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Inmates Slept While Flames Raged in Hotel. Falling Walls Buried Many Victims in Ruins. People Rushed to Aid.

Twenty Dead Bodies were Taken Out by Rescuers and Injured Were Hurried to Hospital. All Bodies Saved.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, April 4.—Twenty men were burned to death and twenty seriously injured in the fire which destroyed the Italian hotel in Potrero district.

The injured were of the laboring class and were sleeping in their rooms when the fire started.

Before they could be aroused the flames had spread through the building. The walls fell and the inmates were buried in the ruins 20 being taken out dead and dying.

Several people rushed to the assistance of the buried victims and succeeded in rescuing all of them, it is believed, from the flaming timbers.

The injured were rushed to the Potrero hospital, where several died while awaiting treatment.

MR. FINLEY SPOKE.

President of Southern Railway at Greensboro Last Night.

Greensboro, N. C., April 4.—At the annual banquet of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Club of Greensboro last night, W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway Company, responded to the toast "North Carolina and Its Relations to the Railroad Problem." After discussing the interest of North Carolina in improved railway transportation and pointing out the need of additional railway construction in the State, Mr. Finley spoke of the identity of the interests of the public and the railways and showed what would be the effects upon both of some of the proposed legislation.

IN SAMUEL SPENCER'S MEMORY.

Southern Railway to Erect \$200,000 Hospital at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—The officers and employees of the Southern Railway will build in Atlanta hospital costing \$200,000 for the treatment of railroad men and their families as a memorial to the late Samuel Spencer, president of the road.

The money has nearly all been raised by subscription, and it is reported that J. P. Morgan, of New York, has donated \$10,000.

It was at first intended to erect a monument to Mr. Spencer in the terminal station here, but the contributions made for that purpose will be diverted to the hospital fund.

GARVIN WEDS BLIND GIRL.

Former Governor of Rhode Island Makes Proteege His Bride.

Providence, R. I., April 4.—The marriage of former Gov. Lucius F. C. Garvin and Miss Sarah Emma Tomlinson, his blind protegee, took place tonight at the Baptist Church parsonage in Lonsdale.

Rev. T. C. Gleason, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. Only the immediate families were present. There were three daughters of Dr. Garvin—the Misses Norma, Ethel and Florence—and the bride's two sisters—Miss Etta Tomlinson and Mrs. James Bonner and Mr. Bonner completed the party.

After the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Garvin drove to the bridegroom's home in Cumberland, where they will spend their honeymoon.

When the engagement was announced a few weeks ago, no date for the marriage was given, and the early wedding comes as a complete surprise.

Would Dissolve Parliament.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, April 4.—The documentary evidence of the plot, on the part of the reactionary organizations, supported by powerful influences at court, to cause a dissolution of the lower house of Parliament was printed today in the Rech, the organ of the Constitutional Democrats.

Child In Arkansas was Not Kenneth Beasley

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., April 4.—Former State Senator S. J. Beasley, of Currituck, N. C., has returned from Arkansas after an unsuccessful attempt to find his son, Kenneth, for the alleged kidnapping and murdering of whom Joshua Harrison was recently convicted at Elizabeth City, N. C., and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Senator Beasley saw the youth in Arkansas believed to be his son, but he was not the lost child.

Palmist Did Greensboro And Made his Escape

By Associated Press. Greensboro, N. C., April 4.—A warrant has been issued against Earl Varetare, a palmist and clairvoyant, charging him with larceny. Varetare is accused of taking jewelry and money to the amount of \$10,000 from prominent women and others whose fortunes he told. Varetare has left the city.

BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY.

Governor Glenn Appointed Board Today—The Members.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 4.—The last legislature created a State Board of Osteopathy to regulate the practice of this school of the medical profession. License practitioners, etc. Governor Glenn today appointed a board in compliance with the act. The members and terms of office follows: Dr. A. R. Tucker, of Durham, five years; Dr. W. Meacham, of Asheville, three years; Dr. H. F. Ray, of Charlotte, one year; Dr. W. H. Glasscock, of Raleigh, four years; Dr. A. H. Zealy, of Goldsboro, two years.

WEBSTER STILL UNCONSCIOUS.

Man Taken From Train in Semi-Conscious Condition is Still Unconscious.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—T. C. Webster, 60 years old, who was taken from the Union Pacific train Monday in a semiconscious condition and removed to a hospital, was still unconscious today.

Nothing is known of Webster except he was traveling from Horseshoe Bend Idaho, to Gainesville, Ga. The cause of his condition is a mystery to us, said the house surgeon.

Brownsville Some More.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 4.—In the Brownsville hearing Maj. Penrose, who commanded a battalion of the negroes of the 25th Infantry, charged with having shot up Brownsville, said today he had changed his opinion and was now convinced his men were innocent at about the conclusion of his court martial.

Harriman made Another Statement Public To-day

By Associated Press. New York, April 4.—E. H. Harriman, relative to the recent exchange of correspondence between himself and President Roosevelt:

"I do intend to continue this controversy. You gentlemen (meaning the reporters) must try to help me and not ask me to answer questions the answers to which are self-evident."

"Everybody knows that the contest for the senatorship in 1904 was between Messrs. Black and Dewey and there could not possibly have been any other candidate. There was no bargain whereby money was to be raised in consideration of having Dewey appointed ambassador to France or made United States senator, and my letter to Webster does not state that part of the agreement was for the purpose of harmonizing the Black and Dewey forces if it became necessary."

Cravath's Statement.

P. D. Cravath, representing the Harriman interests, made a statement concerning the Chicago and Alton transactions and said the time had come for a stricter regulation of stocks and bonds of semi-public corporations. The liberal laws, he said, "have materially aided in the development and the growth of the country."

"Watering of stocks, in my opinion, has been helpful in the past. The time has come, however, in the development of the country, in the balancing of the advantages and evils, for much stricter regulations of the issuance of stocks and bonds," he said.

Cravath said it was evident the time had come when par value securities should obtain a definite relation to the actual value of those securities and that there was no reason for the belief that the Chicago and Alton transaction had not been conducted in that view.

GREENE-GAYNOR CASE.

Erwin Devoted Himself to Legality of the Famous Extradition.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, April 4.—United States District Attorney Marion Erwin resumed his argument for the government before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in the Greene-Gaynor case on appeal from the United States Circuit Court at Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Erwin devoted himself almost entirely to the legality of the famous extradition of the defendants.

—Mr. J. F. Newell who has been confined to his room for the past three weeks is much better and is able to be on the streets again.



SMOKING THE PIPE OF PEACE.

The Lunacy Commission, Appointed To Investigate Thaw's Mental Condition Reported Him Sane

After Days of Testimony Commission Submits report Declaring Thaw Sane. Great Difficulty in Agreement.

Report of Commissioners Not yet Made Public, but Said to be Unanimous. Effect of Decision On the Case.

By Associated Press. New York, April 4.—When Justice Fitzgerald called the Thaw jury into court at 11:30 the commission in lunacy had not been able to agree upon a verdict. The jury was excused then until 2 p. m., by which time Justice Fitzgerald said he hoped he would have something definite before him.

The commission in lunacy sat until after 2 o'clock this morning trying to agree upon a report but failed. It then went into session again in Justice Fitzgerald's chamber at 10:30 today. It was reported that there was a serious division of sentiment among the three members of the commission, the two laymen being arrayed against the medical member.

Justice Fitzgerald is very anxious to have a unanimous report from the commission one way or the other and it was for this reason that he decided to give them more time.

Which Shall it Be? Following the adjournment of court Justice Fitzgerald again went into conference with the three lunacy commissioners. In less than 15 minutes Dr. Putzel left the chambers alone. He walked out of the criminal court building briskly and with the air of finality. His action in withdrawing from the conference gave rise to the report that he had submitted the minority report, and was unwilling to change his views in any way.

It was said that his report declared that while Thaw was apparently able to consult with his counsel in a fairly rational manner, this did not indicate that he was mentally sound in every other way.

The majority report, it is said, declares Thaw sane.

It was said in the District Attorney's office that Justice Fitzgerald has the right to accept either the majority or minority report as his conscience dictates.

There is a precedent, it was added, for the acceptance of the minority report from the commission in lunacy.

With today the Thaw case enters upon its final stage. The commission in lunacy has completed its work and today will report to the court.

The end of the commission's work has brought much relief to Thaw, his wife and family, his counsel and to District Attorney Jerome.

Attorney Delmas put in all day yesterday preparing his address to the jury, so convinced was he that the trial will be resumed.

Thaw Family Present. Chairman McClure did not reach the court until 10:30 a. m. It was said the commission had continued until after 2 o'clock this morning. All members of the Thaw family were early in the court room. The party included Mrs. William Thaw, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Countess of Yarmouth, Mrs. Carnegie and Edward and Josiah Thaw.

When Harry Thaw was told in the Tombs it was said he had broken down for two or three minutes before

and other members of the family.

A messenger also was dispatched to the prisoner's pen to take the glad tidings to Thaw.

Will Proceed With Trial. Mr. Jerome, addressing Justice Fitzgerald before reading the report, said: "While I do not know what the decision of the commission may be, I want to state to Your Honor what my personal opinion has been in this matter. I stated and still adhere to the contention that the defendant is insane. But if the commission's decision is fatal to the suggestion I made upon record, I will have to proceed with the trial and press for conviction with all the power at my command."

Jerome Wants Minutes. Jerome reviewed at length and demanded to see the commission's minutes.

Fitzgerald denied Jerome access to the minutes.

Jerome said if the court ruled against the prosecution's application for access to the minutes of the Thaw commission he would ask time to decide whether he would apply to the appellate division for a writ of prohibition to prevent the trial from proceeding.

Jury Dismissed Until Monday. Justice Fitzgerald discharged the Thaw jury until Monday, declining to grant more time for Jerome to apply to the appellate division for a writ of prohibition.

Court Adjourned. Court adjourned until Monday.

Elba Company Buys \$8000 Lot

Mr. J. H. Vanness today sold to the Elba Manufacturing Company the property situated at the corner of the railroad and East Seventh street, 100x200 in dimensions. The consideration was \$8,000. The building on the tract has been used by the company for some time as a ginny and office, the plant being located in North Charlotte. It will continue to serve this purpose.

The Elba Manufacturing Company is one of the city's most successful enterprises, turning out cotton seed products and operating one of the largest cotton gineries in this section.

Mr. T. J. Davis is president; Dr. C. A. Bland, vice-president; Mr. J. R. Van Ness, treasurer, and Mr. O. B. Robinson, secretary.

Two other deeds were registered today, one by which Mr. J. S. DeLaney and wife convey to Rev. W. L. Nickelson a lot on North Myers street, for \$1,000, and another transferring a lot on South Tryon street extended from Mr. M. Oglesby and wife to Dr. Charles L. Alexander.

More Negroes Strike.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., April 4.—Three hundred negro longshoremen, in the employ of the Merchants Miners joined the striking longshoremen of the Old Dominion. One thousand men in all are affected.

Reached Agreement.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 4.—The Western Railroads and conductors and trainmen have reached an agreement.

Real Estate Deals.

Mr. Frank D. Alexander sold yesterday for the St. Catherine Gold Mine Company, five lots to Mr. R. C. McManus for the consideration of \$1,100. Mr. A. M. Craig, for the Piedmont Realty Company, sold a cottage in Piedmont to Mr. C. D. Purser for the consideration of \$1,700. He also sold a lot in Wilmore for F. C. Abbott & Company to Mr. R. J. Walker, the consideration being \$600. The dimensions of this lot are 50 by 200 feet.

Arguments in Famous Harriman Case Begun

By Associated Press. Washington, April 4.—Arguments in the famous Harriman case, which was heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission a few weeks ago in New York, was begun before the commission here today. The proceedings are in the nature of an argument involving the question of whether the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are competing lines.

On the result of the argument may depend whether Harriman and his associates are to be prosecuted as a restraint of trade under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Parents of the Expelled Cadets Get Together For A Hot Fight

WILL HAVE A GOLF COURSE. The Selwyn People Arranging to Construct Links Here.

One of the greatest attractions Charlotte could have as a means of inducing tourists to come here is a golf course, and if the plans of the Selwyn Hotel managers are carried out this will not be lacking another year. With the assistance of the young men of the city and all others interested in the sport, Mr. Hamilton Frazier, in charge of the Southern headquarters of the American Hotel Company, and Mr. Alexander Lightfoot, manager of the Selwyn, will build here one of the finest golf links in the South. No definite site has been chosen as yet, though these gentlemen are looking for a suitable location in the vicinity of the Catawba river, where, within another year or two, an inter-urban street car line will be in operation.

Mr. Houston Harper, advertising agent for Harvey & Wood, managing directors of the Selwyn, is at present engaged in the work of detouring tourists around by Charlotte and has succeeded in getting quite a number of them to stop over here for a few days. With a golf course covering 40 or 50 acres of ground, and easy of access, he would be able to induce a great many to spend a while in this delightful climate before returning North.

Battle With a Wild Goose.

South Britain, Conn., April 4.—Allen Andrews, a young farmer, was attacked yesterday and badly lacerated by a wild goose. A flock of wild geese was flying northward and Andrews approached one that had dropped into some bushes. The goose sailed into and it was twenty minutes before Andrews succeeded in getting the bird by the throat and choking it to death. The goose was two feet high and

Frost Falls in Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., April 4.—The temperature got down to 38 degrees in Charleston and still lower in the suburbs yesterday morning, accompanied by frost, which is reported to have done damage to beans, Irish potatoes and other tender plants. The damage is not expected to be considerable, except in the more exposed places, and farmers will fare better than their less fortunate fellow farmers of North Carolina and Virginia.

Primary Held For Raleigh Officials

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 4.—The Democratic primary for the city officials is being held today.

Weather conditions are fine and the average vote is being polled.

The reelection of I. Johnson as mayor and Thomas Badger for police justice are assured, also the election of the police commission is favorable to present Chief of Police Mullins. This commission was created by the recent legislature.

CHADWICK NEWS.

Fire This Morning in Residence of Mrs. Mullis—Entertainment a Success.

There was a small fire early this morning in the residence of Mrs. B. A. Mullis, at Chadwick. The blaze started in a closet, it was discovered before it had gained much headway and the prompt work of the fire boys soon extinguished it. The loss is estimated at from \$75 to \$100.

The concert Saturday night was a success in every way. About \$20 were netted to the Good Citizens' Club as a result of the performance.

Hardware Men's Convention.

Mr. Elliott, of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas, whose convention will be held in this city July 9th and 10th, writes that the convention will be the greatest in the history of the association. He is advertising it in the leading trade journals with cuts of the Selwyn, the headquarters, and other scenes of Charlotte. Prominent hardware men will be here from several Southern States in addition to the members from all parts of the Carolinas.

Buying Electrical Fixtures.

Mr. R. M. Stevenson, Jr., of Clover, S. C., who has opened an electrical supply house in that town spent the day in the city making purchases of stock. Mr. Stevenson is a recent graduate of Erskine College at Due West, S. C. He has been engaged in the electrical business for several months.

Fire on Steamer.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., April 4.—The Old Dominion steamship Jamestown tied up at her wharf still unloaded by reason of the longshoremen's strike, was seriously threatened by fire which raged in the forward hold for an hour and a half. Most of the damage is believed to be to the cargo.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association

will meet in the parlors of the association tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Citadel Affair Takes on New Animation. Fathers of Cadets, Expelled From South Carolina Military Academy, Meet

Will Stand by Position of Their Sons. A resume of Trouble and a Forecast of its Meaning to Institution.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., April 4.—Several of the gentlemen whose sons left the Citadel last week, after the investigation as to the breaking of barracks by some of them, met in this city today and held a conference as to the steps to be taken in the matter. It was decided to take the case to the board of the following well known attorneys were secured: Messrs. Andrew Crawford and W. H. Lyles, of Columbia, and Joseph A. McCullough, of Greenville.

Among those present at the conference today were Messrs. G. H. Mahon, of Greenville; T. L. Alexander, of Charlotte; Andrew Crawford, of Columbia; Able, of Orangeburg; Jno. T. Sloan, of Columbia and W. H. Lyles, of Columbia, each of whom had a son involved in the Citadel affair.

It was stated yesterday afternoon that the cases of the cadets would be prepared in legal form and made public at the proper time by the counsel. The board of visitors, through Col. C. S. Gadsden, the chairman, will be asked to hear the case as soon as possible. The gentlemen whose sons are accused of prevarication and other ungentlemanly conduct declare that a gross injustice and wrong has been perpetrated and that they intend to fight the matter to a finish. They claim that there is no evidence upon which the action of the Citadel faculty can be legally based and that it is their intention to demonstrate this fully. "We have drawn our sword," said one of the gentlemen, "and it is the sword to the hilt."

Cause of the Trouble.

It will be recalled that a charge of breaking barracks was first made against Cadet Able by Commandant Simons, and that in the investigation into this affair it was alleged to have been discovered that several of the cadets, called on to give testimony, had made false statements. Thereupon the Citadel authorities expelled Cadets Able, Alexander, Sloan and Mahon. Upon the announcements of this sentence the following cadets left the Citadel: Lyles, Alexander, Sloan, Murray, Crawford, Ehrlich, Mahon, McAlister, Beattie, Gossett and Able.

The boys come from the most prominent families of the State and their parents are persons of great influence. Mr. Mahon being the mayor of Greenville, Mr. Richardson postmaster of the same city, Col. Sloan being a former lieutenant governor of South Carolina, Messrs. Crawford and Lyles being leading lawyers of Columbia, Messrs. Beattie and McAlister being in partnership in Greenville's leading dry goods store, Dr. Murray being a wealthy wholesale druggist, and so on.

These men, with a few exceptions, back up their sons in leaving the academy when what they considered unfair charges and judgments were passed on some of their friends and the parents fight it out on that line. It is apparent that Capt. Simons will have to bear the brunt of the battle, as it was he who claimed to see the boys outside of barracks and who made the charge, saying he recognized Cadet Able and that those with him he did not recognize. When a search of the quarters was made it is said that Cadet Able was found in his bed. All the cadets denied breaking barracks, but admitted that they had been during the night in Sloan's room.

This affair may reopen the fight against Colonel Cowart, the superintendent of the South Carolina Military Academy, a fight which has been pending for several years. Last year three members of the faculty were not re-elected by the board of visitors and it was understood that Col. Cowart had had a very close shave and that he would probably not remain in his position more than a year or so unless there was a decided change of sentiment in the board. Since that time there have been two changes in the board, Gov. Ansel taking the place of

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Worst Earthquakes for 40 Years. big Damage

By Associated Press. Constantinople, April 4.—A dispatch received here from the head of the American Mission at Bitlis, says on March 29th, there burst upon that place the worst earthquake witnessed in forty years.

During the first day there were 14 shocks, there having been 28 in all. Over 300 houses have fallen and half of the remainder are damaged.

The official report of the killed is eight.