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GEN. JONES TO DEMOCRATS.

State Chairman Calls On Them to Go to the Polls and Vote For the Nominees.

Columbia, Oct. 27.—In order to get the Democrats to go to the polls and support the nominees, Gen. Jones, chairman of the State executive committee, yesterday issued the following note of warning in an address to the Democratic voters of South Carolina: Fellow Democrats:

In view of the present apathy which seems to exist among the Democrats of this State as to voting at the general election, I feel it to be my duty as your chairman to address you in this public manner and urge that you all come out on November 6 and cast your votes for the Democratic ticket, from governor to coroner. Our people have gotten into the way of thinking that when they have cast their votes in the primary there is no further use to vote. But this is a very dangerous policy to pursue and may result in great harm to our State. Our State ticket is safe, as the Republicans have put up no opposition at all.

Our candidates for congress in the second, fourth and seventh districts have active Republican opposition, and it is especially necessary in these districts that a full Democratic vote be cast. My information is that in some of the counties Socialist candidates for the legislature will be run.

If you do not come out and vote you certainly run the risk of being misrepresented in congress by negroes or white Republicans. It is conceded by all that the next house will be very close and the past history of the Republican party proves that they will stop at nothing to count in a working majority. There is no reason why our congressional ticket should not receive every Democratic vote in the State, as we are absolutely united on national issues.

We have heard of late various threats that our representation in congress would be reduced by a Republican congress on account of our small vote in the general election. Now, fellow Democrats, do not allow this serious charge to be made against you, but come out November 6 and cast your vote for the grandest and best party this country has ever had, and let the world know that the white men of South Carolina will always rule their State. Willie Jones, Chrn. State Executive Com. of S. C.

PRESIDENT GRANTS REPRIEVE

Mutineers Who Killed Officers of the Berwin Will Not Be Hanged November 1st.

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt today granted a reprieve until December 15th to Arthur Adams and Robert Sawyer, two negroes who are under sentence to be hanged at Wilmington, N. C., November 1st, on the charge of murdering the officers of the ship Berwin on the high seas.

BETTER THAN LYNCHING.

Aiken Negro Hanged For Assaulting Northern Woman.

Aiken, Oct. 26.—At 11:25 this morning Isaac Knight paid the penalty of death for his crime and thus was recorded the first legal execution for criminal assault in the annals of Aiken county.

This morning Knight was given the freedom of the jail corridor and for an hour or more he and his spiritual adviser, Rev. Isaac Johnson, were in constant prayer. When at 11:15 Knight requested that he be allowed to retire to his cell to engage in secret prayer, this was granted the doomed prisoner who remained in his cell but a few moments announcing his readiness to proceed on the death march. Just before the death march was begun his spiritual adviser asked if he was guilty of the crime for which he soon was to hang. Knight replied, "No."

TRAGEDY OF THE FLAMES.

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS PERISH IN KANSAS CITY.

Old Chamber of Commerce Burned Early This Morning, and the Sleeping Inmates Caught in a Trap—A Great Many Injured.

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—More than twenty-five persons are believed to be buried in the ruins of the old Chamber of Commerce building, which was destroyed by fire early this morning. The firemen and police also estimate that fifty others were injured, and it is said at the hospital that the death list will be swelled, as many more are fatally hurt, either from burns or injuries received from jumping.

Every one in the building was sleeping when the fire broke out. In the mad scramble men, women and children fled to the roof. When the firemen arrived the building was a mass of flames. Fire ladders were stretched, but did not reach to the frantic, panic-stricken people on the roof. Many jumped and were caught by the firemen. Many others were found nearby unconscious in the smoke-filled halls.

When the building collapsed it is believed that at least twenty-five were carried down into the mass of burning debris.

PLAYED TO A STANDSTILL.

Clemson and A. & M. of North Carolina Try In Vain to Score.

Columbia, Oct. 25.—The two stalwart and aggressive football teams, representing the agricultural and mechanical colleges of the two Carolinas, met today on the Fair grounds at Columbia and put up one of the grandest and most spectacular games ever witnessed in this city. The grand stand and side lines were unable to accommodate the vast crowd that sought admittance to the royal battle, and there was much difficulty experienced in keeping the crowd off the field. Orange and purple the colors of the Clemson Tigers, predominated, but there were many admirers of the North Carolina eleven who gaily flaunted the white and red ribbons. Excitement was intense and the rooting deafening.

When the referee's whistle blew a little after 11 o'clock, the pigskin was sent revolving in the air, and the two teams went together like charging cavalry. Both teams had difficulty in making the ten yards required by the new rules, and it was Clemson's ball for awhile and then the Tarheels would take possession of the sphere. Line plunges, end runs, delayed and double passes were used in frantic efforts to cross the goal line, but they were all in vain. The teams were evenly matched in weight, training and endurance: the lines were invulnerable and the ends and extra men prevented long gains when further chasing of the lines was seen to be useless. When the referee's whistle blew indicating the great struggle was over, a great cheer burst from the enthusiastic spectators and amid cheers for Clemson and A. & M., the two teams were carried from the field. This makes the third 0 to 0 game played by the North Carolinians this year. The University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia, were unable to score against them. Clemson recently played the V. P. I. team a nothing to nothing game, and last year the V. P. I. team was considered the best in the South. Today's game was a wonderful exhibition of the sport.

COTTON FIRE IN ORANGEBURG.

Mr. R. E. Wannamaker Loses Warehouse at Stilton.

Orangeburg, Oct. 24.—Six hundred and seventy-five bales of cotton, worth \$36,600, were entirely burned on Monday night at Stilton, a station three miles above here on the Southern railway.

The cotton was the property of Mr. R. E. Wannamaker and had all been stored within the past three weeks, his warehouse having just been completed. The warehouse was of cement with a composition roof and held the flames so well that when they did break through, giving the first warning of the fire, the entire contents were one mass of flames and nothing could be done except to save the cotton on the ground nearby.

Mr. Wannamaker, who is one of the largest planters in the county and also a large merchant, believes in holding cotton, and for his own convenience had just erected this large warehouse at his home.

HORRIBLE SUNDAY TRAGEDY.

ELECTRIC CARS PLUNGE INTO WATER NEAR ATLANTIC CITY.

Three Cars Filled With Passengers Go Into Deep Water—Eighty Persons Lose Their Lives and Many More Injured—One of the Worst Accidents on Record.

Atlantic, N. J., Oct. 29.—Sixty-six persons dead and two injured is the estimate that is made this morning of the casualties in yesterday's railway horror. Most of the dead are still buried in the submerged cars and it will be impossible to give an accurate list of the dead until the bodies can be removed by divers.

Only today did there come a full realization of the awfulness of the calamity when three cars of the electric train of the West Jersey and Seashore Electric Railway plunged from the draw bridge which spanned the thoroughfare of tidewater stream, separating Atlantic City from the mainland. With the bringing to the surface of scores of dead bodies of those who died miserably at the bottom of the creek, and the heart-rending scenes attending their identification, came appreciation of extent of the great disaster that almost has horrified every one at the way so many met their fate, caught like rats in cars, doors locked and unable to find egress as water poured in upon them, except through windows which hardly admitted a full sized person getting through. Only one thought relieves the horror of their fate—that the death agony was not prolonged. The cars sunk rapidly and in a few minutes the last of the entrapped victims had yielded up the struggle.

Estimates of the number who perished are based upon a comparison of the list of survivors with the conductor's statement of his complement of passengers. Ninety-two passengers are believed to have been in the three cars. Over a score of these have been accounted for, most of them have been rescued, suffering from severe injuries. A few may have escaped without any report being made of the fact. But it is believed that all others met the fate of those whose bodies have been removed from the submerged cars. Practically all survivors were passengers on the third car, which was not entirely submerged. Wreckers and rescuers worked all night by aid of electric lights temporarily arranged. Efforts are being directed to raising of the submerged cars, but the task is proving a hard one. The coaches, by force of the fall, were buried deep in the mud. Several times chains which were passed around the cars broke when the cranes attempted to lift them.

The District Attorney of May's Landing is at the scene with the coroner and officials of the company investigating.

The accident was due to a rail "turning in." It appears that the rail, which was an outside one on the right hand side coming down, must have been out of plumb about an eighth of an inch. The sharp flange of the electric train caught this and twisted inwards. Had it spread instead of twisting inwards the accident never would have happened. This twist threw the first car off the track, and into the water.

The result was that the second and third cars were dragged with it, and while the third car was descending the rear portion struck a piece of the abutment, hung for a short time, and then slid into the water. But this brief stop saved several lives. A number of men and women leaped out of windows and the rear door either into the water or caught hold of a post and were rescued. Among the passengers were 20 men of the Royal Artillery band, who were on their way here from Philadelphia. One or two of the bodies of the bandmen were recovered early in the afternoon.

When the train left the rails, it was running at a high speed, according to some persons, as fast as 40 miles an hour.

Details as to just how the terrible accident occurred are vague. A complete circumstantial story cannot be obtained from any one of the passengers as yet. Two causes have been assigned for the derailment of the train. One is that the rails spread and the other that the rails were not properly locked when the bridge was closed.

The man who may best be able to tell what caused the accident is Daniel B. Stewart, the bridge tender. Stewart, however, is in no condition to talk. He is 65 years old.

He was the only person who witnessed the plunge of the train with its human cargo from a close point of vantage. The scenes which followed caused him to lose his reason and when he was found hours afterwards, he could not tell a rational story.

You Should Know ALUM'S WORST WORK

Some Mothers, unconscious of the injurious effects of Alum, are daily giving it to their Children by the use of so-called Cheap Baking Powder.

What Mother would do so if she only knew?

Alum's Worst Work is its early harmful influence on the child's digestive organs. Positively Never, should Children of tender years be required to eat it in their food.

Secure your Children against Alum in their food.

AVOID ALUM

Say plainly—

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ROYAL is made from Pure Refined Grape Cream of Tartar—Aids Digestion.



NAVAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Congressman Lever Gives Notice of an Examination For Naval Academy.

There will be a vacancy in the United States Academy for a midshipman from the 7th Congressional District next year, and I will hold a competitive examination of applicants for this position at Columbia, S. C., on Saturday, December 29th, 1906.

The applicant must be a bona fide resident of the 7th Congressional District, and not under sixteen years old nor over twenty. The applicants will be examined mentally and physically on the date mentioned above.

The nomination will go to the applicant making the highest grade upon examination, and the first and second alternates will be named upon the order of their grades made upon examination.

All applicants should write me at Lexington, S. C. for full particulars, and for permission take the examination. A. F. Lever, Member of Congress, 7th District, South Carolina.

THE GINNERS REPORT.

Census Bureau Shows That the Crop Up of Date Is But Little Short of Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The census bureau today issued a report on the ginning of cotton, showing 4,910,230 bales ginned from the growth of 1906 up to October 18th, as compared with 4,990,556 for 1905. The active ginneries reporting were 26,287, as compared with 26,577 in 1905.

COSTLY FIRES IN LAURENS.

Several Hundred Bales of Cotton Burned in Cross Hill and Mountville—Railroad the Loser.

Laurens, Oct. 26.—At about 3 o'clock this afternoon a large number of bales of cotton was set on fire at Cross Hill, a town on the Seaboard Railroad, and about sixteen miles south of Laurens. Between 400 and 500 bales were burned. The cotton was on the railroad platform and presumably caught from a locomotive engine.

Almost at the same hour 75 bales were burned at Mountville, a town on the same road, and five miles from Cross Hill. This fire was presumably started in the same way. In both cases cotton has been accumulating on the platforms and the railroad has given receipts for it, but on account of the congested freight conditions has been unable to move it. The cotton was consigned to various parties.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27.—A fire which destroyed a two-story frame tenement occupied by at least thirty negroes and Greeks in Armourdale this morning caused seven deaths. One body has been recovered. The police say there are at least six bodies in the ruins.

MR. W. D. GAMBLE DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Clarendon Passes Away—Was a Very Successful Business Man.

Manning, Oct. 28.—Mr. W. D. Gamble, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Clarendon county, died at his home near New Zion last night. The report received here is to the effect that he retired last night apparently in his usual health, but during the night he was taken with a convulsion and died before morning. Mr. Gamble was successful in his business, both as a farmer and a merchant, and though quiet and rather retiring in disposition, he wielded considerable influence in county affairs. He was about fifty years old and lived in the house in which he had lived nearly all his life, having moved there with his father when a small boy. It will be remembered that Mr. Gamble met with an accident while endeavoring to alight from a moving train at Alcolu a few weeks ago, as reported in The News and Courier at the time. He then received a considerable scalp wound, but seemed to rally all right afterward, and it is not known here now that he suffered any subsequent inconvenience from the wound, or that his death was in any way attributable to that injury.

Fire at Spring Hill.

The barn and stables of Mr. Jim Robinson, of Spring Hill, were burned Saturday night. Nothing was saved from the buildings and Mr. Robinson's loss was quite heavy, as his farm implements, a large lot of corn, forage and cotton seed were burned. One cow was also burned. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Fire at Silver.

The dwelling house of Mr. Robert Briggs, of Silver was burned Saturday night. Very little of the furniture or other contents of the house was saved. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have been accidental.

Dr. Reynolds Ill.

The many friends of Dr. W. K. Reynolds, of Paxville, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs. He has been ill for several days and at last reports his condition was critical.

DIED IN DISGRACE.

New York, Oct. 27.—The man who shot and killed a woman in the Hotel Griffon last night and then killed himself was positively identified this morning as L. G. Hampton, secretary of the United States Trust Co. The woman was identified as Victoria Taeskov, who was head saleslady in a department store. Hampton leaves a widow and two children. A heart-shaped locket, engraved "Atlanta, 1904," was found among the woman's effects.

COTTON FIRE IN ALABAMA.

Loss of From \$75,000 to \$100,000 at Eutaw—Partially Covered By Insurance.

Eutaw, Ala., Oct. 28.—A disastrous fire here today swept away the eastern half of the Planters Warehouse and Commission company's warehouse, destroying property estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The warehouse contained from 2,000 to 3,000 bales of cotton, about 250 bales stored in the western side and about 500 bales on the platform adjoining the warehouse, were saved.

Possibly only 500 bales are insured. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have been started by a spark from a passing locomotive.

DR. FOSTER SHOOTS HIMSELF.

A Well Known and Popular Young Dentist of Union—His Condition Is Critical.

Union, Oct. 29.—A sensation was created here this afternoon, when Dr. Eph W. Foster, a young dentist well known and popular throughout the State, shot himself while in the Union hardware store on Main street. The ball entered just above the heart, but missed that vital organ. Though living tonight, his condition is quite critical.

Dr. Foster returned this morning from Columbia, where he had spent the past week.

Verdict for Large Amount.

Edgefield, Oct. 25.—In the case of Mrs. Bussy, administratrix, against the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway Company, tried today, a verdict in the sum of \$15,000 was returned for the plaintiff. The suit was for \$50,000. A motion for a new trial will be heard.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The Southern Pacific Railroad is threatened with strike of all engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen generally, extending over the entire system. After a conference between the representatives of the various unions and the company a disagreement has been reached which is very serious.

The demands of the men embrace an advance in wages, ranging from 10 per cent. upwards, and where there is no provision for an eight hour day, these clauses are inserted in the demands of the respective bodies.

It is claimed on the part of the men that the company is now making more money than at any time in the history of the road. That increased earnings are due to unusual efforts of the men to keep freight moving. The company refuses to concede any of their demands.

Federal Judge Brawley has issued an order at Greenville that prohibits the district attorney or his assistants remaining in the grand jury room while bills of indictment are being considered.