

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.
The thermometer ranged as follows at
The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M. 86; 12
M. 85; 3 P. M. 84; 6 P. M. 81; 9 P. M. 77;
12 midnight, 76. Average, 81.2.

The Times

WEATHER FORECAST
Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:
Virginia—Showers Saturday and
Sunday; variable winds.
North Carolina—Showers Saturday
Sunday; light to fresh easterly winds.

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HUNDRED PERSONS SAID TO BE LOST.

Fatal Ferryboat Collision Resulted in the Sinking of the Northfield in East River.

ESTIMATES OF LOSS CONFLICTING.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 14.—The wooden side-wheeler Northfield, which has been in the service of the Staten Island Ferry Company for the past twenty-eight years, was rammed to-night by the steel hull propeller Mauch Chunk, used as a ferry boat by the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The collision occurred just off the Staten Island ferry slip, at the foot of Whitehall street, and in less than ten minutes afterwards the Northfield, which was crowded with passengers, sank at the outer edge of the Spanish line pier in the East River. The Mauch Chunk, which was badly damaged, landed the two dozen passengers who were aboard of her.

Over a hundred of the passengers of the sunken Northfield were dragged out of the water by people along shore and the crews of the fleet of river tugs, which promptly responded to the ferry boat's call for help. A few of the Northfield's passengers were hurt in the accident and the police believe that some lives were lost. Captain Daniel Gully, of the tug Mutual, who saw the ferry boats crash together, says that immediately after the collision between twenty-five and thirty of the passengers leaped into the water and many of these perished.

Captain Gully also declares that he is sure 100 of the Northfield's passengers were drowned. The captains of other tug boats who were early on the scene, however, are inclined to think that the disaster was not so serious in regard to loss of life. Thus far no dead bodies have been recovered.

The reason for such a difference in opinion as to the extent of the disaster is that the widest estimate prevailed on that the Northfield had about seventy-five passengers, and the tug Unity and Arrow saved between them 150 persons.

Two policemen of the Old Slip Station claim to have rescued nearly thirty people between them. As soon as the crowd, which had followed the sinking ferry boat along the river front were able to render any aid they worked with a will, and in many instances men sprang into the water to save life. The greatest service was rendered by the tug boats, which, as soon as it was possible, circled around the Northfield and made a bridge to the Spanish line pier and men and the water to save life. The tug Mutual, which was the first to reach the scene, was the first to save life.

Each blamed the other.
Captain Abraham Johnson was in charge of the Northfield and Captain S. C. Griffin was in command of the Mauch Chunk. Each lays the blame for the collision on the other.

The Northfield, with a load of passengers, was estimated at between 800 and 1,200. At 6:01 P. M. started out of the west slip, at Whitehall street, for St. George, S. I., and at 5:30 the Mauch Chunk left her slip, at Cunimaw. The latter was abreast of the Barre Office, at the Battery, when the Northfield came out of her slip. The exchange of whistles between the boats was followed by a crash. Captain Griffin apparently believed that the Staten Island ferryboat would be halted until he had worked his boat into the upper slip, and, on the other hand, Captain Johnson supposed that he would be allowed to cross the Mauch Chunk's bow.

STRIKES HEAD ON.
When the accident occurred the speed of the Mauch Chunk, as well as that of the ferryboat, was reduced, but, borne along on the swift running flood-tide, head-on the Mauch Chunk struck the Northfield on the starboard side at the head of the forward ladies' cabin, on the main deck.

The blow was a terrific one, and the force of it wrecked the steering gear at the forward end of the Mauch Chunk, tore up about ten feet of the main deck, wreck-

ed the deck-house on the port side and broke through the deck rails, threw down the stations on the forward part of the Central Railroad boat.

Those on the Northfield did not for a moment or so realize the seriousness of the blow to the vessel. When they did, however, they rushed on deck to save themselves. The Northfield was being driven full speed up the East River, instead of down the harbor for Staten Island, and they knew that something serious had happened. Then came the panic just before the Northfield went down. At no time was the Northfield more than 500 feet out into the river beyond the bulk-head line, but the tide was running with the velocity of a mill-race, and had the vessel sunk out in the stream, only the tugs would have been able to give any assistance.

CAPTAIN ARRESTED.
Capt. Abraham Jones, of the Northfield, was arrested about midnight on a charge of criminal negligence. He was held without bail and will be arraigned to-morrow. Captain Griffin, of the Mauch Chunk, went to his home in Jersey City not long after the accident occurred. Officials of the Jersey Central gave assurances that Captain Griffin would make his appearance in the Police Court to answer to a technical charge of manslaughter.

The only person reported missing up to midnight was George Coopers, janitor of the Criminal Court building. There were twelve teams on the Northfield, and they all perished. The officials of the Staten Island Ferry-Boat Company said that there were probably not over six hundred passengers on the Northfield at the time of the collision. The passengers say that the usual rush-hour crowd was aboard, and that it numbered fully 1,200 men, women and children.

CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED.

Considerable Saving in Fuel and Naphtha. Other Matters.
The Committee on Light last night awarded the contract for one year, from July 1, 1901, for furnishing the Gas Works with coal to the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency at the following figures: Gas coal, \$2.80 per ton—26. less than last year; coke, \$4.87 per ton—20. less than last year; steam coal, \$8.38 per ton—11.6. more than last year, which makes a net saving of \$1120 on the quantity used last year.

The contract for gas naphtha was awarded to the Standard Oil Company at 3.5 cents per gallon—a considerable reduction on former prices.

Two applications for rebates on gas bills were rejected by the committee. The superintendent was authorized to purchase a horse and wagon for the use of the Gas Works, as one is greatly needed.

The superintendent was instructed to look into the advisability of putting incandescent lights on the lamps in front of the four entrances to the City Hall.

The pay-roll and bills were approved.

SHIPYARDS BURNED.

Twelve Persons Lost Their Lives and Great Damage Done.
(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, June 14.—A fire at the Galley's Island shipyards yesterday consumed the slips, the cruiser Wiljas and other vessels, the Government and other buildings there, and a large stock of timber. The flames also leaped the Neva Fontanka Canal, destroying several military warehouses filled with supplies.

According to the Novoe Vremya, twelve persons lost their lives in the flames. The damage done amounts to 10,000,000 roubles.

Publicly Reprimanded.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 14.—The loss of

ten numbers in his grade, reduction of his pay for two days and to be publicly reprimanded, is the sentence imposed by court-martial upon Lieutenant E. Limpy, at present stationed at the Mare Island navy-yard. The captain was charged with having represented to a dentist that his bill must be reduced because it required the approval of the Treasury officials, whereas this was a purely personal matter.

BLOOMBERG FOR THE SENATE.

It is Practically Settled That He Will Run Next Fall.
Mr. Sol. L. Bloomberg has about decided to become a candidate for the State Senate next fall. He will, in the next few days, so his friends say, formally announce his candidacy. Col. George Wayne Anderson, with the velocity of a mill-race, and had the Treasury officials, whereas this was a purely personal matter.

Mr. Bloomberg was for many years junior clerk of the Senate. He is a prominent lawyer and an influential member of the Common Council.

WANTS TO BE COMMISSIONER.

Mr. John M. Higgins Announced Himself Last Night.
Mr. John M. Higgins, the well known Jefferson Ward politician and business man, announced last night that he was a candidate for the position of Police Commissioner to succeed Commissioner Fizez, when the term expires on June 30th.

Mr. Higgins was for eighteen years a member of the City Council and several years on the Police Commission. He feels that he is fully qualified to fill the position of the Police Commissioner.

BAND OF AVENGERS.

Friends of Foster Are Determined to Lynch Negroes Who Slew Him.
(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 14.—A special to the Picayune from Shreveport says:

The situation in this city cleared considerably to-day, although it can truthfully be said that anxiety is still felt. Throughout the day the police kept to themselves. Their leaders are close friends of the dead man, and his chief purpose is to bring about the summary execution of "Prophet" Smith and his partners. While the police are bemoaning the members of this crowd moved and acted in secret.

This evening had been determined upon as the time for lynching. The movement was stopped, however, by several of the near relatives of Foster, who desire to speak with the negroes before passing judgment. These parties will leave for Benton to-morrow, and upon the result of the interviews hangs the fate of the Benton prisoners.

Telegraphic Brevities.

(By Associated Press.)

BRUNSWICK, GA.—Friedy Griffin, a negro, was hanged here to-day for the murder in October last of P. Marion Latimer, a passenger conductor on the Southern Railway.

ST. PETERSBURG.—An obscure official of the Ministry of the Interior was attacked, but not injured, to-day by a man who has not been identified. The incident gave rise to a report that a nihilist outrage had been committed.

NEW YORK.—Martin Anderson, a professional driver, lost his life while at work in the East River to-day. He was struck by a passenger conductor on the South-ern Railway.

WASHINGTON.—The President to-day appointed Morris A. Wickersham, of Alabama, attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.

THE HAGUE.—Mrs. Botha has arrived here and is domiciled at a hotel near Scheveningen, whence she will visit Mr. Kruger this evening.

ST. JOHNS, N. S. W.—The Leyland Line steamer Assirian, ashore of Cape Race, went to pieces during the night and this morning is a total wreck.

PARIS.—An explosion in a cartridge factory in the suburb of Montreuil yesterday resulted in the loss of fifteen lives and the injuring of about forty persons.

Anderson Slavery Case.

(By Associated Press.)

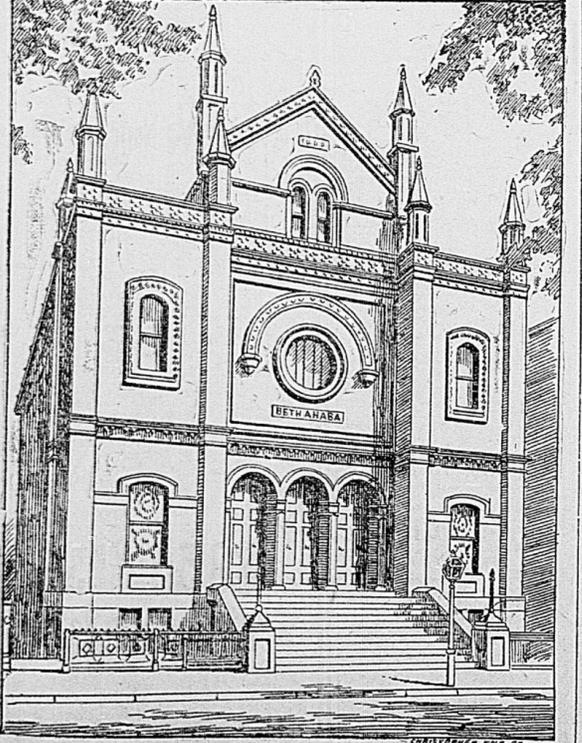
COLUMBUS, S. C., June 14.—Ten men, indicted for conspiracy, false imprisonment and assault and battery in the Anderson slavery case, pleaded guilty to simple assault and battery to-day, and were fined fifty dollars.

J. S. Fowler, to test the law as to false imprisonment, refused to make the plea and has gone to trial for false imprisonment.

Bank Clearings.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The total bank clearings for the week ended June 13th were \$415,151,043, an increase of 8.3 per cent. Outside New York: \$76,276,171, an increase of 26.7 per cent.



BETH AHABA SYNAGOGUE.
House of worship of the congregation which last night celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

GLAD BIRTHDAY OF BETH AHABA

Congregation Celebrates Sixtieth Anniversary.

A NOTABLE OCCASION.

Great Crowd Present and Exercises of Unusual Interest.

MANY FINE ADDRESSES MADE.

Dr. Rosenau and Rabbi Bottigheimer Speak of the Work of the Synagogue; Mr. Straus of This Congregation, and Dr. Gunst of the Sunday-School.

Dr. Calisch Felicitated on His Teeth Anniversary.

The sixtieth anniversary of Congregation "Beth Ababa" and the tenth year of the ministrations of Rabbi Edward N. Calisch last night received celebration, impressively befitting the simultaneous passing of two such notably felicitous events in the life history of the foremost Hebrew congregation of the South.

The exercises of the evening held at the synagogue were rich, not alone in happy expressions of felicitations upon the sixty years of Beth Ababa's ever-enlarging activity and usefulness, and of the healthful vigor and uplift which have been born of the ten years of Dr. Calisch's noble pastorate, but as well in many and substantial tokens of the sturdy strength of purpose to win ever larger success, which animates the congregation as it turns to the future, as yet untried, from the years that are gone.

To its double anniversary the congregation had looked forward with interest and anticipation.

EXERCISES OF GREAT INTEREST.

An attractive and elaborate programme had been arranged. First addresses were delivered. The president of the congregation, Mr. Julius Straus, very happily voiced the felicitations of the hour. Mr. Mark Gunst, told of the Sunday-school and its inviolable work. Rabbi S. G. Bottigheimer, a son of Beth Ababa, presented a companion picture, "the synagogue of the future." Dr. Calisch with a eloquence that plainly told in his own heart was stirred by the impressiveness of the occasion, as profoundly moved the hearts of those who heard him in a magnificent review of the past and the moral forces upon which the larger success in the days as yet untried will be conditioned.

The musical programme of the evening in itself was a noble vehicle for those emotions which find their fullest expression in the great harmonies which in all ages have served as man's language of praise to his Maker. The full choir of Beth Ababa magnificently rendered different pieces which composed the programme. Mr. Reinhardt presided at the organ. With Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Reinhardt soprano, Mrs. Durrant and Mrs. Clowes alto, Messrs. May and Clowes tenors, Messrs. Richards and Carboza basses, Mr. Iardella clarinet, and Miss Reinhardt violin, the musical portion of the evening's exercises was rendered in a style which left nothing to be desired. Miss Reinhardt's violin accompaniment was peculiarly beautiful and winning, especially in the last and noblest of the evening's musical offerings, that grand old harmony of America, which in English-speaking people the world over, as our own or the national air of other countries, strikes deep notes of feeling that other melodies fail to sound. One of the peculiarly fitting incidents of the evening was the singing of America at the conclusion of the evening's exercises.

The pupils had been elaborately and beautifully decorated with palms and American Beauty roses. On it there were seated Dr. Calisch, Dr. Rosenau, Rabbi Bottigheimer, Mr. Julius Straus and Mr. Mark Gunst.

A FINE AUDIENCE PRESENT.

The men and women whose magnificent efforts during the middle of the century organized congregations and built houses of worship, created the Synagogue of the past, and thereby made possible the power and majestic beauty of that to-day holds the destinies of American Judaism. In recalling their noble and strenuous efforts, one is persuaded to revert to our ancestral antiquities and direct upon the marvelous and broad-shouldered past, which was erected by the magnificent Temple of King Solomon, all hail to the self-sacrifice of the pioneers who gladly gave much more than a little of their earnings to preserve and re-habilitate the religion of their fathers. Prodigious was the task that confronted them, of establishing and maintaining their congregations. There was lack of time, as well as dearth of means. But, undaunted and with rare fortitude, such as Heaven alone can bestow, even when hope was at its lowest ebb. The harder the work, the better they loved it. The

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The synagogue was filled to overflowing, every seat being taken and many standing. On so warm a night this attendance is itself a tribute to Dr. Calisch and a token of the sturdy life of Beth Ababa.

The former rabbis of this congregation during the sixty years of its life—Rev. M. J. Michelbacher, Rev. J. Wechsler, Rev. Dr. Isidor Feinstein, Rev. Dr. S. Bettelheim and Rev. Dr. A. Harris—were remembered upon this happy occasion with the greatest affection and honor.

The former presidents of Beth Ababa, to the enjoyment of the fruits of whose labors the congregation has now entered, were Messrs. Myer Angie, Joseph Myers, Wm. Flidshman, J. Gundersheimer, Moses M'hillser, Moses Mitteldorfer, E. Straus and Isaac Wasserman.

The present valuable and efficient officers and Board of Managers are: Julius Straus, president; Charles Hutzler, vice-president; Henry S. Hutzler, recording secretary; Isaac Hutzler, financial secretary; L. Z. Morris, treasurer; I. Stern, Dr. Himer, Marx Gunst, E. Raab, S. L. Bloomberg and E. Bottigheimer.

PRESIDENT STRAUS' ADDRESS.

Mr. Julius Straus, president of the congregation, delivered the first address of the evening. In behalf of the congregation, he thanked the speakers of the evening who had come from a distance, and the many friends of Beth Ababa who were present with their felicitations. After briefly surveying the religious life of the Hebrew families of this city, he spoke of the worshipful for quite some time at the private residence of the president of the congregation, he told of the organization in 1841, and the beautiful selection of "Beth Ababa—Home of Love"—as the name of the congregation.

Mr. Straus stated that he well remembered the building and dedication of the Synagogue in September, 1848. The picture of the fathers of the congregation, coming up to the speaker with the books of the law in their arms, he stated, was as fresh to him yesterday as it was before his boyish eyes.

RABBI BOTTIGHEIMER'S ADDRESS.
Rabbi S. G. Bottigheimer, a son of "Beth Ababa," who is now pastor of a congregation in a distant State, delivered an address upon "The Synagogue of the Past." Rabbi Bottigheimer is the son of a member who has been prominent in the history of the congregation.

Mr. E. Bottigheimer, and Beth Ababa felt proud and happy to have him present to participate in this happy anniversary occasion.

"The invitation to attend and participate in this joyous celebration to-night came to me in the nature of a most pleasant surprise. This honor which you have conferred upon me is highly appreciated. I am proud of the privilege of being one of those from this spot, that has been consecrated by the hearts and utterances of the men who have been your noble and fearless leaders. It is my good fortune that no engagements prevented me from joining you upon this memorable occasion."

"I rejoice with you in this gala anniversary of our congregation. I say 'our' congregation advisedly, for as one of its members, I believe in the right to claim the privilege of being one of those who have received its benefits and cling to the distinction of a close association with 'Beth Ababa.'"

I congratulate you most heartily upon this anniversary of the sixtieth anniversary of its organization, and the completion of the first decade of the administration of your honored and beloved Rabbi, my esteemed friend and colleague, and the shining lights of the American Rabbinate. I offer you all my very best wishes for glorious success in the days that are to come. I am also happy to extend to you the official congratulations and well wishes of my own congregation.

"I believe, dear friends, that I am stating the bare truth when I say that 'Beth Ababa' is a noble and glorious serving of commendation and the very best wishes for a continuance of prosperity, for you have made a noble stand in our older congregations. You have weathered the storm and stress of the formation period of the American Synagogue with notable success, even though the armor still bears the marks of both the external and internal struggle that had to be.

"The men and women whose magnificent efforts during the middle of the century organized congregations and built houses