

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:  
Virginia—Fair, continued cold Saturday  
and probably Sunday; light to fresh north  
winds.  
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# The Times

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.  
The thermometer ranged as follows at  
The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M. 27;  
12 M. 30; 3 P. M. 33; 6 P. M. 36; 9 P. M.  
35; 12 midnight 33. Average 33.1-4.

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PRICE TWO CENTS.

## CHRISTMAS WORK OF THE FIRECRACKER

Many Reports of Serious and Painful Injuries.

A BRAVE MOTHER IS HURT

Mrs. L. V. Paulson, of Suffolk, Wounded by Cannon Cracker.

EXPLODED IN HER HANDS

She Had Just Snatched It from Her Little Three Year Old Boy, Who Was Hugging It to His Breast and Might Have Been Killed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., December 26.—To save the life of her three-year-old son, Larry, Mrs. L. V. Paulson, of No. 107 Main Street, yesterday jeopardized her own life by snatching a dynamite firecracker from her little boy's hands.

It was a fireworks casualty, several of which came about in the Christmas day powder burning. At six o'clock in the morning was the time, Mrs. Paulson had just got up. She heard a match strike in the next room where her boys were. Rushing in she found Larry with a giant dynamite firecracker hugged tightly to his breast. It was snatching at the fuse end.

Realizing the boy's peril, Mrs. Paulson snatched the cannon cracker piece, and sprang towards the door, through which she meant to throw it. The thing went off too soon with an explosion that shook the house. The lights were blown out, and the washstand and other furniture were moved about the room.

Mrs. Paulson's hand was badly lacerated and she was otherwise injured. A hole was torn in her thumb, and nearly every finger was dislocated or shattered. She fell in a swoon. Dr. Gibson was sent for, and dressed the wounds. He hopes to save the fingers. Had the firecracker gone off against the boy's breast he would have been killed or maimed for life.

Sally Greenhaw, colored, who lives at Constantia, had a cannon cracker to go off prematurely. The bones in her thumb were broken, and the rest of her hand was badly torn. Sally lit her first firecracker and then began a conversation before it was thrown away.

A son of Mr. E. Brooks had his hand severely injured. There were many other minor accidents.

INJURIES AT NORFOLK

Firecrackers and Other Deadly Agencies Get in Their Work.

NORFOLK, VA., December 26.—Some serious accidents happened yesterday. General efforts of the police to prevent the use of firearms and the order of the Mayor prohibiting those sports likely to cause harm to the innocent and the foolish.

A negro, who declined to give his name and address, was found on Ocean Street last night at 4 o'clock, with his leg broken. He was sent to St. Vincent Hospital, where he is resting easily, with a prospect of recovery. He declined to give any account of the accident.

Wesley Marable, a young boy of Lambert's Point, was seriously hurt in the hand by a toy pistol. He was pushing the wad with his left hand on the muzzle of the pistol, when it exploded and wounded his left hand. That hand is badly swollen, but it will probably be restored.

Caroline Mercer, a negro woman, attempted to fire a giant cracker while holding it in her hand. The firing was successful, but it carried away two fingers of her right hand and the thumb of her left. She was sent to St. Vincent Hospital for treatment.

A colored man named Milton Pease was run over by a street car on the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Railway and both legs broken.

GREENSBORO'S REPORT

Crackers of Varying Dimensions Got in Their Work Successfully.

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 26.—William Callum, a Baltimore drug firm's drummer, had his hand amputated at the wrist yesterday, the result of holding a cannon cracker to shoot it off.

William Seagraves, at proximity, tried last night to light a cannon cracker by holding it to a lighted cigarette in his mouth. When the thing went off a large part of his face and hand were burnt, but it will not need amputation.

Ray Armfield, twelve years old, is in bed from the explosion of a popcracker in his face. His hair, eyebrows and lashes were burned off and his face and eyes seriously burned. At one time last night it was thought that he would be permanently affected, but he seems to be able to see a little to-day.

Miss Annie Zate is suffering from a nervous shock and a burn, the result of stepping on an unexploded popcracker, that blew her up.

A WALKING AERIAL

Small Boy Suffrings from Explosion of Fireworks Stuffed in His Clothing.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 26.—Frank Lehmyer, a small boy, is suffering intensely from burns and the shock from the explosion of the cannon crackers last evening. He had stuffed crackers and kerosene candles in his jacket and his hands filled with other explosives. Some one threw a lighted baby-waker at him, setting his fireworks afire. His hands, chest and neck were badly burned, his hands being so torn that the physicians who attended were unable to dress them and they were laid on cotton and oil poured over them. By no means the least of his injuries is the shock caused by the explosion of the cannon crackers confined under his jacket. His suffering is intense.

ELOPING LOVERS NOTHING DAUNTED

Found That Would-Be Groom's Father Had Telegraphed Ahead

HIS BROTHER SUSPECTED

A Number of Clerks of Courts in Lower Maryland Had Been Wired Not to Issue a License, and the Elopers Has Unique Experience.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., December 26.—William W. Nock and Miss Anna German, an eloping couple from Hallwood, Va., were married at Salisbury, Md., this evening by the Rev. Thomas Martindale. The young people had quite an experience before they were able to secure their license. The clerk of the court is Princess Anne, Somerset county, Md., refused to grant the license, owing to the fact that several days previous the father of Howard Nock, a brother of William Nock, who, it was supposed, was also bent on eloping, had telegraphed the clerks of the several counties of the Eastern Shore not to issue a license to his son.

Nothing daunted, the prospective bride and groom took a team from Princess Anne and drove to Salisbury, a distance of twenty miles, where they succeeded in persuading the accommodating clerk of Wicomico county to return to his office and issue the license, and also witness the ceremony.

FATALLY WOUNDS HIS OWN BROTHER

Hannon Gregory, Son of Dr. D. Gregory, of King William, is Seriously Injured.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LESTER-MANOR, VA., Dec. 26.—While out shooting to-day Claiborne Gregory accidentally shot, and it is thought, fatally wounded, his brother, Hannon Gregory. The young men were shooting birds in a thick straw field. A bird flew up and Mr. Claiborne fired at it, not seeing his brother, who was concealed by the thick straw. The charge entered his chest, passing through one of his lungs and wounding him internally. The wounded boy is about sixteen or seventeen years of age and is a son of Dr. D. Gregory, a prominent physician of this county and a brother of Judge Roger Gregory.

COL. WORTH MAY BE THE SUCCESSOR TO GEN. MOORVAN

He Is Selected by the Members of General Gordon's Staff, But There Appears to Be Some Doubt That He Will Accept.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 26.—So far no successor to Adjutant-General George Moorvan, U. C. V., has been appointed by Command-in-Chief John B. Gordon, notwithstanding the urgent necessity of having some one to carry forward the preparations for the coming reunion in this city.

Recently General Gordon wrote a letter from his sick bed to Surgeon-General Teltout, of this city, asking him to get his staff officers here to agree upon some one to take charge of the work until he can look over the field and select a successor. Acting on this request, Colonel B. T. Walsh was chosen; now it is said Colonel Walsh declines to serve unless he is appointed temporarily or permanently by General Gordon.

REPORTED BAD WRECK ON CANADIAN ROAD

LONDON, ONT., December 26.—A special train with a number of doctors on board has just left here over the Grand Trunk for the scene of a reported wreck. The railroad officials refuse to talk about the matter. It is known, however, that all trains on the Sarnia Division are being sent over the old Grand Trunk Road to Stratford.

CANADIAN RULES AS HAULING OF CATTLE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Consul-General Turner reports that the British Department from Ottawa that the British Board of Agriculture has refused

Giving to the Fund to Fund Lula Joyner

Sympathetic people are responding promptly and generously to the appeal of The Times for a fund to be used in trying to find Lula Joyner, the five-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in Dinwiddie county several weeks ago. Five subscriptions were received yesterday, aggregating \$9.00. These were the contributors:

Judge W. Samuel Goodwyn, Emporia.....	\$ 5 00
G. B. Johnson, South Boston.....	2 00
T. T. Sydnor, Crews.....	1 00
Subscriber, Richmond...	1 00
The Times Subscription..	5 00
	\$14 00

Judge Goodwyn, of Greensville county, in the letter enclosing his subscription, says: "I am gratified to know that you will receive subscriptions for a fund to be used for the purpose of securing some information of little Lula Joyner. This case is a most singular and sad one. I am glad to have the opportunity of contributing."

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"My experiments have had as their object the building of a kite of solid construction capable of carrying up in a moderate breeze a weight equivalent to that of a man and engine, and so formed that it could be suitable for use as the body of a flying machine and with supporting surfaces so arranged that when the kite is out loose it will come down gently and steadily, and land uninjured.

"I have successfully accomplished this, but do not care at the present time to make public the details of construction."

"Pictures to Paint" for Times Boys and Girls.

The Times will inaugurate a new feature to-morrow which will prove especially entertaining and profitable to its juvenile friends. This will be a series of stories of "Peter and Ellen," written by Gertude Smith and illustrated with Pictures to Paint.

Our boys and girls will find both pleasure and profit in coloring these pictures, and as an incentive to them to cultivate their artistic talents, the Times will each week give a box of paints to each of the six children whose work of coloring is the best.

Every child will be interested in the thrilling adventures of Peter and Ellen, and all are invited to send in paintings of the illustration to be found in the article and enter the contest.

CAUGHT IN WHEEL OF LOCOMOTIVE

Seaboard Engine Whirls a Sixteen-Year-Old Boy at Franklin Like Spitting Devil.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 26.—To be caught in a driving wheel of a fast passenger locomotive and whirled round and round like a powder-driven "spitting devil" and then escape with your life is an experience that does not come to many people, yet that is what happened to sixteen-year-old Willie Lawrence at Franklin, Va., yesterday morning.

Willie is a son of Mr. Mills Lawrence. He was at the station when the delayed north-bound Seaboard Air Line passenger train came through before day Christmas morning. Standing between the main line and side-track, his clothing was caught by the great driver, and for some distance he was spun about at the wheel's mercy. If he made an outcry, none was heard. Fortunately the train stopped at the water tank and the young man was released, not dangerously hurt.

OLD PROSPECTOR IS FOUND DEAD

Claimed to Be a Former Mayor of Atlanta, but Not Known There.

(By Associated Press.)

SILVER CLIFF, COLO., Dec. 25.—Joseph Harton, an old prospector, missing for the past three weeks, has been found dead within three hundred yards of his cabin, near Silver Cliff, Colorado. Harton was a Confederate soldier, and it is said was at one time Mayor of Atlanta. It is supposed that he perished in a storm in an attempt to seek shelter and food.

Not Known in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 25.—Joseph Harton, who was frozen to death near Silver Cliff, is not known here and the name is not in the list of Mayors of this city.

THE ESCAPED PRINCESS MAY VISIT THIS COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, December 26.—It is reported here on good authority that the Duke Ferdinand and the Crown Princess of Saxony and their companions propose going to the United States, there being little probability of their finding congenial homes in Europe.

PORTO RICAN LIQUOR CASES WERE CONTINUED

(By Associated Press.)

SAN JUAN, P. R., December 25.—The hearing before United States Commissioner Anderson of the cases against Robert Giles, a government road contractor, and Lieutenant George W. Mentz, who, with others, are charged with smuggling wines and liquors from St. Thomas on board government vessels, was continued to-day. The defense will submit its brief on Monday.

SAYS ROAD NOT BOUGHT BY ATLANTIC COAST LINE

(By Associated Press.)

MACON, GA., Dec. 25.—F. W. Piddcock, vice-president and general manager of the Georgia Northern Railroad, in a dispatch to the Macon Telegraph from Atlanta, Ga., denies the report that his road has been sold to the Atlantic Coast Line or any other company.

THE PACIFIC CABLE

Laying of it to the Hawaiian Islands is Nearly Completed.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO CAL., Dec. 26.—The following has been received from the cable-ship Silvertown, time at 4 A. M.: "About to buoy" the cable off the island of Oahu, in about 40 fathoms of water. Up to this time 2,233 nautical miles of cable have been paid out.

The shore end of the cable, which is of a heavier type than the sea cable, will be spliced to the sea cable at a place named Diamond Head, which is to be the landing place of the cable. Until the splice is completed no further work will be received from the cable-ship. It may take a day or two to complete the work.

SHOT IN THE LEG

A Negro is Thrown from a Train and Killed Almost Instantly.

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