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## 8 DIE IN A CHURCH

### Wild Panic Caused By a Small Fire

### VICTIMS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Smell of Smoke in Philadelphia Colored Baptist Church Gives Rise to Shrieks of "Fire!" and 18 Are Killed and Nearly 40 Others Injured in Terrible Rush for Exits.

Philadelphia, Special.—A wild panic followed a loud shriek of "Fire!" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others Sunday night at St. Paul's Baptist church, on the west side of Eighth street between Popular street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede was probably due to the fact that the church was not crowded. Not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building which with the gallery, was capable of holding 600 to 700. The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the women arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of the Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over, 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

### BLOODY DAY IN ECUADOR

### Two New Governments in an Hour Makes Notable Record Even for South America, People of Guayaquil Revolting Against Assumption of Power by Vice President Moreno

Guayaquil, Ecuador, By Cable.—General Alfaro occupied Quito, the capital, at 3 p. m., Thursday. A junta of notable persons met in the government palace here at 4 p. m. and formed a new government. Vice President Baquerizo Moreno assumed the executive power, establishing a new Ministry.

Rioting followed. The people during the afternoon attacked the prisons, liberating the political prisoners and afterwards capturing the police barracks, where the rioters obtained possession of a number of rifles and some cannons. Rifle shots later were heard in all parts of the city and the rioters became so bold that they attacked a battalion of artillery. Many persons were killed and wounded during the fighting.

The new ministry, however, only lasted one hour. The people rejected the administration of Baquerizo Moreno and proclaimed as President General Eloy Alfaro, the former President of Ecuador, and leader of the revolution, and in his absence Dr. Emile Arrevalo assumed the civil and military authority.

A great panic prevailed here during the evening and in the midst of the disorder General Leonidas Plaza, minister, of Ecuador to the United States, who arrived here Jan. 18 and assumed chief command of the army in its operations against the rebels, escaped from the city and embarked on board the Chilean steamer Leora, which leaves here to-morrow for Panama.

Later in the evening order was restored.

Two hundred persons were killed or wounded in the fighting here.

### Two Killed in Mexican Wreck

Mexico City, Special.—Two men, a locomotive engineer and express messenger, were killed outright in a collision between a passenger train and a freight train on the Inter-Oceanic Railway. Two others were severely injured. The baggage car contained half a million silver dollars, but none were lost.

### Preacher Alleged Poisoner

Gainesville, Ga., Special.—Rev. J. W. Austin, at one time pastor of the Methodist church at Belltown, near Gainesville, was placed in the county jail here having been arrested and brought from Gwynette county, charged with attempting to poison Hon. Bob Quillian, of Belltown, giving Mr. Quillian a medicated apple. It is alleged that Rev. Mr. Austin while at camp meeting at Popular Springs last summer, Mr. Austin preaching a sermon a few minutes after giving Mr. Quillian the apple which made the latter violently ill.

## CONGRESS AT WORK

### What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

### Tillman Gets Warm

Senator Tillman made a passionate speech upon the recent ejection from the White House of Mrs. Minor Morris. On Thursday he introduced a resolution to appoint a committee of investigation, which resolution failed to pass.

### A Lot of Discussion

Abuse in the expenditure of appropriations was the text of the discussion in the House during the consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. But little progress was made in consideration of the bill, which will be the continuing topic for Monday.

The portrait of ex-Attorney General Knox for which the Department of Justice has asked \$2,615 was again the topic of comment. The most animated discussion of the day took place on an amendment by Mr. Keifer Ohio, to increase the amount for the transportation of silver coin.

Mr. Smith (Iowa) declared that the practice of transporting silver coin from and to sub-treasuries was graft pure and simple and in the interest of express companies.

Mr. Hill (Conn.) said it was "undulterated graft." Every Secretary of the Treasury from Carlyle down, he said had disapproved of the practice. He said he could give a specific instance where an express company was paid by the government \$16,000 for transporting its own money from San Francisco to New York.

Mr. Williams (Miss.) stated that of the movement of silver was stopped or restricted it would work hardship in agricultural districts. The amendment was lost.

### Want License Record

Mr. Humphreys (Miss.) discussed a measure he has pending to make the government records of Federal liquor taxpayers and license-holders available as evidence. In prohibition and local option sections of the country, he said, the present practice of withholding this information really placed the Federal government in the position of aiding the violators of local laws. Persons operating "blind tigers," said Mr. Humphreys, obtain Federal license and thus avoid pursuit by government agents, but the government records were withheld by the rules of the Internal Revenue Bureau from being available by State officials in making prosecutions. The rule of the Internal Revenue Bureau, he said, contravened the well-established rules of evidence of our jurisprudence.

Stating that there had been considerable criticism of Southern cotton planters in their efforts to decrease their cotton acreage Mr. Sims (Tenn.) denied that this would increase European acreage and placed in The Record an article from the government crop reporter on the subject.

### Bill in Exposition's Behalf

Washington, Special.—Representative Maynard, of Virginia, introduced a bill authorizing the government to participate in the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition at Hampton Roads in 1907, and providing an appropriation of \$1,340,000 for governmental buildings and exhibits. The bill also provided for the coinage by the government of 1,000,000 \$2 silver pieces, the exposition to pay for the bullion used. By this means the exposition expects to realize a profit of about \$800,000 on the difference between the cost of the silver and the circulating value of the coins. Representative Maynard believes there will be a great demand for \$2 silver pieces especially coined for the exposition and bearing scenes typical of Jamestown, as the coin will be of such unusual size that it will be prized as a souvenir.

### Charged With Murder of Sleeping Brother

Madison, Tex., Special.—Rangers arrested and jailed R. D. Defee and J. H. Defee on affidavits charging them with the murder of Tom Defee, a son and brother of the accused, who was beaten to death with an axe as he lay asleep in his home at Midway.

### Augusta-Columbia Trolley

Augusta, Ga., Special.—James U. Jackson, vice president of the Augusta-Aiken Railway Company, and others, filed with the Secretary of State at Columbia, S. C., application for charter of company to be known as the Augusta and Columbia Railroad Company. It is their purpose to extend the Aiken trolley line, now 22 miles long, on to Columbia, shortening the distance between Augusta and the South Carolina capital nearly 20 miles.

## HIS BODY EXHUMED

### Doubts of Robert Keith Dargan's Death Settled

### HIS REMAINS FULLY IDENTIFIED

### More Than Fifty Persons Who Knew Robert Keith Dargan in Life View-ed Disinterred Remains of Suicide President of Defunct Cotton Oil Co. and Positively Identified Body.

Darlington, S. C., Special.—In order to set at rest the numerous persistent stories to the effect that Robert Keith Dargan, who committed suicide here on July 11th last, shortly after the disastrous failure of several large corporations of which he was manager the grave was opened and the remains identified by 50 or more well-known citizens who knew him in life. Dargan had \$40,000 insurance on his life, \$25,000 in the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and \$15,000 in the Equitable. The latter company accepted the proofs of death submitted and, some months ago, paid the amount due, but the Philadelphia company, by reason of the current rumors that Dargan was not dead, persisted in the demand that the body be disinterred and made an effort some weeks ago to secure an order from Judge R. C. Watts to have this done. The Judge declined to issue the order, but stated that, if the company were sued, it could renew its request without prejudice from his decision.

On August 5th Mrs. R. K. Dargan submitted proofs of death and, in reply, the company wrote her, in part, as follows: "The proofs of death as submitted are not satisfactory and, under all circumstances of the case, we must ask you to submit further proof of death by allowing the grave to be opened and the body to be inspected by six residents of Darlington, who were personally acquainted with Mr. Dargan in his life."

### Had to Fight if Not Docile

Annapolis, Md., Special.—The trial of Midshipman Chester A. Bloebaum, of St. Charles, Mo., on charges of hazing, was concluded Friday. The court marshal occupied only seven minutes in reaching a verdict in the case of Midshipman Bloebaum, by far the shortest period in any case. A charge of hazing has been filed against Midshipman Claude B. Mayo, of Columbus, Miss., a member of the first class. His offenses are alleged to have been committed during September last when Mayo, with other similarly situated midshipmen, were kept at Annapolis while the other upper classmen were on leave.

### New Trial For Capt. Jones

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Judge Hancek this week reached a conclusion which did not become public until Friday, denying the motion for a new trial in the case of Capt. P. W. Jones, of the Virginia National Guard, convicted of the murder of Maud Cameron Robinson, formerly of Selma, N. C., and given 18 years in the penitentiary; but as the result of a decision rendered by the Court of Appeals of Virginia allowing a new trial to Fred S. Hoback, convicted in Floyd county, Va., of murder, the same point involved in the Jones case was decided in favor of the prisoner and Jones consequently will get a new trial.

### Shot Both Before Dying

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Ben Ricker was killed and the two brothers, Clark and Tom Hals, shot in an altercation at Freshour's distillery, 12 miles from Greenville, Tenn. Ricker was shot by Tom Hale, but after he had been mortally wounded he succeeded in shooting the other two men, dying after firing a shot which entered Clark Hale's breast. The Halses are being driven by wagon to North Carolina, according to last reports. Ricker died in a few minutes. The origin of the trouble is not known.

### Fatal Wreck Near Atlanta

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Two men were instantly killed, another is missing, believed to be under the debris, and a fourth fatally scalded as the result of a head-on collision between a north-bound through freight and a switch engine on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad near Mina, a small station about eight miles from Atlanta.

## ELEVEN IN ONE DAY

### Progress in Industrial Lines Still Keeps Up.

The State issues the following charters: Penny Brothers Co., Greensboro, live stock, wagons, etc., with \$125,000 established stock, \$10,000 paid in, G. T. and J. C. Penny and J. R. Thomas, stockholders; the Harby-Barnes Lumber Company, Clarkton, \$25,000 capital stock with \$6,000 paid in, N. A. Barnes, H. J. Harvey and others, stockholders; Enterprise Grocery Company, Mt. Tabor, Columbus county, for conduct of wholesale and retail business with \$4,000 capital stock, \$2,000 of which is subscribed, D. Lewis, of Mullins, S. C., V. Lewis, of Tarboro, and others stockholders; the Citizens Bank, Rutherfordton with a paid-up capital of \$13,000 out of \$15,000 authorized, to conduct commercial and ordinary business, H. L. Carpenter, A. L. Grison and others, of Rutherfordton and nearby towns, incorporators in a list of 40 stockholders; the Harrison-Porter Pharmacy, Inc., Greensboro, \$5,000 paid in total capital stock \$25,000, W. C. Porter, A. S. and W. B. Harrison; the North Carolina Land & Timber Investment Co., Goldsboro, N. O. Berry, E. B. Borden and others stockholders with \$25,000 paid in out of a total of \$125,000; the Simpson-Peacock Co., at Salisbury, wholesale groceries, with \$60,000 capital, \$10,000 of which is subscribed, J. N. Peacock, S. C. and H. T. Simpson, incorporators; the J. W. Watts Co., Stony Point, buying and ginning cotton, capital \$8,000, J. W. Watts and A. W. White and others stockholders; Morrison Brothers, Hickory, jewelers and optical works, also merchandise, \$7,000 paid in, C. T. and J. C. Morrison and others stockholders; Kerner-McNair Co., Henderson, L. C. Kerner, W. R. McNair, of Henderson, L. W. Brown, of Americus Ga., and others as stockholders, to sell drugs at wholesale and retail, capital stock \$10,000.

### Distillery Was Notorious

Greensboro, Special.—No afternoon session of the Federal Court was held Saturday in the trial of the G. W. Samuels case, alleging fraud while the defendant was serving as deputy collector. The morning session was consumed in receiving the testimony of three of four government witnesses in regard to the operation of an illicit steam distillery belonging to a man named McEwen, six miles from Wilkesboro. One witness testified that a preacher, by the name of Perdue, denounced the distillery in a sermon in Wilkesboro, that the district attorney made a vigorous effort to show that it was notorious, and yet it was permitted by the revenue officers to continue in full blast near the public road, during September, October and a part of November, the officers reporting at the time that they had destroyed it. Another witness testified that the boiler was not destroyed, and other witnesses gave testimony with reference to other distilleries, reported as having been destroyed stating that they were not molested to any great extent. The government's testimony will not be concluded before next Wednesday and, if the defendant puts on all of his witnesses, the trial will last at least two weeks longer.

### Dr. Jethro Rumble Dead

Red Springs, Special.—Dr. Jethro Rumble, of Salisbury, died here Saturday night after an illness of several weeks. The body will be taken to Salisbury where the funeral will take place Tuesday. The remains will be interred in Chestnut Hill Cemetery beside the body of his wife, according to his request. Dr. Rumble's death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Vardell, where he had been for two months.

### Death of Rev. J. A. Dorritee

Charlotte, Special.—Rev. James Arringdale Dorritee, founder and builder of the Westminster Presbyterian church, and one of the most popular ministers that ever lived in Charlotte, died at his home in Dilworth Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. For many years Mr. Dorritee had been suffering with diabetes. Last October his system gave way and since then death has been expected daily. Only wonderful vitality sustained him so long. The whole family were about the bedside when the end came.

### Dead at the Age of 100

Asheville, Special.—Victoria Reed, the oldest colored woman in Buncombe county, if not in this section of the State, died in Asheville Wednesday and was buried at Riverside Cemetery. Victoria Reed was a native of Buncombe county. She was a slave, and although her exact age was not known, it is said that she was at least 100 years old.

## SHOOT FROM THE TISBURY YEW

### Interesting Relic Secured by a Boston Clergyman.

When Dr. Charles E. Banks was in England six years ago and visited Tisbury he saw in the old churchyard of that parish the famous yew tree which is said to have been planted by one of the Arundel family seven hundred or more years ago. It is about thirty-six feet in circumference, hollowed at the trunk and capable of holding about ten persons in the cavity.

The vicar promised the doctor a shoot from the tree as soon as one could be procured. Recently the doctor received by express a young tree from the old giant, and it is now potted and ready for transplantation at the proper time. When it becomes acclimated this memorial of the old Tisbury will find a home in the new town on the lawn of Dr. Banks' summer home at Vineyard Haven. The yew is a large and beautiful evergreen tree, with a trunk often of great thickness, branching a few feet above the ground and forming a large and dense head. Fine specimens of it are frequently found in English churchyards, and, for this reason, it has been often mentioned in the elegiac poems of English authors.

The yew tree obtained by Dr. Banks will have a deep significance and interest for the Vineyard people not only because it came from old Tisbury, but also for the reason that under the spreading branches of the parent tree Thomas Mayhew, known to fame as Gov. Mayhew, must have been carried to his baptism over three hundred years ago.—Boston Transcript.

### Two Breaks from Party Lines

William Travers' Jerome of New York is not the only man who won at the recent election without having any party nomination. In Massachusetts John B. Moran, who ran for district attorney of Suffolk county (Boston) on the endorsement of the requisite number of voters, was elected over the fusion nominee of the Republicans and Democrats.



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