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RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION OF A PEANUT ROASTER IN NORFOLK.

WIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF MARY

Machine Blew Up—The Body of One Young Woman Greatly Mangled—Lawrenceville Woman Killed.

NORFOLK, VA., September 19.—(Special)—Intense excitement was created in this city this afternoon by the explosion of a peanut roaster in front of Diggs's confectionery on Main street, causing the death of one lady and the fatal injury of another. Two other women were injured.

The dead: Miss BESSIE McGRATH, Phoebus. Fatally injured: Mrs. MARY R. PALMER, Lawrenceville, Va. Painfully injured: Mrs. Lillian Raby, Norfolk. Mrs. C. Bingham, Norfolk.

When Mr. Duke, the aggressive president of the American and Associated Companies, invaded the English field, he met bitter opposition and costly competition. The British manufacturers, realizing the menace to their business from the American invasion, adopted the tactics of the American consolidation.

Still later there were reports that the Imperial Tobacco Company had decided to purchase the American and Associated Companies, and secure their own buyers on the various markets, shipping the tobacco purchased by these agents direct to Great Britain.

The New York Commercial, one of the leading financial papers of the country, and a very reliable one, takes the view that there are negotiations looking to an agreement between the American and Associated Companies and the Imperial Tobacco Company.

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APPEAL FROM REGISTRARS NOT SUSTAINED.

Case of Geo. R. Nowland Decided in Alexandria—Involves a Question of Residence in Washington.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., September 19.—(Special)—Judge J. K. Norton, of the Circuit Court, today dismissed the appeal brought by George R. Nowland, a former resident from the refusal of the registrars of the First Ward to enter his name on the list.

The evidence adduced at the hearing was to the effect that Nowland left here sixteen years ago with his family to go to Washington, where he has since resided; that at that time he was not employed by the government, and since has been in such employment only occasionally, and that his residence was changed without reference to service under the government.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent stated that the case was in no sense a test case and the court so held, holding also that it was a question of fact not of law, and that each case of such a nature must stand on its own merits.

Mr. Nowland came here from Washington Monday to register, but the board to which he applied refused to accept his name on the ground that he had not been a resident of the State for the past two years. He then noted an appeal.

The case has attracted much local attention. It is the first in Alexandria growing out of the new registration. But its importance is derived from the fact that it will probably determine some actual citizens of Washington, who have resided here in the past, from attempting to register in Alexandria.

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