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NATIONAL CAPITOL PARTIALLY WRECKED

Explosion in Washington Friday Night Does Considerable Damage.

NO DEATHS OCCURRED

Cause of Explosion is Thought to Have Been Spontaneous Combustion.

Washington, July 2.—A tremendous explosion, believed to have been caused by some kind of bomb or infernal machine wrecked the public reception room on the east side of the Capitol building shortly before midnight tonight. No one was injured.

Officials believe that the explosive was placed by a crank who desired to create sensation. Visitors were allowed in the room during the day and a time machine might have been left without attracting attention.

Superintendent Woods, of the Capitol building, notified by panicked watchmen, made a hurried investigation and then telephoned for an expert on explosives.

Until the expert makes his report no official statement concerning the incident will be made public.

The building had been closed since dark and there was no one in it but the watchman and telephone switchboard operators. Watchman Jones, on the floor below at the east entrance, said he was blown from his chair. The report could be heard for a mile and in a few minutes a crowd of excited people had gathered. In the meantime lights has been switched on and excited officials were rushing back and forth on two floors of the great building.

After the first rumors of a bomb, some of the investigators concluded that the blast had been caused by spontaneous combustion in a gas pipe. The sides of the wall were blown out, however, and all the pipes apparently were intact. There had been no gas fixtures on the Senate side since an explosion occurred there nearly 20 years ago, it was said.

While some officials thought the explosion was the work of an irresponsible crank, with no other object in view than a sensation others seriously suggested that it might have been perpetrated by some one desiring to demonstrate his disapproval of some of the policies of the American government. It was apparent that there was no intent to destroy life, as it is generally known that the room is empty at night.

Pre-Inventory Sale.

Beard's great pre-inventory sale will begin next Thursday morning and as usual will attract people from all over East Mississippi and West Alabama. Many unparalleled bargains are offered and now the times are so hard the people of this section will do well to come to this city and take advantage of the rare opportunity of buying goods at such low prices.

Small Fire Friday.

The first fire alarm to be turned in at the local station in nearly four weeks occurred about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, when the firemen made a run to a cabin in ward 5. The blaze which was only a roof fire was caused from a chimney burning out and was quickly extinguished. The damage amounted to about \$15. The house, which is located on Ninth avenue, north, between Sixth and Seventh streets, is occupied by A. C. Frierson, a negro.



CITIZENS TO GO BEFORE COUNCIL

Will Ask That The New Traffic Ordinance Be Modified.

MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Don't Think People Should Be Forced to Drive to Corner In Order to Turn.

Quite a number of Columbus citizens expect to appear before the members of the city council at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening and ask that they modify the traffic ordinance recently passed. A long petition was circulated recently and signed by practically every business man in the city asking that the aldermen modify the new traffic law.

It is acknowledged by everyone that some features of the new law are good, but the people feel that they should not be required to drive a vehicle to the end of a block in order to make a turn or cross a street. They do not object to that part of the ordinance requiring a person to drive to the right, but they feel that in a city the size of Columbus that the law has been carried to the extreme when they prohibit a turn in the middle of a block.

The following part of a communication written to the Columbus Dispatch the past week by a citizen who resides in the County, shows what the people think of the new law:

"We frequently phone or write our orders and send in our wagons by negro drivers. We expect these drivers to load in a short time, as short time as possible, return with their loads, and report for work in the fields. When the negro driver attempts to cross over from one side of the street to the other to finish his load and is met in the middle of the street by one of your handsome 'Blue Coats' with a list of instructions that he cannot understand, the negro loses his head, and oftentimes returns without his full load, or else drives a pair of mules almost to death before he can get his wagon turned and parked according to instructions.

"We commend the wisdom of your council in writing into this ordinance its valuable features, but we do protest that they have gone a little too far for the present, at least.

Ashmore wins Prize.

A prize was offered by Scout Master W. B. Hamilton, for the local Boy Scout who would answer the greatest number of questions regarding the tenderfoot requirements. The contest was held yesterday morning and Mr. Roy Ashmore won the prize, an elegant scout knife.

QUIN TO BE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Candidate for Governor Will Address Voters of Lowndes County.

SPEAKS HERE AT NIGHT

Will Be at Brooksville in Morning and at Caledonia in Afternoon.

Hon. Hillrie M. Quin, candidate for governor, who has many friends in this section of the State, will address the voters of Lowndes county at the court house in this city at 8 o'clock next Wednesday evening. He will speak at Brooksville Wednesday morning and will make a talk to the citizens of Caledonia in the afternoon. It is expected that he will be heard by large crowds at each place.

Mr. Quin spoke here several months ago and gained for himself many votes. He is an interesting speaker and everyone who can possibly do so is redoubled to hear his talk here next Wednesday night.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Eighteen of the letter-carriers of Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday began their automobile delivery. The men bought their own machines, and the government is to allow them \$900 a year for repairs and upkeep. By careful handling of their cars, the carriers believe they save enough to pay for the cars.

A dispatch from Jackson, Tenn., says that the Supreme Court holds that a sale of liquor contracted for in Tennessee but made on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi River constitutes an offense against the laws of Tennessee.

Dr. D. W. Jones of Brookhaven, recently elected state sanitary inspector to succeed Dr. Willis Walley, has taken charge of the duties of the position.

What is believed to be the largest single check ever written in Georgia was Thursday morning handed to the State treasurer by Asa G. Candler. The check was for \$9,500,000 and covered the purchase of an entire issue of

THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM.

IN vain do we trace magnanimity and heroism, in vain do we trace a descent from the worthies of the earth, if we inherit not the spirit of our ancestors. Who is he who boasteth of his patriotism? Has he vanquished luxury and subdued the worldly pride of his heart? Is he not yet drinking the poisonous draft and rolling the sweet morsel under his tongue? He who cannot conquer the little vanity of his heart and deny the delicacy of a debauched palate, let him lay his hand upon his mouth and his mouth in the dust.—Josiah Quincy, 1768.

SOUTHERN SHOP MEN WILL GO ON OUTING TOMORROW

Several Hundred People Will Enjoy Barbecue Monday at Waverly.

The employees of the Southern Railway shops in this city will take their families to Waverly Monday and will celebrate the glorious fourth at that place. A barbecue dinner will be enjoyed and two ball games will be played between the railroad men and the Vernon, Ala., team. The crowd will leave the city at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and will return at 6 p. m. It is expected that at least four hundred will go on the outing.

The following are the gentlemen on the entertainment committee: N. H. Griffin, R. O. Brooks, Dan Morgan, D. Wright and H. Cash.

Diaz Dies in Paris.

Paris, July 2.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, died here early tonight.

Gen. Diaz's wife, Senora Carmen Romero Rubio Diaz, and their son, Porfirio Diaz, Jr., and the latter's wife, were by his side when the end came.

Gen. Diaz began to fail rapidly about three weeks ago and while his death was not unexpected, owing to his advanced age and recent failing health, the crisis came suddenly this afternoon.

Two tragic circumstances marked the death of the exiled ruler. Owing to the troubled state in Mexico it has been judged impossible to send the body home with all that ceremony which would have benefited one of the figures of Mexican history.

Mr. D. W. Lutz, of Macon, was in Columbus yesterday on business.

state bonds. Candler stated he bought the bonds for himself and did not represent other parties.

Deeds recording transfer of \$7,280,000 worth of real estate from Wm. Waldorf Astor, of England, to his youngest son, Captain John Jacob Astor, on file in New York, was declared Friday to constitute the largest gift of real estate except by bequest, ever recorded in New York. The gift makes Captain Astor one of the largest real estate holders of Manhattan.

MORGAN'S WOUNDS ARE NOT SERIOUS

Shot Twice at His Country Home in Glencove, Long Island Yesterday.

INTRUDER OVERPOWERED

Prisoner Claims He is French Instructor at Cornell University.

New York, July 3.—J. P. Morgan, head of the Banking House of J. P. Morgan and Company and financial agent in the United States for the British government, was shot twice, at his country home, near Glencove, Long Island, shortly before 9 o'clock Saturday morning by a man who entered the Morgan home.

It is said that Mr. Morgan is not seriously wounded, one shot taking effect in the breast, tearing through the flesh and passing through the arm, entering the hip.

The assailant was overpowered by servants and taken to Glencove.

The prisoner gave his name as F. Holt, and said he was a French instructor at Cornell University. He asked to see Mr. Morgan, who he claimed to be an old friend, and when Morgan approached he immediately began firing.

The man told officers that Morgan was responsible for arms going to Europe, and he came to persuade him to discontinue the practice.

Big Monday at Princess and a Paramount Feature Tuesday.

The program at the Princess for Monday, 5th, will consist of 5 reels, comedy and Drama.

Vitagraph Broadway Star Features present Leah Baird, Leo Delaney and big cast in "The Way of the Transgressor," a modern drama in 3 reels.

Lubin presents Billy Reves, the noted English comedian in "The New Butler," a reel of nonsense.

Vitagraph fun-makers offer a comedy entitled "Jones Hypnotic Eye." It is to laugh. Making a program that should please all. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

For Tuesday, July 6th, we offer a Paramount feature. Charles Frohman presents the Broadway success, "The Conspiracy" with the eminent star, John Emerson and big supporting company, a detective comedy drama of modern New York, a story of many thrills and laughs.

The admission for Tuesday is 5 and 15 cents. Coming "The Goddess."

Miss Evelyn Westmoreland, of Birmingham, is the attractive guest of Miss Elizabeth Waring, at her home five miles north of Columbus.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY WILL BE OBSERVED

Business Houses of City to Be Closed Throughout Tomorrow.

BALL GAME IN AFTERNOON

Teams Representing Columbus and Carrollton Will Play at Lake Park.

On account of the 4th of July falling this year on Sunday, Independence Day will be celebrated here tomorrow. The merchants of the city have signed a petition agreeing to close their places of business, and the local barber shops will remain open only until noon. The banks of Columbus will be closed during the day, and legal holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice. Only one city delivery will be made.

Barbecues, picnics and other outings will be enjoyed, and a special feature of the day will be a baseball game which will be played at Lake Park at 3 o'clock between Carrollton and Columbus. Roberts, who played with the A. and M. the past session, will pitch for the locals, and Boozer, of Artesia, will catch. Several other new players have been added to the Columbus team.

Buildings over the city will be decorated with bunting and flags.

ALLEGED BLIND TIGER ARRESTED YESTERDAY

Louis Sommerville, A Negro Found With Box of Booze in His Possession.

Louis Sommerville, a well known negro, was arrested yesterday by Officers Morton, Hudson and Cook on a charge of retailing.

The negro was found on West Main street with a large box of different brands of liquor in his possession, and the policemen feel that they have strong evidence against him.

The case will be brought up before Mayor Gunter at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Morton Wins Again.

"Guy" Morton, the former Columbus pitcher, won another game for Cleveland in the American league Thursday. Cleveland defeated St. Louis by a score of 5 to 2.

Notice to Choctaws.

The smoker which was to have been given next Wednesday evening has been postponed until Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. W. P. CAINE, Sec.

TO HARVEST HAYS

Made to Have Grades Adopted by National Association.

FLOWERS HOLD SESSION

Carter and Stokes Will Represent State at Niagara Falls The Coming Week.

The Lowndes County Hay Growers' Association held an important meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon for the purpose of formulating grades on Johnson grass, bermuda and lespedeza hays to be submitted to the National Hay Growers Association for their adoption. A large crowd, including Mr. W. E. Stokes, of Macon, president of the Mississippi Hay Association, was in attendance.

The first step taken was the appointment of committees to fix the grades on the three hays named. Those on the committees were: Messrs. W. E. Stokes, G. W. Hairston and Gaius Bush, Johnson grass; Dr. N. D. Guerry, Messrs. J. D. Smith and Gaius Whitfield, bermuda; Messrs. J. B. Cox, J. A. Watson and J. M. Holloway, lespedeza.

Their reports on grades of hay were as follows:

Johnson grass—Choice Johnson grass, or Sudan grass hay, shall be Johnson grass or Sudan grass with not more than 1-10 mixed with clover or other native grasses, good color, sound and well baled. No. 1 Johnson grass hay, or Sudan grass hay, shall be Johnson grass, or Sudan grass, with not more than 1-5 mixed with clover or other native grasses, sound, bright color and well baled. No. 2 Johnson grass hay, or Sudan grass hay, shall be Johnson grass, or Sudan grass, with not more than 1-5 native grasses, sound, coarse, brown in color and well baled.

Bermuda—No. 1 bermuda hay shall be bermuda grass mixed with not more than 10 per cent of native grasses, color of uniform greenish cast, sound, tender and well baled. No. 2 bermuda hay shall be bermuda grass mixed with not more than 1-4 native grasses, color of uniform greenish cast, sound, tender and well baled. No. 3 bermuda hay shall be bermuda grass mixed with not more than 1-4 native grasses, color of greenish cast, with not more than 15 per cent brown blades, sound tender and well baled.

Lespedeza—Choice lespedeza hay shall be lespedeza mixed with not more than 15 per cent native grasses reasonably fine green color, well cured with leaves on, sound and well baled. No. 1 lespedeza hay shall be lespedeza mixed with not more than 20 per cent native grasses, slightly brown color well cured, sound and well baled.

Mr. W. H. Carter, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. W. E. Stokes, of Macon were selected to go to Niagara Falls the coming week to be present at the annual convention of the National Hay Association for the purpose of getting these three hays recognized.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. J. C. McConnell.

Paoli Smith Here.

Mr. Paoli Smith came over Friday from Birmingham and will spend a week with his mother, Mrs. Gessener T. Smith. Mr. Smith has been with the Birmingham Ledger since his graduation three years ago from the University of Alabama and has made good in the various departments he has edited in on that live, up-to-date paper.