

# KILLED BY GUN EXPLOSION

## Fatal Accident On Board the Kearsarge

### WAS ENGAGED IN PRACTICING

Concurrence of Days' Peculiarly Dreaded by Sailors and Moreover Falling in This Instance on Anniversary of the Missouri's Terrible Boiler Accident is Marked by Fatal Explosion by Turret During Target Practice.

Washington, Special.—Two years ago to a day later than the fatal Missouri disaster, and as every sailor immediately recalled on a Friday and the 13th of the month, six men were done to death in the forward turret of the battleship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquire additional terror for sailors because of their obscure origin and almost impossibility of prevention.

The Atlantic Fleet, the strongest fighting fleet America has ever owned, had been for weeks engaged in the most severe drills in the waters of the Caribbean Sea culminating in the quarterly target practice. The practice was just about concluded with most satisfactory results and it was confidently expected at the Department, upon the basis of preliminary reports received, that all records would be broken in the matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency of the gunners. But just at the close of the week's work at the Department, came a cablegram from Rear Admiral Evans, the commanding chief of the Atlantic Fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best ships, the Kearsarge. The news came from Camanera, a little cable station at mouth of Guantanamo Bay, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. The message read as follows:

**Admiral Evans' Cablegram.**  
"Camanera, April 14, 1906. "Secretary Navy, Washington: "On April 13th about 3:15 p. m., shortly after completion target practice of Kearsarge forward turret, while the powder was going below three sections of a 13-inch charge of powder were ignited. Charge of powder in other lift just below and one section inside 13-inch remained intact. Cause not yet determined, for accountability. Matter is being investigated. Lieutenant Joseph W. Granger, gunnery officer, sent to the Maryland in a very critical state about 9 p. m. The following have since died: Lieut. Hudgins, turret officer; Peter Norberg, gunners' mate; Theodore Naegely, seaman; Julius A. Koester, turret captain, first class; Ellis H. Athey, seaman. The following dangerously injured by accident, recovery doubtful: W. King, ordinary seaman. Will bury dead at Guantanamo. Vessel uninjured."

**Shot and Killed His Wife.**  
Waynesboro, Ga., Special.—News has reached here of Jesse Timmons killing his wife near Keyesville, in an unusually horrible manner. It seems that they had separated and afterwards Timmons met his wife on the roadway in a company with another woman. He waited up to his wife in a friendly manner and when almost within touching distance opened fire with a revolver. Four bullets took effect and she was killed instantly. Her clothing caught fire from the flames of the gun. Timmons forced his wife's companion to accompany him about a mile, preventing her giving the alarm until he had made his escape.

**Burned by Mob of 5,000.**  
Springfield, Mo., Special.—A mob of 3,000 men took Horace Duncan and Jim Copeland, negroes, from the county jail, hanged them to the Goddess of Liberty on the court house and built a fire under them and roasted them to death. The men were charged with assaulting Mabel Edwards, but it is said they were probably innocent.

**Fire at Lexington, Kentucky.**  
Lexington, Ky., Special.—Three stables at the Lexington race track and five cottages just outside the grounds were destroyed by fire together with ten horses belonging to George W. Bissell, of Pittsburg, Pa., and James Barker of Lexington. The loss is about \$50,000. Six of the horses burned to death belonged to Mr. Bissell and were promising 2-year-olds. Baker lost the two-year-old Abandido, a recent winner at New Orleans, and Proud Wing, Eurocia and Mayor David S. Rose.

# WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

## What is Being Done Day by Day By the National House and Senate.

### Election of Senators by the People.

A resolution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people has been favorably acted upon by the House committee on election of President. The resolution which was introduced by Mr. Norris of Nebraska, makes the term of membership of the house four years instead of two. Both propositions are to be accomplished by amendments to the constitution.

Reason why the term of members should be four years are stated to be because no party can inaugurate its policy in two years.

**Deliberations Tame.**  
The deliberations of the House were tame as compared with the two previous days; which may be attributed in a measure to the fact that there was no discussion of the fast mail appropriation for the benefit of the Southern Railway. No one subject has engendered so much bad feeling in the House in a long time, and it has not been confined to either of the parties.

There is much speculation as to the outcome of the vote, predictions of victory being made by advocates of both sides. A vote may be reached soon, though in order to do so, the regular order, will have to be displaced.

All of the North Carolina members will be present unless Representative Blackburn, who is in Greensboro, remains at home. Representative Pcu and Guder got back to the city and Representative Small will be back. Representative Small and Guder are committed to the appropriation and Representatives Page, Patterson, Webb, Thomas and the two Kitchens will vote against it.

Some doubt has been expressed as to how Representatives Pou and Blackburn will vote. Mr. Pou has voted against the appropriation in the past, while Mr. Blackburn has voted for it. Representative W. W. Kitchen hopes to be able to get in under the five minute rule to reply to statements that have been made in debate.

### Discussion Near Its End.

In the Senate Mr. Aldrich expressed the opinion that the end of the general debate on the railroad rate bill would become apparent before the end of the present week, and that then an agreement upon a day for a vote could be reached. The statement was made in response to a request by Mr. Tillman for such an agreement. There was no other discussion of the rate bill during the day, owing to the fact that no senator was prepared to speak. It was announced that Mr. Spooner would reply to Mr. Bailey's speech.

The session was almost entirely devoted to the consideration of the conference report on the bill providing for the final settlement of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians and in connection with that report there was a sharp controversy over an amendment inserted by the senate which provided for the ratification of the disbursement of \$186,000 of the Loyd Seminole fund made by Special Agent J. E. Jenkins and Administrator A. J. Brown. The debate turned upon the exceptional fact that the house was insisting upon the retention of a senate amendment from which the senate was apparently anxious to recede. The debate was characterized by a number of spirited passages between Mr. Tillman on the one side and Messrs. Teller and Clapp on the other. The South Carolina senator contended that the Indians had been defrauded, while his opponents urged that if they had been the proposed legislation did not deprive them of their rights under the law. No conclusion was reached.

### Some Lively Discussions.

After a brief speech by Mr. Latimer in support of the House railroad rate bill, Mr. Foraker took the floor on the measure and consumed practically all of the remainder of the day's session. He spent some time in the discussion of some of the amendments he has suggested to the bill and then entered upon the consideration of the entire question of railroad rate regulation, urging again the unconstitutionality of the pending bill from various points of view. He was frequently interrupted by other Senators. Mr. Lodge spoke briefly in support of the practice of granting lower rates on goods intended for export than on those used in domestic consumption. Mr. Latimer in his speech said that at the present time seven corporations control practically all of the railroads of the country, and no argument is necessary to convince a thinking man that his consolidation means the elimination of competition and the placing of despotic power in the hands of a few men.

# NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

## Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

### MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

#### Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

General Cotton Market.	
Galveston, firm.....	11 3-8
New Orleans firm.....	11 1-4
Mobile quiet.....	11 3-16
Savannah steady.....	11 1-8
Charleston quiet.....	11 1-8
Wilmington steady.....	11 1-2
Norfolk steady.....	11 1-2
Baltimore nominal.....	11 1-2
New York quiet.....	11.70
Boston quiet.....	11.70
Philadelphia steady.....	11.95
Houston steady.....	11 5-16
Angusta steady.....	11 3-8
Memphis steady.....	11 5-16
St. Louis quiet.....	11 1-4
Louisville firm.....	11 5-8

Charlotte Cotton Market.	
These prices represent the prices paid to wagons:	
Good middling.....	11.35
Strict middling.....	11.35
Middling.....	11.25
Good middling tinged.....	11
Stains.....	10 to 10 3-4

### To City Superintendents.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, has written to the city superintendents of schools requesting reports for the school year ending June 30. The reports are to be submitted not later than July 15th.

Superintendent Joyner, in his letter, says: "Section 4165 of the Public School Law requires city superintendents to make a report to the State Superintendent at such time and in such form as he may direct, and also to the county superintendent. City schools include all public free schools in town and cities operating under special acts of the General Assembly. All other public schools are directly under the authority of the county superintendent and are reported by him. It will be my duty to instruct the County Board of Education to withhold the next county appointment to your school until this report is made as required by law. You will report your school census at the regular time and in the regular way to the county superintendent. He is to include no other part of your report in his report to this office."

### New Enterprises.

New enterprises were incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State as follows:  
The Bank of Sampson, Clinton, with \$20,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by R. A. Ingram, A. W. Colwell, G. A. Chute and H. A. Grady. The bank will do a commercial and savings business.  
The Charlotte Land and Investment Company, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$22,000 subscribed by J. A. Henderson, T. W. Harkins, H. M. Vick and others.

### Boy Accidentally Shot.

Littleton, Special.—While a little friend of Robert, the ten-year old son of Jno. R. Patterson, of this city, was trying to push a cartridge into a rifle the weapon went off, sending a bullet through Robert's thigh. The guilty youngster walked home, a distance of about half a mile, and Dr. Piott was summoned to attend him.

### A Serious Accident.

Oxford, Special.—A heartrending accident occurred here in which Lillian Sizemore, a little nine-year-old girl, was seriously wounded. With her little cousin, Mamie Moore, she was walking across the trestle on the Seaboard railroad in East Oxford just as the engine and two coaches were backing from the Seaboard depot to cross the trestle.

### Fined \$50 and Costs.

Asheville, Special.—James Clarden, of this city, was arraigned in police court on the charge of making an improper proposal to Nellie Fowler a girl residing in the cotton mill section of the city, and of cursing and abusing her. Judge Jones gave the defendant the maximum penalty, fining him \$50 and costs. The evidence against Clarden was very strong and unafordable. The defendant was also fined \$25 and costs for resisting an officer, he having given the patrolman much trouble in arresting him. He gave notice of appeal.

# TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

## Condition of Crops For the Week As Seen By the Department.

The North Carolina Section of the Weather and Crop Service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following Bulletin of conditions for the past week:

The first part of the week was cool with frosts in every section on the 3rd and 4th; the middle and latter portions were warmer except on the 7th when the minimum temperature fell quite low and frost occurred in nearly every section of the state, but no great damage was reported. The highest reported temperature was 82 degrees at Lumberton on the 5th and at Wilmington on the 6th; the lowest was 24 degrees at Bryson City on the 3rd; the mean temperature for the state was about 2 degrees above normal. The weather was fair during the whole week over the entire state except Thursday and Friday when showers occurred accompanied by high winds throughout the State. The rain was light over the greater portion of the State; it was moderately heavy in the east-central and extreme western portions, but the rainfall over the state as a whole was below the normal.

### Two Aged Men Suicide.

Asheville, Special.—Seren E. Parks a white barber, 50 years of age, committed suicide on the mountain east of Asheville Saturday night. William Quinn, living six miles from Asheville white and also 50 years of age, suicided at his home between 4 and 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon. This is the suicide record in Asheville for two days. Quinn had been partially demented for several years. Joe Quinn, a brother of the suicide, stated that his brother asked for strychnine Sunday morning with which to end his life. "He declared," continued the brother, "that the officers were going to arrest him; that he would be brought to Asheville and lynched. Several times lately he has believed that men were after him with guns to kill him." To end this torment, "Bill" Quinn, selecting a time when his brother was absent, possessed himself of a towel and making a rope hanged himself.

The suicide of Parks was not discovered until 6 o'clock Monday afternoon. Two children while wandering about on the mountain side near an old deserted shanty, espied a man through the half-open door. One of the children, drawing nigh, saw that the man was standing up and that he had a rope about his neck. The children fled and told their story. Sheriff Reed was notified and went to the scene where he found Parks hanging by a wire from one of the rafters in the deserted building. The man was dead, his body being stiff and cold. The body was cut down and turned over to an undertaker. Parks was a well-known barber here. It is said that Saturday night he and his wife had a quarrel at Park's barber shop. Parks was not seen again alive. Domestic troubles it is said, drove the man to his death. On the floor near where the body was found was also found a bottle of whiskey.

### News Items.

The question of granting the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company a new franchise will come up at the next meeting of the board of aldermen at the Industrial Club of that city have taken a hand in the matter, have appointed a committee to investigate local telephone systems in other cities and to learn something of the market value of the franchises. This committee will report the results of its investigation to the club at an early date.

Postmaster J. S. Hasty, of Monroe, has received official notice that three more rural routes will be inaugurated at once.

Mr. Lewis E. Wood of Kingstree has been commissioned court stenographer of the third court to succeed Mr. Robert Lathan, who has resigned to accept a place on the News and Courier of Charleston.

The Greensboro, High Point and Thomasville Inter-Urban Electric Railroad is now a certainty. The Philadelphia company, whose representatives have been in the field for several days has secured franchises from Thomasville and High Point, and while it is their policy to work quietly enough has been given out to assure even the most conservative that they mean business. The corporation has been organized under the name of the Carolina Electrical Company and Chief Engineer Edwards with a corps of assistants is now surveying the line, having commenced work at Thomasville.

### Woodworking Plant Burned.

Durham, Special.—Late Friday evening the wood-working plant of Denmark, Grist and Company, situated some distance east of East Durham, was burned to the ground. The plant had been standing idle for a year or more, but in the building was all of the costly machinery, including the engine and boiler. The main building, office, dry kiln, and boiler room were all burned, nothing being saved.

### To Develop Asheville.

Asheville, Special.—About thirty Asheville men numbering among them some of the city's most prominent citizens have a movement on foot to form an association for the industrial development of Asheville, and they issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at the court house next Saturday to organize and map out the work before the association. The work will be along the line of the board of trade but they intend working in harmony with that body.

### Gold Brick Swindler Dies.


Raleigh, Special.—H. D. Hawley, one of three men convicted six years ago of attempting to swindle Paul Garrett, a wine maker, of Norfolk, by a gold-brick scheme, died in the penitentiary here, aged 50. Liver disease, which had kept him in the hospital most of the time, caused his death. He was from New York and certain politicians there had made tremendous efforts to get him pardoned.

### North Sate News.

Major H. L. Grant, clerk of the United States Court, says that last year the number of cases in bankruptcy were larger than at any time since the law went into effect, numbering 36, but that already this year there are 25 cases.

The agricultural department has been sent cotton seed which brings \$1.00 a bushel, these being known as the Drake. These seed will be planted at the test farms in Iredell and Edgewood counties.

Notwithstanding the anxious inquiry as to what is to become of the educated woman, the women of America seem to be steadily pursuing the paths that leads to the higher education. The degree of doctor of jurisprudence has just been conferred on a woman for the first time by the University of Chicago, Miss T. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, being the successful candidate.



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