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FIVE DIE IN FLAMES

Painful Scenes in a Tenement House Fire

ROASTED LIKE RATS IN HOLES

Sleeping Tenants on Five Upper Floors of New York Italian House Were Cut Off While the Ground Floor Became a Roaring Furnace Beneath Them.

New York, Special.—At least five persons were burned to death in an Italian tenement house fire at 221 E. Seventy-third street. The house was six floors high and the sleeping tenants on the five upper floors were made prisoners by flames, with the ground floor a roaring furnace beneath them. Three of those who lost their lives were kneeling in prayer when the fire reached them.

The police believe that the fire was started by an incendiary. It began in a heap of rubbish at the bottom of an air shaft and spread through the interior of a grocery store on the ground floor. A policeman was the first person to see the fire, just as it had begun to creep up the air shaft. He ran into the building pounding on the hall doors all the way up to the sixth floor to waken the tenants. The fire followed him so swiftly that when he reached the top floor he was obliged to send the tenants there out to the fire escapes to save them from suffocation.

When the fire department arrived with its ladders, nearly every one on the fire escapes was kneeling in prayer. Adding to the pathos of the scene was the action of the men, who stood with their arms full of personal possessions while their wives fought unaided to protect the children from being trampled by the crowd or suffocated by smoke. Every one on the fire escapes was saved by the fire men.

The lessee of the house told the police that the Black Hand Society had recently sent him letters demanding \$2,000. Although the demands did not state what the penalty was to be for refusing to pay the money, the police have begun an investigation, on the belief that the fire was started by the writer of the letters.

Odell Hotly Denies All.

New York, Special.—Former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., and United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew, as witnesses before the Armstrong legislative insurance investigation committee, denied parts of the testimony of James Hazen Hyde in which their names were used. Mr. Odell in the course of his testimony called Mr. Hyde's statement "base calumny" and when he was asked whether he directly or indirectly had made threats to have the charter of the Mercantile Trust Company revoked, his face flushed, and striking the arm of the witness chair with his fist, he exclaimed, "There is no truth in that statement, so help me God."

School Dormitory Burned.

Moultrie, Ga., Special.—Fire swept away the boys' dormitory of Norman Institute at Norman Park. It was a wooden structure and, with the furnishings, was valued at \$8,000. The trustees decided to replace the building with a brick dormitory to cost \$12,000. The boarding students have been received into the homes of Norman Park until the new buildings can be completed.

News in Brief.

The old Richmond and Tidewater Railroad is to be completed by a new company and called the Richmond, Rappahannock and Eastern.
The Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church decided to meet next year in Portsmouth.
The Woman's Union annual meeting at Fredericksburg adjourned after electing officers.
Petersburg is raising a fund for the Russian massacre victims.
The Russian Government finds the Polish situation growing hourly worse.
King Alfonso of Spain arrived in Vienna.
Republicans made some gains in the Spanish municipal elections.
The German Foreign Office states there is no present purpose of vacating Germany's lease of Kiaochau, China.
Japan is to issue a \$250,000,000 4 per cent. loan to convert outstanding debts.

FOR BIG LACE FACTORY

English Capitalist Looking For a Site For \$3,000,000 Plant.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Capt Alex. Thompson, of England, representing Mr. Fletcher, the largest lace manufacturer in the world, was here this week. Mr. Fletcher, who now has lace factories in the largest European countries, is thinking seriously of establishing a two and a half million dollar concern of this kind in the South, and Mr. Thompson is looking over the field with a view of finding a suitable location on their lines. The things especially necessary in the city where this enterprise is to be established are good supply of water, cheap freight rates, high class of operatives, good school and church advantages. A plant such as the one proposed would employ all together, in the mill, dyeing and finishing plants, between five and six hundred operatives. A large number of these would be secured from the best class of working girls.

Goldboro Dry.

Goldboro, Special.—The election to determine whether Goldboro should have open bar rooms or prohibition for the next two years was held here Tuesday. About 550 votes were cast, and the result was 146 majority for prohibition. The election passed off quietly without and disturbance whatever. In fact it was one of the quietest, most orderly, elections ever held here. The good ladies of the city held an all-day prayer meeting in the First Baptist Church and the solemn tones of the bell of that edifice pealed forth every hour during the day and put a sacred solemnity to the memorable occasion.

Warehouse For Wadesboro.

Wadesboro, Special.—At a meeting of cotton growers of this county, held here, was unanimously decided to build a warehouse here and one at Morven, to be ready for the next season. The influential farmers of the county are behind the movement and the warehouses will be built.

Tar Heel Items.

Edward Valentine, of Richmond, Va., the most noted sculptor in the South, has received a commission for a statue of Washington Duke, to be placed on the campus in front of Trinity College at Durham. The statue will be of heroic size and of bronze. It is to be erected by the friends and admirers of Mr. Duke, who was so generous a patron of Trinity College.

Governor Glenn appoints Gen. Joseph F. Armfield, Adjutant General Thomas R. Robinson, Quartermaster General Frances A. Mason, Colonels J. H. Craig, H. S. Bragaw, J. L. Ludlow and J. T. Gardner, a board to examine and select a permanent encampment site for the North Carolina National Guard. Morehead City, Wrightsville and Asheville have filed bids.

Charters are granted the Farmers Trust Company, of Lexington; capital stock, \$25,000; Robert Burkhead, J. W. Newell and others stockholders, to do a commercial and savings business. Another charter is granted the Snider Lumber Company, of Snider, Davidson, capital stock, \$25,000; Jno. W. Snider and others stockholders.

A charter is granted the Eastern Carolina Timber Company, of Jamesville, Martin county, capital stock \$30,000. Principal office New York city, to be organized at Norfolk next Monday, stockholders, Robert White, of Toledo, Ohio, and several New Yorkers, including John T. Lynch.

Dowie Going Home.

Victoria, Mexico, Special.—John Alexander Dowie, or the self styled "Elijah II" staid for Zion City going by way of New York. That he is rapidly failing is admitted by his closest associates and frequent requests have been forwarded to Zion City recently for prayers in his behalf by the congregation of Shiloh Tabernacle. The doctors say that if the Zion City leader suffers another stroke of paralysis it will prove fatal as his advanced age is much against him.

The report on rural public school libraries shows 1203 with one hundred thousand books, valued at forty thousand dollars. Durham leads with 33 libraries, Wayne having 36.

A complaint is filed with the corporation commission by F. A. Woodard in behalf of the business men of Wilson against the Carolina Telephone Company for bad local service and long distance connections with the Southern Bell Company.

FOR SEA LEVEL ROUTE

Decision Reached By Canal Commission

BORAD OF ENGINEERS AGREE

After Nearly Three Months' Hard Work, Advisory Body, Composed of Engineers From All Parts of the World, Goes on Record Against Locks by a Vote of 8 to 5.

Washington, Special.—By a vote of 8 to 5, the board of consulting engineers of the Isthmian Canal commission placed itself on record as favoring the construction of the Panama Canal on the sea level. This decision represents the outcome of nearly three months hard work. Early in September the engineers gathered from all parts of the world to assist the American engineers in the direction of the momentous question of constructing the Panama Canal, at sea level or at a greater altitude, involving a system of locks.

The foreigners came to Washington absolutely without instructions from their own governments and without bias, determined to be guided to their direction solely by the facts to be presented to them. It was not until last Tuesday that anything in the nature of a decisive vote was taken; and that, after all, was an indirect test. Just what that proposition was cannot be stated with absolute certainty, but it is conjectured that the issue was whether or not a lock canal of a certain type should be constructed. At any rate, the vote disclosed the fact that a majority of the eight American members, under the lead of General Abbott, was strongly in favor of a lock canal.

The foreigners were against the particular type mentioned in the proposition, but it was not clear that at that moment they were opposed to the whole proposition of a lock canal. The real test came, and the time between Tuesday and the meeting Saturday was consumed in some very strong presentations on the part of the majority of the American delegates to influence their foreign colleagues to accept one of the other lock propositions. The Americans, there is reason to believe that three of their number, probably General Davis and Mr. Pearson and Mr. Burr, joined the foreign delegates in this first vote, which recorded the board as favoring the sea-level canal.

The decision was reached about noon and thereby the board practically concluded its labors. There will be a few more meetings next week simply to deal with small details and to put into permanent form the results of the board's protracted meetings. The foreign delegates desire to leave for their European homes by the 27th instant. To accommodate them in this, the full board has agreed that they may conclude some purely formal work at a special meeting to be held in Paris in December or January. It is expected that the American members of the board will go to Paris to wind up this business, all of which must be done before the final report of the board can be regarded as complete and ready for submission to the Isthmian Canal commission. The commission in turn, must record its own judgment upon the conclusions reached by the board of engineers, and there is even now a belief current that that judgment will be adverse to the board's plan. However, there are two more important steps at either of which there may be great changes proposed, for the commission must pass the plans and its own recommendations to the President, who in turn, must stamp them with his own approval or disapproval and forward them to Congress, which, after all will be the court of last resort as between the sea-level and lock canal project, simply through the fact that additional legislation will be necessary if a sea-level canal is to be built; for the board finds that such a canal will cost from seventy-five to one hundred millions, dollars more than the cheapest practical lock canal and will consume from five to seven years more in the construction.

Ships Sink With 100.

London, By Cable.—The Southwestern Railway's cross-channel steamer Hilda was wrecked off St. Malo, on the north coast of France, and it is believed that one hundred or more of her passengers and crew were drowned. The Hilda left Southampton Friday for St. Malo with considerably more than one hundred souls on board. Her passage was greatly delayed by a fog in the channel, and when nearing St. Malo she ran into a severe storm, apparently missed her course and foundered on the rocks off Jardin lighthouse, three miles from St. Malo.

ISLE OF PINES REBELS

Effort to Set Up Independent Government

WASHINGTON FIGHTS SHY OF IT

Territorial Government is Said to Have Been Erected and Officials Selected to Administer Its Affairs by American Residents, Who Own Five-Sixths of the Soil.

Washington, Special.—It has been known for several months that American residents in the Isle of Pines were becoming restive under Cuban control, but surprise was created at the reported erection of a territorial government on the island and the selection of important officials to administer the affairs of that government. No advice indicating such action have been received officially.

It can be said that the would-be seceders will receive no encouragement from the administration. Secretary of State Root, when he was Secretary of War, was very clear and emphatic "that the Isle of Pines belonged to Cuba as a matter of right, as a matter of justice;" furthermore, that in procuring naval stations in Cuba for the United States there was a general understanding that the Isle of Pines was to be ceded to Cuba, although its title had been in doubt. The reported secession of the residents from Cuba control is deprecated, but action regarding it, if any should be contemplated, would be taken only after the government had been advised officially and fully as to the situation.

Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister here, called at the State Department and seemed to be considerably agitated over the news of the movement in the Isle of Pines. He had an interview on the subject with Secretary Root, but declined to make any statement concerning it. The Cuban legation has no advice concerning the reported secession. The contention of the American residents of the island is that they own in fee simple five sixths of the ground and as the remaining one-sixth is in the hands of one of two Spanish families, the 1,200 native residents being non-property owners, they have a right to be heard by this government.

New \$250,000,000 Jap Loan.

London, By Cable.—The Associated Press is informed that the Japanese government has decided to immediately issue a new foreign loan of \$250,000,000 at four per cent, which will be used partly for converting the external 6 per cent. loan and partly for the redemption of the international loans. It is understood that France will participate to a considerable amount, the Rothschild's Paris house being the issuing house there. The exact date of the issue has not yet been decided upon.

New Move for Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, O., Special.—Ex-Judge F. J. Wing, counsel for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, announced that an application for writ of certiorari is now being prepared and will be submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States with a view of obtaining a review of Mrs. Chadwick's case before that tribunal. The Supreme Court will be asked to consider Mrs. Chadwick's case on the general ground that errors were made in her trial here before the U. S. District Court and also in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in her case.

By Wire and Cable.

Willia H. Andrews denied that any of his transactions with the Enterprise National Bank in Allegheny City, Pa., were otherwise than regular.

Call money reached 25 per cent. in New York, and Secretary Shaw said he could not relieve the situation while speculation exists.

Killed by Water Fixture.

Bethlehem, Pa., Special.—While Mrs. H. A. Forging, wife of Head Master Forging, of the Bethlehem Preparatory School, was in the kitchen of her home the water back of the stove exploded and a large piece of flying iron struck her on the head, crushing her skull and instantly killing her. Bessie Miller, a servant, was thrown the length of the room and injured by coming in contact with the furniture. The room was badly wrecked and set on fire, but the flames were extinguished by painters who were employed on the premises.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

The cotton market, offerings limited
Low middling10 1/2
Strict middling10 1/2
Middling10 1/2
Strict middling10 1/2
Good middling10 1/2

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, easy11 3-16
New Orleans, quiet11 1-16
Mobile, quiet10 3/4
Savannah10 3/4
Norfolk, steady10 3/4
Baltimore, nominal11 1/4
New York, quiet11 1/4
Boston, quiet11 1/4
Houston, easy11 1-16
Augusta, steady10 3/4
Memphis, quiet11 1/4
St. Louis, quiet11 3/8
Louisville, firm11 1/4

Shop Train Wrecked.

Spencer, Special.—The Spencer shop train which left this city at 7 o'clock Thursday night with several cars loaded with employees of the Southern Railway at Spencer, was wrecked one mile north of Salisbury. It is learned that the wreck was caused by a passenger engine running into the train, doing considerable damage to both engines. Several workmen were severely injured in the crash, among them being J. J. Evans, night engineer at the shops, and Machinist Buford, of the round house force. Ben McCubbins, a call boy, had one arm and several ribs broken and it is feared is injured internally. Operator Duke sustained severe bruises as did a number of others. It is feared one or more may die. This was the second wreck the same train has met with this week.

Favors the Staff.

Raleigh, Special.—The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Industrial at its meeting Tuesday night authorized the sending to the State Department at Washington a resolution endorsing the suggestion of President Roosevelt that America have a staff of commercial attaches to the country's embassies and legations. The secretary of the Chamber some time ago received from the State Department a communication which was sent by the direction of the then acting secretary, inviting the Chamber's expression of views on the proposed creation of a staff of commercial attaches to American embassies and legations as a means of promoting America's trade interests abroad.

A Big Deal.

New Berne, Special.—A report was circulated on the streets that the bed Onishrdlshrdl shrdl hrdlhdh Blades Lumber Company had been absorbed by the Standard Oil Company at a consideration of \$2,500,000 which would cover the several plants in our city and elsewhere, also all the timber interests owned by this company. Your correspondent sought an interview with Mr. W. F. Blades, the head of this mammoth concern, and he stated that his company had not consummated any deal at present, but negotiations were under way and a syndicate had an option of thirty days on the company's interests.

Fight Ends In Death.

Elizabeth City, Special.—The body of Hawkins Patterson, who escaped from the chain-gang of this county two weeks ago, was found Tuesday on King's Point, near Hattaras, where it had been washed ashore in the storm. Further down was found the wreck of the skiff in which he attempted to cross the sound. After escaping from the gang he came here, stole the boat, and without provisions and using the oar for a mast, to which he attached a small piece of canvass, attempted a voyage of over one hundred miles. The body was found by the Pea Island life saving crew and was given to the authorities.

Suit Against Southern.

Greensboro, Special.—Mr. I. C. Warren, of Huntsville, Yadkin county has brought suit against the Southern Railway for \$15,000 as damages on account of a train running over and cutting off one of his legs at the Southern Railway Depot a little more than three weeks ago. The young man is still undergoing treatment at the Greensboro Hospital.

COSTUME OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Remarkable Garment Worn by American Lady at a Ball.

Over 30,000 postage stamps were used in the making of a dress for an American lady, which she wore at a ball at Bermuda a short time ago. Years had been spent in collecting the stamps, and three weeks in making the dress, which was of the finest muslin. The lady appealed to her friends to help her, and the dress was completely covered with stamps of all nations. Suspended from the talons was a globe made of very old blue revenue stamps. On either side of the globe was an American flag, the stripes of blue and red stamps. A collection of foreign stamps was pasted on the back of the bodice in the form of a shield, the center of which was made up of a portrait of the brave Sir George Summers, cut from old revenue stamps. A large picture hat covered with red and blue stamps was worn with the costume; a mask and very pretty fan were covered entirely with pink.—London Tit-Bits.

Cures Rheumatism and Catarrh—Medicine Sent Free.

These two diseases are the result of an avul poisoned condition of the blood. If you have aching joints and back, shoulder blades, bone pains, crippled hands, legs or feet, swollen muscles, shifting, sharp, biting pains, and that tired, discouraged feeling of rheumatism, or the hawking, spitting, blurred eyesight, deafness, sick stomach, headache, noises in the head, mucous throat discharges, decaying teeth, bad breath, belching gas of catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (E. B. B.). It kills the poison in the blood which causes these awful symptoms, giving a pure, healthy blood supply to the joints and muscles, membranes, and makes a perfect cure of the worst rheumatism or foul catarrh. Cures where all else fails. Blood Balm (E. B. B.) is composed of pure Botanic ingredients, good for weak kidneys. Improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia. A perfect tonic for old folks by giving them new, rich, pure blood. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home use. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice sent in sealed letter.


Never judge a woman's beauty by her make-up. So. 47.

Meat is Unpopular.

"I never knew meat to be so unpopular as it has been this summer," said a prosperous butcher. "Of course I always expect the meat sales to fall off in the warm weather, but this year I have sold only one-half as much as I did last summer. One customer—a landlady, who has twenty-five boarders—tells me that she can hardly get her boarders to touch the meat dishes, and she is rejoicing. Even ham, the old standby, which is generally in good demand even in the most scorching weather, is frowned upon, and the beef trust would soon go to pieces if its produce were no more popular the year round than it has been this summer."

HOSPITALS CROWDED

MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WOMEN
Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Saves Many From This Sad and Costly Experience.



It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the trouble will make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness, at best, while in many cases the results are fatal.

The following letter should bring hope to suffering women. Miss Luella Adams, of the Colonnade Hotel, Seattle, Wash., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham—
"About two years ago I was a great sufferer from a severe female trouble, pains and headaches. The doctor prescribed for me and finally told me that I had a tumor on the womb and must undergo an operation if I wanted to get well. I felt that this was my death warrant, but I spent hundreds of dollars for medical help, but the tumor kept growing. Fortunately I corresponded with an aunt in the New England States, and she advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it was said to cure tumors. I did so and immediately began to improve in health, and I was entirely cured, the tumor disappearing entirely, without an operation. I wish every suffering woman would try this great preparation."

Just as surely as Miss Adams was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, just so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure every woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability and nervous prostration. Mrs. Pinkham invites all young women who are ill to write her for free advice. Address, Lynn, Mass.