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SPECIAL OFFICERS DRAG PASSENGERS OFF TRAINS

Brooklyn Road Ignores Justice Gaynor's Order.

FIGHTING ALL DAY LONG

Women Nearly Drown—Swept From Trolley—Trolley Service Stops at Night—Thousands Stranded—Great Disorder on the Cars.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company charged ten cents fare to Coney Island, notwithstanding the decision of Justice Gaynor of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, who ruled that the company was entitled only to five cents.

The company did this with the aid of 250 special policemen and a corps of heavyweight inspectors. A similar number of real policemen were on hand to preserve order, but failed to do so.

Fully 1000 persons, men, women and children, were forcibly ejected from the trolley cars; 500 walked nearly half the way to the island; the first steps were taken in scores of damage suits, and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit representatives defied Deputy Police Commissioner O'Keefe of Brooklyn. Lawyers and lawyers' clerks swarmed about the points where passengers were put off and took the names of witnesses.

As an outcome of the day's doings a committee of citizens is being formed in Brooklyn to enforce Justice Gaynor's ruling. Sheriff Flaherty of Kings County was informed of the purpose of the committee, and that the committee intended to call on him, as Sheriff, to protect them as citizens in upholding their rights. Sheriff Flaherty said:

"I have not been requested to act as yet, and I have not taken the matter under advisement. If such a demand was made and I felt that I should act, my force of deputies is so small that I would be compelled to call upon the Governor of the State to give me some of the militia."

When the trolley cars bound for Coney Island left Gravesend after the B. R. T. officials had finished their rough treatment of passengers, a long open stretch of tracks was in front of them, and to make up time they traveled at terrific speed. Mary and Helen Walsh, cousins of No. 405 Tenth avenue, nineteen and twenty-three years old respectively, when walking across the bridge over Coney Island Creek, were struck by a car in charge of Victor Conomos. They were knocked into the creek ten feet below. Passengers leaped into the water and saved them. Helen Walsh was injured internally, and was taken to the Coney Island Reception Hospital. Her cousin was bruised about the face and shoulders, but was able to go to her home. Conomos was placed under arrest.

Bird S. Coler, President of Brooklyn Borough, was one of the thousands of passengers who were taken to Coney Island. He and his wife were passengers on a Nostrand avenue car for carrying the case against the B. R. T. before Justice Gaynor. He said the actions of the inspectors and special policemen were disgraceful, and that they should not be permitted to wear the uniforms of the city police, and thus give persons the impression their actions were those of the city police. He said he would advocate an ordinance to deprive them of the privilege.

FIFTY HURT IN TRAIN WRECK.

Two Cars Roll Over an Embankment in Texas.

Bowie, Texas.—Half a hundred passengers were injured, but none mortally, when a north-bound passenger train on the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad was wrecked, a few miles south of Fruitland, Texas. A sleeping car and a day coach rolled down an embankment.

There was no panic, although most of the occupants of the derailed cars were women and children. Soon after the wreck occurred a relief train was sent from Bowie with surgeons. The more severely injured were taken to Bowie and Fort Worth. All the injured live in the Southwest.

PULAJANES KILL FIVE.

Lieutenant Snyder and Collector Williams Slain.

Manila, P. I.—First Lieutenant John F. James and two privates of the Eighth Infantry, with surgeon Calvin Snyder and Internal Revenue Collector Williams, of Illinois, were killed in a hand-to-hand fight with a force of Pulajanes at Julita, Island of Leyte.

The detachment, which consisted of ten men, were greatly outnumbered, but made a gallant fight. The Pulajanes captured three pistols, four Krag-Jorgensen rifles and three hundred rounds of ammunition.

Disorder in Russia.

Terrorist activity continued in many Russian provinces; General von Larok has been appointed Governor General of Warsaw; an attempt was made to kill General Karateeff in Samara.

HIGH RECORD WHEAT YIELD

Prediction of a Crop of 772,264,000 Bushels.

Beats Production of 1901 by 24,000,000—The Corn Estimate Exceeds the Best Previous Year.

Washington, D. C.—The Government crop report estimates the winter wheat crop at 493,434,000 bushels, as compared with 429,534,000 bushels previously estimated. The indicated spring wheat crop is 278,830,000 bushels. This compares with 293,221,000 bushels estimated last month, 285,381,000 bushels, the estimated crop on August 1, 1905, and the final 1905 crop of 264,516,659 bushels.

The total indicated wheat crop is 772,264,000 bushels, which is greater by 24,000,000 bushels than that of 1901, the greatest on record. Last month's figures were 722,755,000 bushels; 709,681,000 bushels were estimated on August 1, 1905, and the final total crop of 1905 was 692,979,489 bushels.

The report shows that the condition of spring wheat as of August 1 was 86.9. This compares with 91.4 last month, 89.2 on August 1, 1905; 87.5 on August 1, 1904, and 77.1 on August 1, 1903.

The condition of oats was 82.8. This compares with 84 last month, 90.8 on August 1, 1905; 86.6 on August 1, 1904, and 79.5 on August 1, 1903. The indicated oats crop is 852,482,000 bushels. This compares with 874,625,000 bushels estimated last month, 933,000,000 bushels estimated on August 1, 1905, and final 1905 crop of 953,216,197 bushels.

The condition of corn was 88.1. This compares with 87.5 last month, 89 on August 1, 1905; 87.3 on August 1, 1904, and 78.7 on August 1, 1903. The indicated corn crop is 2,713,000,000 bushels. This compares with 2,703,641,000 bushels estimated last month, 2,698,000,000 bushels estimated on August 1, 1905, and the final 1905 crop of 2,707,993,540 bushels. The indicated crop as compared with final totals in preceding years is greater by 6,000,000 bushels than that of 1905, which was the largest on record.

The following table shows for the five principal spring wheat States the condition on August 1 in each of the last three years, with a ten-year average:

| | 10-Year | Aug., July, Aug., | Aug., | Aug., | Aug., |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | avg. | '06 | '05 | '04 | avg. |
| N. Dakota | 88 | 93 | 91 | 90 | 80 |
| S. Dakota | 90 | 91 | 91 | 85 | 81 |
| Minnesota | 85 | 89 | 86 | 92 | 84 |
| Iowa | 88 | 92 | 94 | 88 | 80 |
| Washin'on | 75 | 100 | 95 | 81 | 90 |
| U. S. | 86.9 | 91.4 | 89.2 | 87.5 | 82.6 |

LYNCHER GETS FIFTEEN YEARS.

First Conviction For Offense in History of North Carolina.

Salisbury, N. C.—What is said to be the first conviction for lynching in the history of the State took place here, when George Hall, a white convict of Montgomery County, who was one of the party which lynched three negroes in jail here for the murder of the Lyerly family, was found guilty of conspiracy in connection with that crime and was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The jury was out only thirty-five minutes. Judge B. F. Long sentenced Hall to the maximum term provided for by law. The evidence against Hall was overwhelming.

The State sprung a surprise in the trial when the offense against the prisoner was changed from murder to conspiracy. David W. Julian, a deputy sheriff, testified that he saw Hall leading a mob of about thirty men, some of whom the witness knew. The officer had in custody a man he had arrested at the jail. Hall, said the witness, carried a hammer, and threatened to brain him if he did not liberate the prisoner.

Other testimony was offered and the case speedily given to the jury. Hall had been a cotton mill operative.

EXPLOSION ON A DESTROYER.

Four Workmen Hurt on the Worden—Hot Rivet Dropped Into Varnish.

Norfolk, Va.—Four men were badly burned and one fatally as the result of an explosion on the torpedo boat destroyer Worden at the navy yard here.

Workmen were replacing rivets in a paint locker on the destroyer when a red hot rivet dropped into a vat of asphaltum varnish, causing an explosion of terrific force, which hurled William H. Wilson, a riveter, and Robert E. White, another workman, who were on a temporary staging above the varnish vat, out through the hatches on the Worden and upon the deck of the vessel. Both men were dangerously burned by the ignited liquid.

Henry Sherman, head of the construction and repair department, was also badly burned, as was Joseph Barrow, who was passing the rivets.

Rear Admiral Berry, Commandant at the navy yard, has ordered an investigation to determine the responsibility for the explosion.

Brilliant Week at Cowes.

Cowes week was one of the most brilliant in the history of the famous Isle of Wight resort, where King Edward, King Alfonso and other royal alt led the social pleasures.

TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

Condition of South Carolina Crops For Week Ending Monday, Aug. 13 1906, as Given Out by the Department.

The whole State received ample sunshine during the week but there was considerable local cloudiness during the last two days in the southern central and western counties.

The average temperature was much above normal. The extremes of temperature were a maximum of 100 degrees at Blackville and Bowman on the 10th and at Walhalla on the 7th, and a minimum of 66 degrees at Greenville on the 11th. The daily maximum temperatures ranged in the nineties, except in the extreme western counties and at places near the coast where they ranged in the eighties during the first three days. The daily minimum temperatures were about normal.

The precipitation was deficient except a few widely separated localities that had excessive amounts ranging from about two inches to nearly four inches, with a maximum weekly amount of 3.96 inches at Cheraw.

Both the temperatures and rainfall conditions were generally favorable, and ground dried rapidly except over small areas where the rainfall was excessive. There were no high winds or other damaging weather conditions.—J. W. Bauer, Section Director.

Boy Accidentally Shot.

Laurens, Special.—While three small boys of the city were down in the river Sunday afternoon hunting and fishing, Julius Trapp, aged 10, was shot in the left shoulder and arm with a shotgun by Clifford Harris, aged 12. The boy is not seriously wounded though quite painfully, as it appears that only a portion of a light charge of small shot struck the lad. He received prompt medical aid and is reported as resting comfortably. He is a son of the Widow Trapp of the Laurens mill village. The Harris boy, it is understood, claims that he did not know the gun was loaded and was merely pranking with it when, to his utter surprise, the firearm was discharged with the result above indicated.

Summer School Closes.

Barnwell, Special.—The Aiken-Barnwell summer school closed a most successful session here on Friday. The school has been in session for three weeks and has been quite a success in every way. The faculty was composed of Prof. W. L. Brooker of the Aiken schools as superintendent, with Prof. E. H. Hall of Denmark and Miss Jennie Lou Brown of Aiken as his assistants. Each of the instructors is among the prominent educators of the State and the summer school was fortunate in securing such able teachers for the different branches. The attendance of the teachers from the three counties was good and all took a deep interest in the work mapped out for them to do.

The State Pharmacists.

Greenville, Special.—The thirtieth annual meeting of the State Pharmaceutical association convened in this city about 70 pharmacists being in attendance. The examining board reported that only three out of 12 applicants for licenses to practice pharmacy in the State had passed the examination. The successful applicants were Claude Cannon, Spartanburg; T. E. Rhame, Summerton; C. L. Moseley, Greenwood.

Crops in Laurin.

Lancaster, Special.—For the past ten days there has been no rain in this section with the result that much general improvement in the crop condition is noted. Cotton is yet far below the average and hundreds of acres in this county have been "laid by" grassy. There is perhaps an increased acreage planted in corn and uplands are, as a general thing very good, while bottom lands are poor. Peas are fine and a large acreage was sown. All crops will need rain very soon if the hot wave continues.

Negro Excursionist Hurt.

Lamar, Special.—Alexander Stephens of Hartsville, a negro excursionist returning from Augusta on an excursion run from Hartsville, was injured at this place. His right foot was cut off by the train and he received other painful injuries about the head and body. Another negro, whose name could not be learned, was also hurt.

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.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These prices represent the prices paid to wagons:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Good middling | 10 7-8 |
| Strict middling | 10 7-8 |
| Middling | 10 7-8 |
| Good middling, tinged | 10 7-8 |
| Stains | 9 10 to 10 |

General Cotton Market.

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Galveston, quiet | 10 1-2 |
| New Orleans, quiet | 10 5-16 |
| Mobile, easy | 10 |
| Savannah, nominal | 10 5-16 |
| Norfolk, steady | 10 5-8 |
| Baltimore, nominal | 10 5-8 |
| New York, quiet | 10 10-00 |
| Boston, quiet | 10 10-00 |
| Philadelphia, quiet | 10 10-85 |
| Houston, quiet | 10 3-8 |
| Augusta, quiet | 10 3-8 |
| St. Louis, nominal | 10 1-2 |
| Memphis, quiet | 10 1-4 |
| Louisville, firm | 10 3-4 |

Tar Heel Topics.

A charter is granted the Carolina Mineral Railway Company, to build and operate a line 40 miles in length from Charlotte to Lancaster, S. C., through Meekenburg and Union counties in this State, and Lancaster in South Carolina, by way of the Colossus Gold Mining and Milling Co., in Union county. Thirty-five miles of the road will be in North Carolina. The capital stock is \$200,000, the principal stockholders being J. F. Keller and D. H. Kulp, both of Pennsylvania. These are named as directors as are also John A. Mipple, P. W. Baker, Isreal G. Erb, S. N. Rootland, John N. Musses, all of Pennsylvania and A. J. Moore, of Waxhaw. The Colossus Company has a capital stock of \$5,000,000.

Salem Masonic lodge, No. 289, has decided to buy a lot and build a Masonic Temple thereon in the near future. At a recent meeting of the lodge a committee was appointed to get estimates on a suitable site for the building. The committee reported favorably on the F. C. Meining lot on Main street. The size of the lot is 32x84 feet. A satisfactory price has already been agreed upon, and the deal will be closed, it is thought, at once. Nothing definite in regard to the cost of the hall can be given out yet, as the lodge has not decided on the cost of the structure.

Superintendent Mann, of the penitentiary, announces that two convicts, Reuben McDaniel, a negro, aged 24, sentenced from Iredell county for fifteen years, for burglary in the second degree, and James M. Getty, sentenced from McDowell for several years, for burglary have escaped from the gang at work grading the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railway near Wakefield. For the capture of these men \$25 each will be paid.

Insurance Commissioner Young has revoked the license of the Brotherhood Accident Company, of Boston, which no longer has license to do business in North Carolina.

The Steele Soap Manufacturing Co., of High Point, with \$10,000 capital was authorized, \$3,000 subscribed by R. W. Gray and D. F. Maddock.

Tragedy in Wilson County.

Wilson, Special.—About 1 o'clock Thursday at Black Creek, this county Oscar Colie was shot and killed by Robert Stucky, another negro, in one of the construction cars of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Both worked in the same gang and it seems, from the evidence at the preliminary hearing before Magistrate H. M. Rowe, had previously quarreled. Stucky ran and has not been seen since. He is about 20 years old and weighs about 140 pounds, ginger-cake color. Colie died in a few minutes.

Safe Robbery in Shelby.

Shelby, Special.—The Seaboard Air Line depot was entered during the night by breaking through a window and the safe was opened and about \$80 stolen. The agent, Mr. L. P. Holland, says he locked the safe before he went home and no one but himself knows the combination.

RECKLESS SHOOTING AFFAIR

Bloody Deed of Strange Man Who Must Have Been Crazy

PISTOL EMPTIED INTO A CROWD

Unknown Man Fires Twice Into a Waiter's Back and Then, Turning His Weapon to the Throng on Board Walk, Leaves Three Men and a Woman Writting and Remainder in Wild Stampede While He Flees.

New York, N. Y., Special.—While the Oceanic Walk in the Bowery in Coney Island was still crowded early Monday an unidentified man pulled a revolver and fired two shots into the back of a waiter at Stauch's Restaurant and then turned his weapon on the crowd and fired four times as quickly as he could pull the trigger. Four persons were writhing in agony on the board walk when the man fled toward the ocean threatening any persons who would pursue him. Thomas Fitzpatrick, aged 25, Thomas McDonald, aged 19, and George White, aged 26, may die. Annie Smith, aged 20, was seriously hurt. At the time of the shooting the crowd was pouring from the restaurant. In the throng were many women. At the sounds of the shots and the screams of women who witnessed the shooting the crowd broke in all directions.

Increase in Wages.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The report by the Bureau of Labor shows that in 1905 the average wages per hour in the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries was one and six-tenths per cent higher than in 1904; the average hours remained the same while the weekly earnings of all the employes, owing to the increase of six and three-tenths per cent in the number of persons employed, was eight per cent greater. Retail prices of food six-tenths per cent higher. As the average wages increased more than the retail prices an hour's wages in 1900 would purchase one per cent more food than in 1904.

Report of Insurance Committee.

Omaha, Neb., Special.—The report of the committee on Insurance of American Bar Association, to be submitted to the Convention St. Paul, Aug. 29, provides for the drafting of a bill requiring deferred dividends on life policies to be biennially apportioned, credited and certified to policy-holders; repeals reciprocal retaliatory and valued tax laws; provides for stricter State incorporation laws, use of mails to unlicensed concerns, provides for supervision of interstate transactions in insurance, and the establishment of bureau of insurance in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Bank Clerk Took \$100,000.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Officials of the First National Bank Monday announced that Alexander R. Chisolm, paying teller of that bank, is \$100,000 short in his accounts. As Chisolm was bonded for \$30,000 the loss to the bank will be reduced to \$70,000. The discovery of the shortage was made while Chisolm was off on his vacation.

Dr. McCraw Dead.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Dr. Jas. B. McCraw, a native of Richmond, and one of the oldest physicians in Virginia is dead at the age of 84. He was a prominent Confederate Surgeon and during the war had charge of the Chimberazo Hospital here, where 76,000 Confederate soldiers were treated.

15 Persons Injured.

Fort Worth, Texas, Special.—Two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railroad collided in the local yards, injuring 15 persons, W. O. Stevens, banker and Brink Poore, both of Bridgeport, Texas, were seriously hurt.

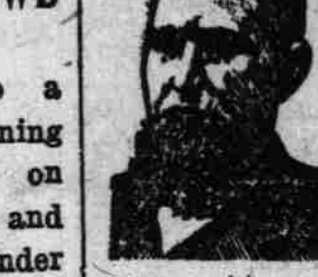
Loss by Fire \$50,000.

New Orleans, Special.—Fire destroyed the building on Magazine street occupied by Pinski Brother Hoffman, commission merchants, and Burkenroad, Goldsmith Company, grocers. The loss is \$50,000.

HERITAGE OF CIVIL WAR.

Thousands of Soldiers Contracted Chronic Kidney Trouble.

The experience of Capt. John L. Ely, of Co. E, 17th Ohio, now living at 500 East Second street, Newton, Kansas, will interest the thousands of veterans who came back from the Civil War suffering tortures with kidney complaint. Capt. Ely says:



"I contracted kidney trouble during the Civil War, and the occasional attacks finally developed into a chronic case. At one time I had to use a crutch and cane to get about. My back was lame and weak, and besides the aching, there was a distressing retention of the kidney secretions. I was in a bad way when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills in 1901, but the remedy cured me, and I have been well ever since."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

At the industries commission recently held at Vryheid, Natal, it was stated that thousands of millions of tons of coal equal in quality to any yet mined in Africa existed within a radius of thirty miles of the town.

H. H. GREEN'S SONS, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Dropsy Specialists in the world. See their liberal offer in advertisement in another column of this paper.

A Rainy-Day Welcome.

The rain was pouring in torrents when Mrs. Haddon flew to the door and admitted her friend, Miss Ransom. "There, you are what I call a real friend," she cried. "I never expect people to keep an engagement to come here in a storm, for they never do. I told Mr. Haddon this morning that I knew you wouldn't, but here you are!"

"I won't keep you standing in the vestibule a minute longer. I just thought perhaps you'd like to let it drip off you a little, as I've had the hall all cleaned to-day. I always have it done when I'm sure of eight or nine hours before it needs to be walked on."

"But—Oh, no; it doesn't matter a bit. Perhaps you'd like to take off your rubbers? Rubber soles? Oh, no; I never wear them, for they make such work on carpets. I mean, of course, one expects to have one's own carpets ruined, because so few people consider it at all, and I know rubber soles are popular. I only meant the rule was for myself."

"There, now, let me find you a comfortable chair; perhaps, as your skirt is damp, you'd rather not sit in one of the covered chairs. Here's a wicker one that I've never had a cushion made for, just for such occasions; and that brings your feet on the rug, too."

"Now if you'll excuse me for one moment, while I speak to Bridget, I'll be ready for a nice long talk. It was so good of you to come, and so unexpected!"

Truth is a Stranger to Fiction.

The novelist's small but valuable son had just been brought to judgment for telling a fib. His sob's having died away, he sat for a time in silent thought.

"Pa," said he, "how long will it be before I stop gittin' hoked for tellin' lies, an' begin to get paid for 'em, like you do?"—Lippincott's.

Salvation cannot be spread without sacrifice. So. 33-'06.

A WINNING START.

A Perfectly Digested Breakfast Makes Nerve Force For the Day.

Everything goes wrong if the breakfast lies in your stomach like a mud pie. What you eat does harm if you can't digest it—it turns to poison.

A bright lady teacher found this to be true, even of an ordinary light breakfast of eggs and toast. She says:

"Two years ago I contracted a very annoying form of indigestion. My stomach was in such condition that a simple breakfast of fruit, toast and egg gave me great distress."

"I was slow to believe that trouble could come from such a simple diet, but finally had to give it up, and found a great change upon a cup of hot Postum and Grape-Nuts with cream, for my morning meal. For more than a year I have held to this course, and have not suffered except when injudiciously varying my diet."

"I have been a teacher for several years and find that my easily digested breakfast means a saving of nervous force for the entire day. My gain of ten pounds in weight also causes me to want to testify to the value of Grape-Nuts."

"Grape-Nuts holds first rank at our table."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.