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FARMVILLE THE SCENE OF BIG FIRE; LOSS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$750,000

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE WIPES AWAY SEVERAL TOBACCO WAREHOUSES

Flames Originated in Steam Heating Plant of Banner Warehouse—The Water Supply Gave Out and Bucket Brigade Was Formed To Check the Fire But This Proved Ineffective—One Grocery Store Was Among The Buildings Destroyed—Several Horses Burned To Death.

A telephone message received by the Journal at midnight brought the information of a fire which occurred last night at Farmville which did damage estimated at three quarters of million dollars. The blaze originated from the steam plant in the Banner Warehouse and before it had been gotten under control the Planter Warehouse, the Banner Warehouse, the American Tobacco Company's storage warehouses, the Farmville Warehouse Company's stables and E. P. Pipkins grocery store had been totally destroyed.

A valuable saddle horse owned by the Banner Warehouse Company and a horse belonging to the Farmers Warehouse Company were burned to death.

Shortly after the fire broke out the water supply of the town gave out and it was necessary to fight the flames with buckets of water and this proved ineffectual.

Estimates of the loss vary from three quarters to a million dollars and this is partially covered by insurance.

In each of the warehouses there was a large quantity of tobacco and the storage warehouses of the American Tobacco Company were literally jammed to the doors with the weed.

Farmville is located in Pitt county, and has a population of about two thousand inhabitants. It is one of the leading tobacco markets of the State and in fact obtains its chief revenue from that source.

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS OFF TO SAVANNAH

TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, left today for Savannah, Ga., to attend the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Daniels carried with her a special cotton exhibit which appeared at the National Cotton Fashion Show. She will ask the convention to endorse the national "use more cotton" movement.

STEAMER AFIRE OFF CAPE HENRY.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 9.—The steamship Rembrandt has been reported tonight as being afire about two hundred miles east of Cape Henry.

Grave fears are entertained for the safety of those on board of the vessel as it is not known how badly the ship is burning.

JAMES STALLINGS GIVES BOND.

James Stallings, colored, who was bound over to Superior Court under a justified bond in the sum of one hundred dollars, a few days ago by Justice of the Peace Walter Falford, gave the required bond yesterday and was released.

SECURES RELEASE FROM HOLLE JAIL, GERMANY

REV. VON MILLER OF JACKSONVILLE WAS PLACED IN DURANCE VILE.

Wilmington, Nov. 9.—Rev. R. M. von Miller, pastor of the Jacksonville and Richlands Baptist churches, who has been confined in prison at Holle, Germany, ever since soon after he arrived on a combined pleasure and business trip to his native country in July, had been released through the efforts of the State Department at Washington and is now on his way to America. He is expected to reach his home at Jacksonville between the 15th and 20th of this month.

This information was received here this morning by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church, and chairman of the executive committee of the Wilmington Baptist Association, which committee has been active in an effort to secure the release of Mr. von Miller ever since it was learned three weeks ago that he was in prison. The letter received by Mr. Hall was from Mr. R. P. Hinton, of Jacksonville, another member of the committee. Besides Mr. Hall and Mr. Hinton the committee is composed of Messrs. D. L. Gore, Geo. E. Leftwich, of Wilmington; F. P. Powers, of Wallace; J. T. Bland, Esq., of Burgaw.

The news of the release of Mr. von Miller was specially pleasing to his wife and four children, who are at the family home at Jacksonville.

Mr. von Miller left in July for his former home in Germany on business in connection with the estate left by his father. He was accompanied by Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Jacksonville Methodist church, who returned home as soon as possible after the war broke out.

It is believed that the imprisonment of Mr. von Miller was caused by some enemies. Three weeks ago word was received here that Mr. von Miller was in prison. The executive committee of the Wilmington Baptist Association took the matter up immediately with Congressman H. L. Godwin and Senator Simmons and Overman, who interested in the State Department in his behalf. This resulted in the release of Mr. von Miller, according to a cablegram received at Jacksonville Thursday. He has already sailed for America.

Mr. von Miller has lived in this country for 15 or 20 years and has been a member of the Wilmington Baptist Association for about five years. He formerly lived in Wilmington and has many friends here who will be interested to know of his release.

FALSE FIRE ALARM

About midnight Sunday a false alarm was turned in from Main street in Pavia Town, which makes the second false alarm from that box during a week's time.

The firemen were also called out yesterday morning about eight o'clock to extinguish a blaze in the home of Martin Brock on Broad street. The flames were caused by an explosion of a stove and heavy damage was avoided by the quick response of the firemen.

CONTRABAND GOODS MAY BE SENT TO SWEDEN

Neutral Vessels May Carry Them To That and Other Countries Without any Fear of British Ships.

HOWEVER, THEY MUST NOT BE RE-EXPORTED.

Great Britain Notifies Her Ministers in Norway and Other Points of Her Decision in The Matter.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—Contraband goods on neutral vessels bound for Norway, Sweden and Denmark are not to be molested by the warships of Great Britain when the government of the country to which the shipments are consigned, guarantees that they will not be re-exported to Germany and Austria. This announcement was made by the State Department today which gave the telegram from Sir Edward Grey to the British ministers at Norway and Sweden, and Danish governments.

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED RIVER WARTHE.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—Russian troops are in the Posen province says a dispatch received here today. Unofficial reports declare that the advance guard has crossed the river Warthe and now holds Pleschen.

FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH UNABATED FIERCENESS.

Vienna, Nov. 9.—An official statement issued tonight says: "Fighting continued with unabated fierceness yesterday in the southwestern war theatre. Notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the enemy, trench after trench was taken by our brave troops in the Plain of Krupan."

NO NOTABLE CHANGE IN THE ALLIES POSITION.

Paris, Nov. 9.—An official statement issued at midnight says that there has been no notable change in the situation due to the difficulties encountered in fighting in a dense fog which prevailed over the battlefield for a considerable extent. In the north the day has been a good one and we have been able to maintain positions between the river Lys and Langemarck and made some progress in other sections, notably toward Dixmude.

"THE PRICE OF MONEY."

Theatrical Club to Present This In December.

The members of the Theatrical Club, one of New Bern's five dramatic clubs, are now engaged in rehearsing for "The Price of Money" which is to be presented at the Masonic theatre on Friday, December 4.

This play is said to be even better than "The Iron Master" which was presented by the club last winter and which made such a lasting impression on local theatre-goers.

A number of new faces will be seen in the cast of the coming production and, according to all rumors, the public has in store a rare treat.

WM. WILLARD INJURED SUNDAY EVENING AT PASSENGER STATION.

William Willard, who is an employee of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and who lives on Hancock street, received a painful but not serious injury Sunday night when he was suddenly taken with an attack of acute indigestion while in C. E. Taylor's lunch room at the Union Passenger Station. He was sitting on one of the stools at the counter when he had a peculiar feeling, and got up, but immediately lost control of himself and fell to the floor striking his head on some object which inflicted a very painful wound.

THE CZAR'S TROOPS LOST NO TIME CLEARING POLAND

Speed with Which He Did This Will Have Great Effect on Campaign in Other War Theatres in Europe.

SILESIAN INHABITANTS FLEE FROM HOMES.

Invasion of Germany by The Russians May be Deferred for Several Weeks While Mission is Accomplished.

London, Nov. 9.—Russia dominates the military situation today. The speed with which she has cleared the invaders from Russian Poland must necessarily have a great effect on the campaigns in the other war theatres. Already the inhabitants are reported fleeing from their prosperous Silesian homes despite the fact that General Von Hindenburg's strong army is between them and the advancing Russians. But something besides the might of the German arms may enable them to remain still, and for some time, in security for a significant message from Petrograd announces that Russia may defer the invasion of Germany until her historic mission toward the Bosphorus is accomplished.

This mission includes the complete subjection of Austro-Hungary as well as the invasion of Turkey, and if this is the actual plan of the grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief, the Russians may be content to hold their present positions along the German border while making an aggressive war toward the south and east.

Persistent reports continue to reach London that the Germans are sending heavy reinforcements to their western lines. News of a contrary nature, to the effect that the Germans are preparing to retreat through Belgium, also is rife, but the experts seem to place more credence in the reports of reinforcements and the coming week is looked forward to as one of the most crucial of the war.

Cossack raids across the German border continue and Berlin now admits that the Russians are well beyond the river Warthe. The Russian advance has been made over bad roads at the amazing rate of fourteen miles daily and the German retreat has now passed Czernostochowa without stopping. The Russian line is well back of the Warthe between Czernostochowa and Kalisz.

Another Petrograd report states that Czernostochowa is still held as the last German position in Russia, but that this is regarded as untenable.

The latest Paris official communication states that the invaders are concentrating their activity about Ypres without as yet achieving any result. The allies are reported as holding their own everywhere on the Aisne, while to the northwest of Soissons they have reached a new position on the Vregny plateau.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN DIRECTORS PASS THROUGH.

A party of Directors and Officials of the Norfolk Southern Railroad enroute from Morehead City and Beaufort where they had been inspecting the company's property to an inspection of the Northern Division. The party reached Norfolk yesterday and the members of the Board of Directors left in the afternoon for their homes in New York City.

GOOD RECEIPTS AT THE DILL TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

Although the sales at the Dill tobacco warehouse were small yesterday, the prices paid were good, the average being about fourteen cents. The small sales yesterday were due to the inclement weather.

ADVOCATES OF GOOD ROADS ARE NOW IN ATLANTA

Five Thousand of Them Gathered Yesterday in The Georgia Capital To Attend The Annual Gathering.

MEETING WILL LAST ALL THIS WEEK

Much Enthusiasm Manifested By Those Who Are Attending The Conference—Several Carolinians are Attending.

ATLANTA, Nov. 9.—About five thousand men interested in good roads are here today for the session of the Fourth American Road Congress, which will continue through this week. There was a large amount of enthusiasm observed about the places where the delegates congregated. Probably no state was not represented. Atlanta has made elaborate arrangements for entertaining her visitors. The city has been decorated at great expense.

Forty-seven national and state road associations are taking part in the congress, prominent being the American Highway Association, the American Automobile Association, the American Bar Association, the American Banker's Association and the National Civil Service Reform League.

Many railroads have put on special trains for the congress and the good roads of Georgia have been tested by hundreds of motor cars bearing the delegates here.

Besides the addresses and discussions there are many social features and exhibitions covering 40,000 square feet of floor space. The U. S. Government exhibit comprises accurate models of every type of road from the imperial roads of ancient Rome to the modern boulevard and county market road.

Among those expected to address the Congress are Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway; L. W. Page, director of the U. S. Office of Public Roads; U. S. Senator J. H. Bankhead; Representative Dorsey W. Schackelford; Representative Wm. P. Borland, and many State commissioners of highways.

This afternoon Governor and Mrs. Slaton gave a reception in the Georgia State Capital to the delegates, visitors and their families. All the Atlanta clubs are keeping open houses for the delegates.

This is the first meeting of the American Road Congress in the South and is a recognition of the great energy and progress that has been made in that section in the movement for improved roads. In 1913, about \$40,000,000 was expended by southern states on their public roads, in addition to the labor of thousands of state convicts. Georgia alone had their entire convict force numbering nearly 5,000 engaged in road construction.

The tremendous importance of guarding against extravagance in road expenditures is shown by the fact that while a recent report of the census bureau indicates that the total bonded debt of the 48 states last year was \$142,157,000, in the single year of 1912 the states spent about \$142,000,000 on roads. The total indebtedness had been accumulated for years, and yet in one year an amount equal to about one-third was spent on roads. This subject will be dealt with exhaustively at the congress.

One of the principal results hoped for by the management of the congress will be the establishment of state railway departments in the six southern states, which have thus far failed to adopt the plan of state supervision, namely, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas. Aside from these six states only Indiana and Montana have failed to establish state highway departments for educational or constructive work.

SERVICES SUNDAY AT COUNTY JAIL.

Services were conducted at the county jail Sunday morning at ten o'clock by the Salvation Army.

FRANK BEAMAN CREMATED UNDER BURNING AUTO

Fatal Accident Occurred Sunday Evening Just Outside the Limits of the City.

WALTER ALVIS HAD VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Was in The Machine When It Turned Over But Managed to Extricate Himself Before Tank Exploded.

An accident which was horrible in every detail and which cost the life of Frank Beaman, a young man whose home was on C. street and who was employed in the local shops of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, occurred shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday evening near the county bridge over Jack Smith's creek when an automobile being driven by Mr. Beaman was overturned and he was pinned beneath it and burned to death by the gasoline which in some way escaped from the tank and became ignited from a kerosene lamp on the front of the machine.

The Accident.

With Mr. Beaman was Walter Alvis, who also resides on C. street and who was a very intimate friend of the victim. Mr. Alvis was caught beneath the car also but managed to extricate himself before the gasoline tank exploded and made every effort to lift the machine off his companion but failed in so doing.

According to the statement made by Mr. Alvis, the machine began to run from one side of the road to the other just after passing the National cemetery going west and Mr. Beaman finally lost control of the car and it was overturned. Mr. Beaman was caught beneath the steering gear and was fearfully mangled in addition to being burned.

Calls For Help.

Seeing that he could not take the car off the man underneath, Mr. Alvis began to call for help. Hubert Hanks was near the scene in his machine and he rushed up to the spot where the blazing car was lying and combined his efforts with those of Mr. Alvis in an attempt to get the victim out from beneath it. A few minutes later a gentleman who lives just west of Jack Smith's creek, also came up and rendered whatever assistance possible but it was not until other help arrived that the blazing machine was taken from the charred remains of Mr. Beaman and he was then beyond the ken of mortal aid.

Fearful Sight.

The body was burned beyond all possibility of recognition and those who viewed it turned away in horror and even strong men wept. News of the accident spread quickly and within twenty minutes after the car had taken its fatal turn, probably three hundred persons were on the scene. In the meantime the J. K. Willis Company, undertakers, had been notified of the tragedy and they hurried an ambulance to the scene and took the body in charge, carrying it to their parlors where it was prepared for burial. The funeral was conducted from Centenary Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Euclid McWhorter assisted by Rev. Reynolds and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Wife Prostrated.

Mr. Beaman is survived only by his wife and when the news of the tragedy was broken to her, she was prostrated with grief. Only a short time before her husband had gone out of the house in the very best of spirits, expecting to return shortly and this only added to make the circumstances more pathetic.

Car Destroyed.

The machine, a Ford, was almost completely destroyed, in fact only the metal parts were remaining. Mr. Beaman had owned this only a short while.