to be dead and several still were in the debris.

Dissected His Own Rescue.
James Cobb, cashier of the seed company, apparently was dangerously hurt, but he directed the work of his rescuers who tried to extricate him from the ruins. Electric lights were strung about the debris that pinioned him, and while the workmen tugged at the heavy debris Father Kennedy, a Catholic priest, administered to him the last rites of the church. Father Kennedy also administered the last rites to another man buried in the debris. Two other priests worked in the ruins, giving last rites to the injured.

The body of a man lay across the body of Mr. Cobb when the rescuers reached him. This man had been transfixed by a piece of scantling. An aged man was found pinioned in the basement of the seed company building. He was seriously injured and to take him out alive it seemed necessary to amputate his leg. Physicians had injected morphine into the pinioned leg and were about to apply the knife when workmen succeeded in moving the debris slightly, thereby releasing the injured man. The amputation was averted and the man was taken to the city dispensary.

In the seed company building at the time of the accident were 10 or 12 customers, three women and five or six men, office employees and a large number of workmen engaged in repair work.

The customers in the building are believed to have escaped with slight or no injuries. The injured were for the most part office employees of the seed company. The bodies of three workmen had been taken from the ruins tonight. The groans of a woman buried beneath the debris, which had been heard for some time ceased by the time the building commission had obtained a large force to explore the wreckage. It is believed the woman is dead.

N. M. Gallant of Charlotte was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

DURHAM COUNTY MAN FOUND DYING IN ROAD

DUKE JOHNSON FELL FROM HIS
BUGGY WHILE DRIVING HOME

Durham, March 18.—Last night Duke Johnson, a farmer living about two miles north west of the city, was found dying in the middle of the road where he had fallen from his buggy. The horse and buggy was standing near the place where the man had fallen. It is thought by people living on Watts street, along which he had to go to get to his home, that Johnson must have remained in the road for over an hour before he was discovered by the people living nearby.

A number of people remember seeing the man as he passed a suburban store on Watts street. At 9 o'clock Sam Thompson, who lives about a half mile from Johnson's home, found the man in a dying condition in the road. He summoned some of his neighbors, and a physician was called. Before the doctor arrived, however, Johnson had died.

The special committee appointed by the president of the Commercial club to make recommendations about a county fair, reported back to the club this morning and unanimously recommended the organization of a County Fair association, which would issue stock, secure options on land and make such necessary arrangements for the fair as deemed necessary to put on a fitting and successful one.

REV. J. B. PHILLIPS FLAYS UNGODLY CHURCHMEMBERS

MONEY AND "PULL" GIVEN A
SOLAR PLEXUS BY LOCAL DIVINE

Rev. J. B. Phillips flayed the ungodly church members of New Bern last night. The theme of the hour was "Why is it my prayers are not answered?"

The preacher spoke for about thirty minutes, and there was not a dead minute during the time. The officers, hearers and leaders were not spared in the searching address. Among other things the speaker said: "The deacons were men of honest report and filled with the Holy Ghost but today when the church goes to choose deacons, stewards or whatever officer they may, they look for men who can swing things."

They look for men who can give money and get others to give whether their lives are clean or not. Some time ago the papers were filled with articles on what is the trouble with the churches? I can tell you the bars have been let down and our churches are filled with all kinds of trash.

Mr. Phillips showed in God's word that sin in the lives of church members is the thing that is keeping them from having their prayers answered.

The message will be continued tonight and Mr. Phillips promises some live plain facts.

There will be fourteen prayer meetings this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and the women of the city regardless of denomination are invited to attend and help.

The house was filled last night and a large number had to go in the gallery. All New Bern is cordially invited to attend these services.

REMAINS OF COL. CAHO LAID AT REST.

The funeral of Col. W. T. Cahoon, who died at Bayboro, Tuesday afternoon, was conducted at that place yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a member of the Masonic Order and he was buried with lodge honors.

Among those who attended the funeral from this city were Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Thomas, L. G. Daniels and Hughes Holland.

SCENE OF THE ST. LOUIS TRAGEDY



Ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis, just before the walls fell, crushing out the lives of a number of persons.

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WAREHOUSE PLANS TO BE READY TODAY

Will Be Inspected By Committee And Necessary
Changes Made—Selling Campaign Begins
Tomorrow Morning

Yesterday morning the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce which is composed of B. B. Hurst, J. S. Claypoole, H. W. Armstrong, M. D. W. Stevenson, T. A. Uzzell, J. Leon Williams, and W. J. Lucas, who were assigned by President Charles L. Ives of the Chamber of Commerce to meet with A. T. Dill and make the necessary changes in the proposition made by the latter to erect a tobacco warehouse in New Bern and to operate the same for a period of three years, met with Mr. Dill for this purpose but the contractor who is drawing up the plans had not completed them and the work of making the changes was delayed until this morning.

Tonight the Executive Committee will meet with a committee composed of J. B. Blades, T. A. Uzzell, B. B. Hurst, J. Leon Williams, M. D. Stevenson E. H. Meadows, Jr., J. S. Miller, H. B. Craven who are to sell the lots offered by Mr. Dill and will make arrangements for beginning a campaign to sell the lots. It is regretted that the plans and specifications for the warehouse were not in readiness yesterday as the committee is anxious to get out among the business men of the city and dispose of the one hundred and twenty lots which Mr. Dill has offered for sale. There is not the least doubt but that these lots can be disposed of without the least trouble but the sooner the sales are made that much sooner will the warehouse be in operation.

Members of both committees are urged to be present at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight at 8 o'clock, at which time plans for the campaign will be made.

ANOTHER ALLEGED "TIGER" NABBED

Elijah James, colored, was placed under arrest at Fort Barnwell yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff John Huff on a warrant charging him with retailing whiskey. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace B. B. Wootten and being found guilty was bound over to the next term of Craven county Superior Court under a bond of one hundred and fifty dollars which he gave and was released from custody.

BRIGHT JEWELS TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

The bright jewels will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the church parlors of Centenary Church.

All who will take part in the Easter Exercises are especially requested to attend.

M. D. Lane arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from a business visit to Norfolk.

TEN YEAR OLD LAD TURNS OUT TO BE EMBRYO CRIMINAL

Breaks Into Grocery Store And
Robbs Safe

SECOND ROBBERY IN WEEK

William Watkins Seemed To Have
Mania For Taking Other Peoples Goods.

Though only ten years of age, William Watkins, who lives with his parents at No. 13 Burn street, has proven that he is one of the worst embryo criminals in New Bern and despite his tender years his exploits have already gained for him a reputation that is not in the least desirable.

Young Watkins came here with his parents some time ago from Richmond Va. In that city he robbed a blind man and it was mainly on this account that the boy's father moved away from the Virginia city, thinking that the lad, if moved away from unfavorable surroundings, would lead a better life.

However, environments seemed to have no effect on the lad and he has continued his depredations and was yesterday placed under arrest charged with breaking into and robbing the safe in the store of J. L. McDaniel on lower Middle street, where he was employed as an errand boy.

Upon opening his establishment yesterday morning Mr. McDaniel found that the door of his safe had been opened and that the drawer containing money and checks, had been robbed. In this drawer was about seventeen dollars in currency and fifty dollars worth of checks. Naturally Mr. McDaniel was disturbed over his loss and reported the affair to the police who made an investigation and dis-

covered the money hidden in the ashes in the stove used in heating the establishment, the lad acknowledged that he was the guilty party.

On last Sunday night someone broke into the establishment of E. K. Bowden on Middle street near the corner of Broad, and stole several watches and other articles. The police had failed to locate the thief and when they learned that Watkins had broken into Mr. McDaniel's store they at once came to the conclusion that he knew about the other robbery and after being questioned closely he admitted that he also was the thief who entered Mr. Bowden's place of business.

The grocery store of S. W. Willis which is located near Mr. McDaniel's establishment was also broken into a few nights ago and it is believed that Watkins knows something about this robbery but he emphatically denied all knowledge of the affair.

While the offense is a serious one, the police were in a quandary as to what disposition to make of the case. The lad's father appears to be an invalid and says that he has been out of work for a long time. His mother is lying at the point of death with tuberculosis and the family are in a bad condition. Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Bowden showed their benevolent spirit by refusing to prosecute the boy and he was allowed to go home with his father.

This affair is one of the several of like ilk which have occurred in New Bern during the past year. Parents of boys between the ages of nine and fifteen years allow them to go about as they see fit and it is not an uncommon thing to see them roaming around the streets at early hours in the morning. When such a condition as this exists there is little wonder that the boys turn out to be criminals and a menace to the public. New Bern has a law which says that boys under fifteen years of age must be indoors by 9 o'clock at night or else have some good excuse for being out. The police wish to notify the parents of boys of this age that they intend to rigidly enforce this law and all boys found on the streets after that hour will be placed under arrest.

BIG MILLINERY OPENING TO BE HELD TODAY

J. M. Mitchell & Company will hold their millinery opening today and the ladies of New Bern are extended a cordial invitation to attend. Souvenirs will be presented to every visitor.

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BANKER SAID TO BE SHORT MORE THAN \$70,000

Hernam C. Smith Of Goldsboro
Is The Man

SHORTAGE IN TWO BANKS

President Norwood Promptly Made
Good The Shortage With
The Cash

Goldsboro, N. C., March 18.—For several days past an report back by another has been in the city, implying the books of the Goldsboro Savings & Trust Company and the National Bank, being summoned here by Mr. Geo. A. Norwood, president of the National Bank, who had suspected something wrong was going on, but so quietly that the affair been kept from the public until today was the shortage in the two banks given to the stockholders and the public in general. This afternoon the stockholders of the two banks gave out the following statement:

That the Goldsboro Savings & Trust Company had discovered a shortage of \$50,000 and some few hundred dollars and the National Bank a shortage of \$25,000, a defalcation by H. C. Smith, an employee of the National Bank and for two years cashier of the Goldsboro Savings & Trust Company.

The first shortage was discovered in the National Bank, but relatives of young Smith promptly made good that sum and the affair was kept quiet. Today an inspection of the books of the Goldsboro Savings & Trust Company disclosed a shortage of \$59,000, but the loss will only be \$40,000, as Mr. Smith was bonded by an insurance company for \$10,000.

The stockholders held a meeting this afternoon behind closed doors with the result that Mr. Geo. A. Norwood president of the two banks, deposited \$50,000 in cash with the stockholders as a personal loss to guarantee every depositor from loss of their money or interest on same and when the meeting had adjourned the above statement was given to the public.

The stockholders were willing to share the loss with Mr. Norwood but he refused their aid and stated that he felt as though he was responsible for the conditions of the two banks and his conscience would not allow him to do otherwise than to make good the defalcations personally. Many banks throughout the South have telegraphed Mr. Norwood this afternoon offering their aid and if the aid offered was made into a total it would run up into hundreds of thousands.

Mr. Smith was also city treasurer but late tonight no examination had been made of the books.

Up to this hour Smith has not been arrested, but it is rumored that he is being shadowed and the first attempt at escape will lead to his arrest.

The money is alleged to have been lost by speculation in cotton futures. Young Smith is prominently connected in this city and the affair has cast a gloom over the entire town.

MILLINERY OPENING AT S. COPLON & SONS TODAY

ALL IS NOW IN READINESS FOR
THIS BIG EVENT
PUBLIC INVITED

S. Coplon and Son will begin their spring and summer showing of millinery today. This event is one which has long been looked forward to by the ladies of New Bern and there is not the slightest doubt but that the store will be crowded with visitors all during the day.

Elaborate preparations have been made by the force of clerks and employees and the scene which will confront the visitors as they enter the door will be a veritable fairyland.

To every lady who enters the store during the day and tomorrow will be presented a handsome and useful souvenir.

THE WEATHER

For New Bern and vicinity Fair and continued cold. Brisk and high Northwest winds.

Shippers' Forecast. Protect 36 hour shipments north against temperatures of about 10 to 20 degrees.