

though a terrific rainstorm prevailed, and filled the air with lamentations and prayers.

Berry's for Clothes



Don't wear a dress suit to a morning wedding. If you've no frock coat have the ceremony postponed till after dark.

Don't wear a tuxedo to a picnic—because you might be eaten by the crows.

But after six o'clock to shine in the limelight have on the correct bedeckings, which are ready here.

Tuxedo Suits, \$30. Tuxedo Coats, \$20. Dress Suits, \$35.

All lined with silk and made up in the very best manner.

The accessories in dress are here, too.

but these are expected to be of minor force.

The Santa Maria College, at All, a little place between Messina and Catania, was overthrown, several of the girl students being buried in the ruins.

The steamer Piemonte, according to word received here, has arrived at Milazzo with 300 women and children and fifty men who were injured at Messina.

After transferring the wounded the Piemonte started back for the stricken city. There is no doubt that a large portion of Messina has been destroyed.

To add to the terrible effects of the disaster, thieves were prowling about the ruins at various points and stealing what they could lay their hands on, even robbing the injured as they lay helpless and dead.

Stores were broken into and great disorder and even terrorism prevailed for some time. The authorities, however, promptly took the most stringent measures to maintain order.

Those who were caught in acts of inhumanity and robbery were severely dealt with.

Effects Were Terrible. CATANZARO, December 28.—Advices received here from Palmi and Bagnara, which are but a short distance from Reggio, state that the effects of the earth shocks at these places were terrible.

Many houses were leveled, and the dead and wounded number several hundred.

BOY SHOT IN GLASS EYE. Another Youth Fired Purposely—Lost One Eye That Way Before.

NEW YORK, December 28.—While on his home yesterday, fifteen-year-old William Walsh, whose father is caretaker of the City Park in Yonkers, N. J., saw Wallace McKenna, aged sixteen, of 64 West Thirteenth Street, that city, pointing an air rifle at him.

Six months ago Walsh was shot in the eye by an air rifle fired by Isaac Greenleaf Walsh, whose father is caretaker of the City Park in Yonkers, N. J., saw Wallace McKenna, aged sixteen, of 64 West Thirteenth Street, that city, pointing an air rifle at him.

McKenna was arrested on a charge of assault. An effort will now be made to have the Bayonne Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of air rifles.

DEFENSE CLOSES. Charge Will Be Delivered in Case of Broker King To-Day.

BOSTON, MASS., December 28.—The defense and the government closed to-day in the case of Cardenno F. King, the Boston broker, charged with the larceny by false pretenses of \$25,000 from thirty-one persons who sent him money for investment, and to-morrow night in the case of Charles W. Schofield, and the case will go to the jury. At the opening of to-day's proceedings former Attorney-General Her-

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Partly cloudy and Wednesday, with probably showers; moderate temperature; variable winds.

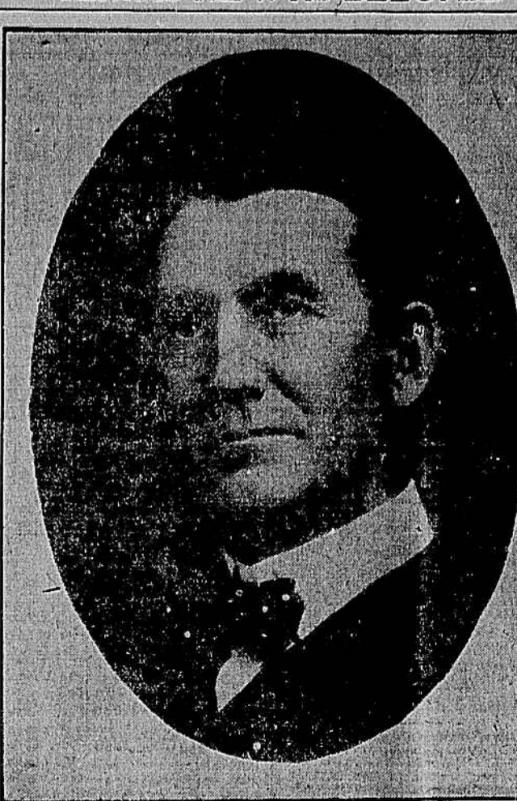
CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. S. A. M. temperature, 29. Humidity, 77. Wind, direction, N. N. W. Wind velocity, 4. Rainfall, 0.00. Clear, 12. Normal temperature, 49. Excess in temperature yesterday, 3. Excess in temperature since March 1st, 61. Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1st, 3. Excess in rainfall since March 1st, 3.15. Excess in rainfall since January 1st, 11.23.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Table with 2 columns: City and Weather. Includes Asheville, Augusta, Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Davenport, Detroit, Hatteras, Jacksonville, Kansas City, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Norfolk, Tampa, Washington, Wilmington, Yellowstone.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December 29, 1908. Sun rises, 7:20. Moon rises, 11:21. Evening, 10:08.

CLAIMS HE WAS ELECTED



HON. HENRY L. EADS, of the Third Congressional District of Missouri.

bert Parker, counsel for Mr. KING, announced that the defense would offer no testimony, and he was allowed to proceed with his address to the jury.

Mr. Parker based his argument upon the claim that a broker is not a regular trustee, and that relations of such with customers are merely those of debtor and creditor. Assistant District Attorney M. J. Dwyer summed up for the government, giving in narrative form the history of Mr. King's operations as a broker.

TEN KNOWN DEAD. Two Bodies Taken Out and Eight Burned Under Debris.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 28.—Two dead bodies have been recovered and eight more known to be buried in the wreckage of a trench at the blast furnace plant at Enley early to-night. Several other laborers were injured, as also were two foremen, who were superintending the work. Most of the dead are foreigners. The cause of the accident was not yet ascertained, but it is believed that the large amount of gas which is pouring into the excavation from the furnaces. The men were working in a large trench about eight feet below the surface. They were excavating for the gas, which is to connect the blast furnaces with the new battery of boilers which is to run the plant. The end of the old gas flue, which extends the full length of the furnace plant, had been temporarily bricked up while the laborers were at work on the extension. Mechanical carriers were used to take away the dirt excavated, and when a carrier broke to-night a beam fell on the cement wall which formed one side of the trench the men were digging. The cement wall tumbled over on the men and with it tons of loose earth which had been held up by the retaining wall. When the wall fell it broke down the brick work at the end of the big four-foot gas main, and immense quantities of gas were poured in upon the entombed men.

DECLARE INNOCENCE. Refuse to Participate in Meetings.

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 28.—There was no sensational development in the case of the two scandals at Council. There was not even a reference to the subject in Select Council, the only member of which involved in the charges is T. O. Atkinson.

Common Council President William Brand made an address in which he denied guilt of each and all of the charges against him, but asked to be excused from serving as presiding officer of the lower branch of Council until after the courts had disposed of the charges. Finally Mr. Samuel McElroy consented to occupy the chair for the one session.

Councilman Moloney, another of the accused members, sent a letter, in which he refused to take part in the proceedings or to do committee work until he has been vindicated. His letter was received and filed.

Jacob Soffel, chairman of the Public Works Committee, declared his innocence of all charges in an impassioned speech, in which he defied his accusers. He declared he would have no further voice in the deliberations of Council until he had been tried and vindicated in court.

President Roosevelt, it is now generally believed, has been instrumental in pushing the Federal investigations since the first suggestion of irregularities by national bankers reached the Department of Justice.

MRS. ERB ON TRIAL. Sensational Murder Case in Philadelphia.

MEDIA, PA., December 28.—What promises to be one of the most sensational and important trials ever held in Delaware county will begin to-morrow when Mrs. M. Florence Erb, widow of Captain J. Clayton Erb, will be tried before Judge Bar, together with her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, to answer a charge of killing Captain Erb on October 6th. Erb, who was a prominent national guardman, was shot, it is alleged, by Mrs. Beisel during a quarrel at his home, "Red Gables," near Village Green.

It is reported that Mrs. Erb was a member of the "Red Gables" club, and that she was in the house on the night of October 6th, following a dispute between Captain Erb and Mrs. Erb. Mrs. Beisel was heard to murmur when Mrs. M. Florence Erb, widow of Captain J. Clayton Erb, will be tried before Judge Bar, together with her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, to answer a charge of killing Captain Erb on October 6th. Erb, who was a prominent national guardman, was shot, it is alleged, by Mrs. Beisel during a quarrel at his home, "Red Gables," near Village Green.

FATALITY BURNED. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 28.—Mrs. P. A. Hamilton, well known in society circles, was fatally burned this evening at her home here while cleaning a garment with gasoline. A vessel containing the liquid was tipped before her, and in some manner became ignited, and the explosion set fire to her clothing. She was horribly burned before assistance could reach her.

WOULD STAY PRETTY. In Order to Preserve His Beauty, O'Neill Quits Work.

READING, PA., December 28.—Ray H. O'Neill, a young man, admitted in Deserion Court yesterday that he quit work because it was too hard, and that he wanted to remain young and good-looking, in order not to spoil his future chances.

He was ordered to pay his wife \$2 a week. O'Neill, who is a trolley conductor, is the father of two children, the youngest five months old.

KILLED BY TRAIN. YORK, PA., December 28.—Three boys were killed to-night a short distance north of this city by a south-bound passenger train on the Northern Central Railway. They were returning to their homes after a day spent in skating.

The dead are: Guy Adams, twelve years old; John Woods, fourteen years old; Luther Sowers, fourteen years old. It is reported they were snow-balled by a nearby freight train and did not notice the approaching passenger train.

DROPSY Cured, quick, permanent, relief in 30 days. Swelling in 10 to 20 days; 30 to 60 days effects permanent cure. Trial treatment given free to sufferers; nothing but Dr. H. H. DRENN'S BONES. Box 4, Atlanta, Ga.

KISSES FIREMAN, STINKS TO DEATH

Woman Recognizes Her Rescuer as He Passes Her Cot in Hospital.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Before she died last night in Lincoln Hospital from burns received in the fire in which a man lost his life in No. 122 West 127th Street last Thursday, Mrs. Alice Looker caught a glimpse of Fireman Daniel Mullen, of Truck Company No. 1, who saved her from the flames. Exceedingly weak, Mrs. Looker recognized in the fireman whose hands had just been bandaged for burns he received in the same blaze, the man who had rescued her from the flames at great peril to himself and had carried her to the stove over an eighty-foot ladder. She feebly called out to her bedside and kissed him, after which she sank into unconsciousness that ended in her death.

Mrs. Looker was a widow, forty years old, and she was rescued from the fifth floor of the burning home in circumstances that reflected great credit upon Fireman Mullen. The fire, the cause of which was unknown, started shortly before 3 o'clock last Thursday morning and gained headway through one of the dumbway shafts, especially in the third, fourth and fifth floors. Daniel Frizell, a roomer in the building, lost his life. Mrs. Looker managed to get to a front window of her apartment in her nightgown. The flames were directly behind her, and she was screaming with pain and fright, when an eighty-foot extension ladder was thrown against the front of the house.

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Opposite the fourth floor a wave of flame that threatened them was beaten back by firemen, who turned a line of hose upon the fourth floor window near the ladder.

The flames, however, again set fire to the woman's night gown, and Mullen was forced to stop and beat them out with his hands for the second time.

After Mullen reached the street with Mrs. Looker she was placed in a Hartman Hospital ambulance and taken to Lincoln Hospital, where the surgeon said she would probably die, as there were burns on most parts of her body. Mullen had received severe burns on the hands, and he was compelled to visit the hospital several times for treatment. He happened to pass through the woman's ward last Friday night, and Mrs. Looker, who was lying on a cot trapped in bandages, recognized him and called faintly to him.

The fireman approached her and received her thanks. Mrs. Looker, in gratitude, kissed her rescuer, and told him she hoped she would live to see him rewarded for his heroic act. Soon afterward she had a sinking spell, which ended in her death last night.

Mrs. Looker left two sons, Harrison and Charles. They were in their mother's apartment at the time of the fire, but escaped after being burned slightly.

Washington Defeats Princeton. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Princeton's basketball team went down to a 10-15 defeat at the hands of the Young Men's Christian Association five by the score of 34 to 25. Princeton was at no time in the lead, although in the second half the Orange and Black players rallied and came within several points of the local team. Both in passing and in goal shooting the association team showed superiority. Hubbard, Princeton's star, was held in check by the local team, while Meade and Vander played the best game for the Tigers.

Raise Printing Prices. NEW YORK, December 28.—At a mass meeting held to-night by more than 200 employing printers of this city, an organization was formed for the purpose of raising the price of printing. It was the unanimous opinion of the printers that the printing business was in bad condition, that while the cost of printing, price of materials and wages paid had materially increased, and daily working hours of printers had decreased, the price for work had remained stationary.

Internal Revenue Receipts. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 28.—Figures on the internal revenue receipts show a decided falling off for many years, and was identified with business interests throughout Alabama during the year just closed, largely due to prohibition. The total collections in Alabama for 1907 were \$433,683.40, and for 1908, \$149,198.82. The figures for the last three years are: 1906, \$1,000,000.00; 1907, \$250,000.00; 1908, \$125,000.00.

Rivers and Harbors Congress. COMMERCE, S. C., December 28.—The Eastern Carolina River and Harbors Congress held its second annual session here to-day, and took active steps looking toward the improvement of the waterways of South Carolina. Senator E. D. Smith, Congressman H. H. Hartsell, and Governor Martin F. Ansel were among the speakers. Hon. W. D. Morgan, of Georgetown, was elected president of the congress for the ensuing year.

Resolutions were adopted asking, through the State representatives in Congress, that money be appropriated for obtaining a ten-foot channel in Carolina rivers.

Distributed Large Sum. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 28.—The balance of \$397,297.25 in hand, the Bell Telephone Company had charged to the distribution of the fund donated to San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, will turn over to the various charities, organizations and go out of existence the first of the year. During its existence the corporation distributed \$9,553,116.75.

OBITUARY. Funeral of Clarence O. Pussey. The funeral of Mr. Clarence O. Pussey, who was struck and instantly killed by a trolley car on the Potomac and Annapolis Railroad at Laurel on Sunday, will take place from the residence of Mr. L. Russell Smith, his brother-in-law, at 2115 West Grace Street, this morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Williams, of Ashbury Methodist Church, will conduct the services. The interment will be in Hollywood cemetery. A large circle of friends, by whom he was esteemed.

The following will act as pallbearers: To Cure a Cold in One Day. TALKING CURE FOR COLDS, BRONCHITIS, DRUGGISTS' REFUND MONEY. It falls to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson. In Use For Over Thirty Years. 900 DROPS. ALCOHOL 10 PER CENT. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN. Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic. NOT NARCOTIC. A Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep. The Simple Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson. NEW YORK. 476 Months old. 35 Doses - 35 CENTS. Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act. Exact Copy of Wrapper. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Honorary—Mr. William B. Pizani, Jr., Mr. John H. Lister and Mr. J. M. Harting. Active—Mr. George Gerring, Mr. C. G. Smith, Mr. Charles Finch and three selected by the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Pussey was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and that organization will send a committee of twelve to conclude the services at the grave.

John O'Toole. Mr. John O'Toole, aged seventy-three years, died at his residence, No. 714 Montross Street, yesterday morning. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. O'Toole, Joseph, Peter, John and Thomas O'Toole, and two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Sarah O'Toole. The funeral will take place from St. Peter's Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock with requiem mass. Interment will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Henry Smoot. ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 28.—Henry Smoot, fifty-two years old, unmarried, died this morning at the home of his brother, William B. Smoot, 804 Prince Street, at 10 o'clock. He was a member of the City Council at one time, and was engaged in farming. He was a native of Alexandria, Va., and at the time of his death was a member of the firm of C. C. Smoot's Sons & Co., tanners. The funeral will be at one time a member of the City Council. He was a member of Alexandria's Mount Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His funeral will take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the residence of the firm of C. C. Smoot's Sons & Co., tanners, at 804 Prince Street, this city, and Rev. Mr. Tillinghast, Washington, Va.

Mrs. E. L. Trice. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MINERAL VA., December 28.—Mrs. E. L. Trice, widow of Anderson M. Trice, after a long and painful illness, died at her home in Madison county. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. C. F. Hornbuckle.

High Point, N. C., December 28.—Mr. W. G. Grubb, a photographer, of her home, No. 215 Brook Street, where she had been sick for some time, died aged eighty-four years. She was formerly a resident of Newbern, N. C., but had lived in Rockingham for thirteen years. W. G. Grubb.

Rockingham, Va., December 28.—Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle Duffy, relict of Dr. Walter Duffy, died here to-day, aged eighty-four years. She was formerly a resident of Newbern, N. C., but had lived in Rockingham for thirteen years. W. G. Grubb.

Fredericksburg, Va., December 28.—Mrs. M. A. Weaver died suddenly at her home in Madison county. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. C. F. Hornbuckle.

Hampton, Va., December 28.—Thomas Dockery, sixty-six years old, died to-day in the hospital. He was a native of Virginia, and had lived in Elizabeth City county since 1890. Mrs. L. B. Robinson.

Butler, Va., December 28.—Died, Monday, December 28, 1908, at 1:40 A. M., at his residence, No. 714 Mosby Street, JOHN O'CONNOR, in the seventy-third year of his age. He leaves six children to mourn their loss—four sons, Joseph, Peter, John and Thomas O'Toole, and two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Sarah O'Toole. The funeral will take place from St. Peter's Church WEDNESDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock, with requiem mass. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Butler, Va., December 28.—Died, Monday, December 28, 1908, at 1:15 P. M., at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. H. McCross, Chesterfield county, Va., Mrs. J. H. McCross, in the seventy-third year of her age. She leaves six children to mourn their loss—Mr. J. E. Butler, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. G. T. and Mrs. J. I. Munn, of Manchester, Va.; and Mrs. J. H. McCross and Miss Rose Butler, of Chesterfield county, Va. Funeral from residence THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, December 29, 1908, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Hollywood cemetery. Lynchburg papers please copy.

Funeral Notice. PUSSEY.—The remains of CLARENCE O. PUSSEY, who died suddenly near his home at Laurel, Va., have been brought to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. L. Russell Smith, 2115 West Grace Street, this city, from which the funeral will take place THIS (Tuesday) MORNING at 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Interment will be in Hollywood.

Funeral Notice. The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company has been doing business in Virginia for nearly forty years during which time (to November 1, 1908), has paid \$7,767 death claims amounting to \$2,273,275.71, and has expended liberally under three policies amounting to \$45,000.

Funeral Notice. WOODSTOCK, VA., December 28.—J. A. Dyer, of the firm of J. A. Dyer & Co., harness manufacturers, and a well known citizen of this place, died this morning, after a long illness. He was forty-six years old, and is survived by his widow, three small children and two brothers. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Odd-Fellows lodges, having been a member of the State lodge several times. Frank W. Carter.

Funeral Notice. NORWOOD, VA., December 28.—Mr.