

# 17 PATIENTS DIE IN HOSPITAL FIRE

## One-Story Structure State Hospital For the Insane Demolished.

Columbia, May 29.—Seventeen patients of the South Carolina State Hospital for the Insane lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the ward occupied by idiots and mental defectives at 3 o'clock this morning. Two other patients are reported in a critical condition. Fifteen bodies were removed from the ruins and two others died during the day. The dead and seriously injured all are from South Carolina.

The list of dead follows:

- J. W. Brock, Seneca.
- Willie Boyter, Moore.
- Jake Bell, Aiken.
- H. H. Free, Blackwell.
- J. E. Greer, Greer.
- J. R. Green, Spartanburg.
- Rufus Hewitt, Aynor.
- L. M. Lewie, Conway.
- H. D. Newton, Winnsboro.
- Albert McSwain, Vauluse.
- John Owens, Greenville.
- E. L. Stillman, Williamston.
- J. C. Todd, Charleston.
- Walter White, Plum Branch.
- T. H. Wells, Mt. Carmel.
- Thomas W. Baker, Marion.

The injured follow:

- J. B. Timmerman, Kersy.
- Henry Lamb, Ridgeland.
- Hector Logan, Brookland.

The casualty list was given out by J. Blakeley Scott, coroner for Richland County, who is conducting the official investigation.

Fifteen of those who are dead died in the burned building and Thomas W. Baker succumbed in the infirmary this morning at 8:45 o'clock. J. B. Timmerman and Henry Lamb are not expected to survive, but Hector Logan may recover, unless complications set in. Two other patients received trivial burns.

The dead are so charred, stated Dr. C. Fred Williams, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, this morning, that they can not be identified. However, all those who lost their lives are known, he stated, but they can not be differentiated, except, possibly, in two cases.

### Pathetic Incident.

One of the pathetic things in connection with the tragedy was the tendency of the patients, after they had been gotten safely from the burning structure, to rush back into the flames. It is believed that the majority of the inmates were successfully rescued, but the asylum authorities are certain that a number of them rushed back into the building to their deaths. It is known that one of the patients did this.

The dead and injured are not regular patients at the State Hospital for the Insane, but were placed there for institutional treatment. They are all from South Carolina. The ward where they were confined was one of the older structures of the asylum, easily accessible to every part of the grounds. The patients were sleeping in an open ward, and, it was thought, in case of fire they easily could be gotten out. These patients need the greatest care, as they had the mental growth of children of very tender years, and their minutest want had to be looked after by attendants. They were to have been placed in the School for the Feeble-Minded when it had been constructed. The dead and injured are between 15 and 60 years of age.

The fire was discovered at 2:50 o'clock this morning by J. H. Altman, the nurse in charge of the ward. Mr. Altman smelled something like the odor of burning cloth. He thought that one of the patients might have set fire to his bedclothes in some manner, and he made the round of the building without being able to ascertain the cause of the smell. He looked into the clothes room of the ward, and everything there appeared to be all right, he declared. Just then, however, he said that the heavens lit up just as if there was an explosion, and the whole roof of the building was enveloped in flames. He gave the alarm and the fire department was immediately summoned.

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# HOW FARMER BOYS CAN FIGHT KAISER

## BRYAN WILLINGHAM, STATE PRIZE WINNER IN BOYS' CORN CLUB CONTESTS FOR 1917, SETS THE PACE.

Columbia.—What one boy can do, another can do. There should be an American boy to match every German boy in producing food to feed the armies fighting at the front and the families of the soldiers left at home. In Germany the boys are working. On the farms in America, from which so many men have gone to take their places in the fighting line, there is a great opportunity for patriotic service for the farm boys not yet old enough to fight with a gun. Their weapons are the plow and the hoe.

Bryan Willingham, of Winnsboro, Fairfield county, first State prize winner in the Boys' Corn Club contest for 1917, has set the pace for the farmer boys of South Carolina. What Bryan Willingham has done, other boys in South Carolina can do.

Bryan is seventeen years of age. He has been a member of the Corn Club for several years. He has on more than one occasion won in his county contest. In 1915 he won a scholarship to a short course in agriculture offered by Clemson College. In 1916 he attended the short course, when he received valuable scientific knowledge of soils, plants and cultural methods, which, coupled with his practical knowledge, he has applied to his farming operations with marked success. He has learned well the importance of deep and thorough preparation of the seed-bed, the value of humus in the soil, and of good and well-selected seed. He has learned the value of commercial fertilizers and how to apply them for best results; the value of frequent and shallow cultivation, and the injurious effect of pulling the blades or fodder from the corn.

With these important principles well fixed in his mind, he started out with the determination of succeeding, and he did so, producing 167.8 bushels of corn on one acre at a cost of 17.6 cents per bushel. His net profit was \$287.75.

This being the best record made by any member of the Boys' Corn Club in South Carolina in 1917, Bryan Willingham was declared State champion for that year, and won as prizes a gold medal offered by Hon. A. F. Lever and an International No. 4, 6-shovel pivot axle Riding Cultivator, value \$70, offered by the International Harvester Company., of Columbia.

The past achievements of this young farmer have fired him with a determination to do even greater things. He will continue in the club work in 1918, after which it is his purpose to attend Clemson College and take the complete agricultural course to fit himself for successful farming, which he proposes to make his life work.

Bryan Willingham's achievement should prove an inspiration to the farmer boys of South Carolina.

### FARMERS URGED TO PLANT LATE CORN

Columbia.—After grain is harvested, every available acre of good land should be planted in late corn, says the Food Administration. The Conservation and Production Division of the Food Administration has secured, for the benefit of those who will plant late corn, expert advice.

Corn can be successfully grown, according to Clemson College experts, from Columbia to the coast when planted by the middle of June. There is yet time, therefore, if corn is planted after the grain crop is harvested, to add largely to the corn acreage in South Carolina, which is greatly desirable.

Only good land should be planted in late corn, however. The poorer land can be made to produce food by planting cow peas and peanuts.

It is stated that it will probably not be wise to plant corn after grain in the Piedmont section, because of the shorter season. For grain lands in this section, cow peas, soy beans and peanuts are recommended.

### NO REASON FOR HIGH PRICES ON WHEAT SUBSTITUTES

Columbia.—The Food Administration has sent out a warning to corn millers and to wholesale and retail dealers in corn, barley and oats products that at the present prices of these grains cornmeal and oatmeal should be selling at least twenty per cent below the price of wheat flour and that corn flour and barley flour should be selling at least ten per cent below wheat flour.

The high levels ruling in grains as a result of car shortages and storm weather last winter have now fallen materially with much greater freedom of transportation and the stocks accumulated by manufacturers and traders at the prices ruling then should have been liquidated by this time, in the view of the Food Administration. The maintenance of higher price levels by millers and wholesalers will require justification to the State and local administrators, and although retailers are not under control, wholesalers will be instructed to cease dealing with retailers who cannot justify their prices on the basis of the cost of their goods.

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### REFUSES TO GIVE CORRECT TIME

Chicago, Ill., May 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Watch repairing in Chicago has more than doubled as the result of the telephone company's refusal to give the correct time of day to subscribers on and after May 1, according to jewelry houses and department store heads here. The order also has increased considerably the sale of new watches and alarm clocks to persons, who hitherto have depended largely on the telephone company for the time of day.

According to the manager of one of the largest department stores in the city, the watch repairing by his establishment increased more than fifty per cent almost before the order became effective, and the sale of watches especially the cheaper kind, and alarm clocks leaped forward rapidly.

Figures compiled by telephone experts showed that more than 250,000 persons in Chicago called the operator daily and asked "the correct time, please." Repeal of the time honored custom telephone experts declared, was due to the burdens imposed upon facilities of the company by the war, and several other causes. Children, some of whom were unable to tell the time, it is said, were the chief offenders, while others wishing to show that they could use the telephone always demonstrated by asking for the "correct time."

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## ONE REASON WHY JAPAN DID NOT OVERRUN SIBERIA

Tokio, April 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—One of the reasons which may have exerted considerable influence in restraining Japan from taking military action to prevent the Germans from over-running Siberia, was the extremely serious food problem here. The price of rice has risen by leaps and bounds, and all other staple food stuffs have followed closely. This is in part explicable as due to increased cost of transportation and to the abnormally dry and cold winter which seriously cut down the supply of green vegetables, but it is generally understood that increased cost of living in Japan is due to profiteering.

Against any attempt on the part of the government to stop this the great Seiyukai party seems to stand firm. It has its backing in large capitalistic interests which are definitely opposed to any government mobilization of industry or even food supplies. In the large profits that are being made, the labor class, to a considerable extent, have shared and are able to command a higher rate of earning which enabled them to live. But the very large middle class suffered during the latter part of the winter.

The food problem now seems capable of amelioration through the import of rice from Siam and Burma, but this would cease when once the government had use for its ships for military purposes. This check on marine transportation constitutes the second weighty reason. It would affect, not only the common people, on the side of their food, but would also put a definite stop the business prosperity.

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### CRIME INCREASING IN GERMANY

London, April 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Crime continues to increase alarmingly in all parts of Germany, according to German newspaper accounts. At a conference recently held in Berlin to discuss "public insecurity," it was stated that most of the burglaries and other crimes are committed at night between Friday and Monday.

Statistics given of the payments on account of burglaries had increased from \$400,000 in 1914 to \$1,100,000 in 1916 and to about \$5,000,000 in 1917.

Compensation for stolen goods amounting to nearly \$15,000,000 was paid by the Prussian railways in 1917, as compared with a total of \$1,050,000 in 1914.

Owing to the constant thefts of food in Berlin, an official order has been issued that no corn or flour is to be moved through the streets after dark.

The theft of letters is reported to be more and more common. One night 19 letter-boxes in Charlottenburg were broken open and the letters were destroyed after the postage stamps had been removed.

Owing to the frequent thefts of letters at the town of Mittenwalde, the postmaster laid a trap for the thief, with the result, according to the German papers, that his own wife has been sent to prison for six months.

### WINTHROP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 5, at 9 A. M., and also on Saturday, July 6, at 9 A. M., for those who wish to make up by examinations additional units required for full admission to the Freshman Class of this institution. The examination on Saturday, July 6, will be used only for making admission units. The scholarships will be awarded upon the examination held on Friday, July 5. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 5 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson for scholarship examination blanks. These blanks, properly filled out by the applicant, should be filed with President Johnson by July 1st.

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**MEETINGS TO BE HELD FOR COMMUNITY CLUBS**

At the cotton conference held in Columbia on May 14th, a special committee was appointed to perfect plans for the formation of Community Marketing Clubs and County Marketing Associations throughout South Carolina. The members of that committee met in the office of State Warehouse Commissioner on Monday afternoon and arranged for meetings at several county seats.

Below are the names of the places at which and the dates on which these meetings will be held.

- Suwanee, June 10; Burlington, June 11; Manning, June 12; Chesterfield, June 13; Barnwell, June 17; Bamberg, June 18; Hampton, June 19; Anderson, June 27; Greenwood, June 28; Newberry, June 29.

These meetings will be held in the county courthouse at 11 o'clock a. m. on the dates named.

Other dates and other meetings will be provided later.

Cotton farmers and all others who are interested in the establishment of a state-wide system for marketing cotton and cotton seed, are urged to attend these meetings. The purposes of the South Carolina Cotton Marketing Organization will be fully discussed and every farmer will be given an opportunity to enroll his name as a member of this State organization. Certain interests, inimical to those of producers, are exerting every possible influence to induce the government to fix the price of the 1918 crop, that is, to fix the price before the crop has been produced and before the cost of production has been ascertained; hence the farmers of the State should associate themselves together, and should there be any price-fixing, their voice and their influence should be felt in fixing a reasonable and a just price for a crop produced by their own hands.

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