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FIRE CHIEF WALLACE AND FOREMAN GLENN KILLED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Early Morning Fire On Cedar Street Results In Death Of Two Of Charlotte's Bravest And Seriously Injures Number Of Others

Dynamite in Storage House Near Burning Barn Exploded Scattering Death Dealing Timbers in Every Direction--- Great Excitement Prevailed and Many People Were Soon on the Scene

Chief James Harvey Wallace and Foreman William B. Glenn, of the local fire department, answered their last calls this morning when, after fighting a small fire on Cedar street for just a few minutes, a terrific explosion occurred in the building, killing Foreman Glenn almost instantly, and so seriously injuring Chief Wallace that he died three hours later at the Presbyterian hospital, where he and other of the injured firemen were rushed immediately following the fatal explosion.

Firemen Randolph Erwin and Clyde Todd were seriously injured and are at the same hospital. Fireman Robert Barnes, after receiving medical attention at the hospital, was able to go home. Fireman J. V. Duncan, whose arm was broken by a fall, was also at the hospital for a short time.

Tragedy Without Parallel. No such event in the annals of the city. So sudden did the whole fatal story break over the city that people were scarce able to comprehend its meaning. That four men should answer an alarm on one truck, and only one of those return, while on another truck three men were as suddenly stricken down, was almost beyond belief.

Fireman Erwin's Injuries. Fireman Randolph Erwin is among the more seriously injured and is at the hospital. He was severely injured when the explosion occurred. He is now in the hospital, and his body is covered with bruises.

Fireman Todd was also badly hurt about the head and the right wrist was laid open by a flying missile, he also bearing an ugly scar on the shoulder and injuries to the lower limbs.

Mayor Visits Injured. As soon as he was informed of the tragedy Mayor Charles A. Bland and a number of city officials, and Mr. J. A. Jones, of the fire committee of the executive board, hastened to the hospital, where they did all that was possible in the interests of the injured men, and conversed wherever possible with the men who had suffered in the explosion and while in the discharge of their duties to the city.

First to the Rescue. The firemen found cans in which the explosive had been, and on the cans, they state, caps had been laid on the tops of the cans and the caps were blown through the top driving lid through the cans. One fireman said he understood that Hawkins used black powder in his work.

First to the Rescue. The first to the rescue after the explosion were Firemen Wentz, Spittle, Palmer and others. These men describe the scene that met their vision as the smoke rolled away, as one that can never be forgotten. Prone on the ground and with bleeding and bruised bodies lay half a dozen of their comrades.

Chief Wallace and the other injured firemen were rushed to the Presbyterian hospital while in the pandemonium of excitement following the unexpected explosion, the blaze rapidly burned down the highly inflammable wooden barn with its contents of dry foodstuffs.

Samuel H. McGinn, who was assisting the firemen in carrying the slack of the hose through the fence surrounding the barn received a severe blow and several scars about the face, while an object of some kind, perhaps a piece of wood went through the rim of his hat.

W. H. Earnhardt, a clerk in J. C. Pressley's store at No. 309 South Cedar street, to the rear of which the barn is located, was hit in the forehead

PRESIDENT M'NEIL WIRES HIS SYMPATHY. President James D. McNeil, president of the State Firemen's Association and mayor of Fayetteville, sent the following telegram about 1 o'clock, July 1: "Thank you for wire. The heart-felt sympathy of us all goes out to the families of those who have lost their lives, or been injured in the line of their duty as firemen. Commend me personally and officially to each and all. JAMES D. M'NEIL."

great many negroes, had had a dispute with one of his employees a few days ago, the description of the negro seen by Mrs. Sharkey tallying with, in Mr. Will Hawkins' opinion, the negro employed by his brother. He gave his information to Chief of Police Moore, who was on the scene in a few minutes after the explosion. Five saved by Accident. Five members of the department were saved from serious injury or death by the merest chance of today's fatal fire.

The hose had been laid and the firemen were making every effort to expedite their work when Chief Wallace noticed a "kink" in the hose some feet back from the place where the explosion occurred, and dispatch these men in haste to straighten out the hose. A few moments after these men left to carry out orders the explosion occurred. These five men had but a brief span before occupied by the area which was within the fatal range of the terrific explosion, but their lives were saved.

Witness to the Scene. One of those who saw the explosion described the affair as so sudden that no man was able to tell at the first instant what had happened. There was a blinding flash and a thundering noise, and then a rain of wood and broken fragments of all sorts of material, and the fire was well-nigh darkened with the hail of debris.

Chief Wallace and the other injured men were hastily drawn out of the debris and were carried to the Presbyterian Hospital where an emergency call for haste had already been dispatched, and when the injured arrived everything was in readiness for their receiving immediate medical attention.

Watch May Save Chief. The heavy watch which Chief Wallace wore at the time of the explosion may eventually prove the instrument of saving his life if he pulls through. This watch was found bent almost into a cup, having been struck by a large piece of flying wood which many of the chief's comrades believe would have ended his life on the spot had it not been for the watch which kept the splinter from penetrating the body and stomach, and likely causing immediate death.

"Let Me Alone; Save the Boys." One of the most pathetic instances and heroic displays of courage shown during the excitement was that of Fireman Randolph Erwin. "Erwin" said a comrade after the explosion, "was lying on a wagon, prostrated with acute suffering and with a great gaping wound on his head, and with splinters sticking in his body, when we started to get him down and do what we could for him."

"Lying on the wagon Erwin turned his eyes towards us and waving his hand towards the fatal scene about him murmured, 'Let me alone boys, Go look after those fellows over there. I can take care of myself all right.'"

A scene of great confusion and consternation followed the explosion. A crowd had gathered quickly on locating the blaze and, as usual had crowded in close behind the firemen some of whom approached the barn from the rear, by going round the end of Braswell's store, which runs parallel with Third street. Others had gone in through an alleyway running from Cedar street back to the rear of the Hawkins residence and out to the lot where the barn was located.

Not suspecting anything like an explosion, he turned to the man who had turned in the fire alarm. He stated that his brother, who in his capacity of grading contractor, employs

LICENSED LIQUOR DEALING NO MORE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Most Drastic Prohibitory Measure Ever Enacted in United States Went Into Effect in Pan Handle State Last Night.

Transition Was Orderly and Saloon Men Accepted the Result Good Naturedly-- State Will be Deprived of Nearly \$100,000 in Revenue.

Wheeling W. Va., July 1.—West Virginia entered the column of prohibition states last midnight and today is residents are trying to adjust themselves to the new conditions imposed by the Yost act, said to be one of the most drastic prohibitory measures ever enacted in the United States.

"For Rent" signs in the windows of nearly 600 buildings throughout the state, where yesterday intoxicating liquors were sold in abundance give mute evidence of the change wrought by the new law. Not a liquor sign or advertisement can be seen in the important cities and towns. All the marks incident to licensed liquor dealing have disappeared as if by magic.

The area planted, by states, with last year's planted area and area picked up (000's omitted) follow:

Table with columns: States, 1914, 1913, 1912. Rows include Virginia, North Caro., South Caro., Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, California.

Condition of the growing cotton crop on June 25 and May 25 this year, with the June 25 condition last year, and the 10-year average of June 25 condition, follow:

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By Associated Press. Vienna, July 1.—The conspiracy against the lives of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and the Duchess of Hohenberg was so well planned that it would have been impossible for them to escape from Bosnia alive, according to some members of the late archduke's suite, who returned here today.

The officials declare that two bombs were thrown beneath the table on which luncheon was awaiting the archducal party on their return to the city hall. A similar infernal machine was discovered in the chimney of the room occupied by the Duchess of Hohenberg at Ilje, a watering place a few miles from Sarajevo and a woman was caught with seven bombs in her possession.

Ambassador to Russia. By Associated Press. Washington, July 1.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of George T. Marse, Jr., of San Francisco, to be ambassador to Russia. It was referred to the usual committee.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably local showers Thursday. Light variable winds.

FEARS ENTERTAINED FOR SAFETY OF EXPLORERS. By Associated Press. Red Bluff, Col., July 1.—Grave apprehensions existed early today for the safety of a party of observers who left Warm Springs yesterday to visit the crater on Mount Lassen. No word has been received from them since the new outbreak of the peak.

COTTON CONDITION ON JUNE 25 WAS 79.6

By Associated Press. Washington, July 1.—A total area of 36,960,000 acres of cotton is in cultivation in the United States according to the preliminary estimate of the department of agriculture announced today. This comprises with 37,453,000 acres, the revised estimates of acreage in cultivation a year ago, 37,089,000 acres picked last year, 34,283,000 in 1912 and 36,045,000 acres in 1911.

Better conditions prevailed during the second week, the plant making good progress in the eastern and central portions of the belt, while the western portion had the most favorable weather for several weeks.

The final week of the month was reported as the most favorable thus far this season, good rains having fallen over much of the central and eastern portions and the plant having made excellent growth. Over the western portion warmth, with occasional showers permitted rapid growth and the outlook greatly improved.

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WILSON HOPEFUL THAT PEACE WILL EVENTUALLY COME

President Believes That Mediation Conference Has Already Accomplished Much Good and Remains Optimistic.

Reports That Villa is Inclined to Favor Peaceful Settlement but Carranza is Still a Stumbling Block.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 1.—New moves in the attempt to restore peace in Mexico through diplomacy depended today upon Carranza's attitude toward sending delegates to confer with members of the Huerta mission. While the South American mediators had decided to take an indefinite recess it was assumed that the Washington government would continue its efforts to persuade the constitutionalists to enter into some form of negotiations with representatives of the Mexico City administration.

How long the mediators would have to await an answer from Carranza could not be determined. Several weeks might elapse, it was suggested, before the constitutionalist leader could consult with all his military chiefs over the proposal for the conference. It was feared in some quarters that reported dissension in the ranks of the revolutionaries might cause delay in completing the referendum. Villa's victory at Zacatecas, it was asserted, had not served to bring the disputing factions together. Hope was held out, however, for an agreement to a conference, by reports that Villa was inclined to favor peaceable settlement of the republic's internal affairs.

Carranza's agents here after a conference made efforts to get in communication with him at his provisional capital in Monterrey. They said they had no further report on the progress of the plan to submit the proposal of meeting with the Huerta delegates to his generals under the plan of Guadalupe.

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Mississippi On a Tear. Lacrosse, Wis., July 1.—An sensational rise in the Mississippi river over night caused great alarm and resulted in official warnings being sent up and down the river today by the United States weather bureau. Today the river stood at 10 feet above low water mark, the highest point in years. Two feet more will let the river into town, low places of which are already flooded.

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STOCKS BONDS MONEY Financial and Commercial GRAIN COTTON PRODUCE

STOCK MARKET

New York, July 1.—Stock quotations again receded after the first rush of short covering that movement constituting a large part of the first hour's activity. The market then drifted slowly with business at low ebb.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago Grain and Produce. WHEAT—July 78 77 78 78; Sept 78 77 77 77.

COTTON

NEW YORK

New York, July 1.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet early today with traders waiting for the government report due at 1 o'clock.

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pllosion the crowd was ready to rush up close to the fence surrounding the barn had not several firemen taken the precaution to warn the crowd back in order to allow the firemen free headway.

Development Company's property on the south side of the street car track leading to Lakewood and east of Cedar street. Some of his teams, however, had been used on West Third street, on Mr. J. H. McAden's barn, where the fire and explosion occurred.

ity, who had not actually reached the scene but was on his way to it in answer to the alarm, was observed to rush instantly to the lot where their fellow firemen were lying dead and were not thinking of themselves.

THE WEATHER. Weather Conditions. Excepting showers on the South Atlantic coast fair weather has prevailed over the East and South during the past 24 hours.

STOCK MARKET

Wall Street Close. New York, July 1.—The close was heavy. Trading became increasingly dull in the late session and the list again inclined toward a lower level.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, July 1.—Hogs, receipts 31,000; dull. Cattle, receipts 16,000; steady.

COTTON

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., July 1.—Cotton was nervous and unsettled in the early trading today. First prices were 2 to 4 points off but after the call the market stood one point over yesterday's close.

Immense Crowd Gathered. The smoke from the burning barn went high into the air and was a signal to hundreds from every point in the city to go to the scene, even before the explosion occurred.

Awesume Scene. Hundreds pressed forward in what might have been a dangerous confusion had it not been for the fact that the crowd knew that the fire had claimed the life of one brave fireman and had to all appearances, fatally wounded four more, there was an instant ceasing of the pressing forward and a pall of sorrow and awe spread over the crowd as the bleeding and wounded firemen were borne with all possible care and even tenderness out of the alleyway leading to the barn into Cedar street and were placed in automobiles to be taken to the hospital.

Others Saw Negro. Mrs. Hawkins reiterated her distress at the accident, lamenting the fact it had occurred at her house. The loss of the barn and its contents of hay and foodstuffs was a serious loss to her husband, she said, since it would badly handicap her husband in his business, but that was nothing when two valuable lives had been lost.

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Anxious About Chief. Fireman Randolph Erwin walked with assistance out to Cedar street, where he was helped into an automobile. Stunned and dazed as he was, he looked around and inquired solicitously how badly Chief Wallace was hurt and asked that he be allowed to get out and give the chief his place in the automobile. He was assured that the chief was being taken care of.

Force of the Explosion. As showing the force of the explosion, several persons in the office of the Carolina Clothing Manufacturing Company stated that their building, situated on the corner of South Second street and Erwin, Sam McGinn and Barnes were inside. Sam and Barnes were holding the nozzle. Glenn came up and said, "Sam, let me hold the nozzle. Sam stepped back and let Glenn have it. The chief said, 'Get more sticks and put another stick in the building.' He had hardly spoken before the explosion occurred. When we recovered ourselves we tore down the fence and rushed to the men. The sight was one of indescribable horror. The chief, Glenn and the other boys were lying in a pile, all blackened and torn. We were almost paralyzed at the sight. The alarm for help went in and you know the rest. We'll never have a better man as chief, or one the men will ever love more."

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REVOLVER AS EVIDENCE.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., July 1.—That a revolver similar to that with which Frank J. Clute was mysteriously killed more than a year ago was pawned by Malcolm Gifford in Northampton, Mass., last winter was contended by the state at Gifford's trial for the murder today. The revolver was offered in evidence. Warren T. Rissley, a pawn broker of Northampton, testified that he had loaned \$7 on a revolver and issued a ticket to a person who signed it "M. Gifford."

NEW YORK COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, July 1.—The cotton seed oil market closed steady. Spot 7.22a; 7.22a; 7.22a; August 7.44a; 7.44a; September 7.54a; 7.54a; October 7.32a; 7.32a; November 6.38a; 6.38a; December 6.87a; 6.87a; January 6.87a; 6.87a; February 6.88a; 6.88a. Total sales 3,400.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, July 1.—Cotton spot easier. Good middling 8.12; Middling 7.60; Low middling 7.12.

CHARLOTTE SPOT COTTON.

Charlotte spot cotton 14 1/2

NEVADA'S NEW DIVORCE LAW CONSTITUTIONAL.

By Associated Press. Carson City, Nev., July 1.—Nevada's new divorce law was sustained by the state Supreme court in a decision handed down today in the Worthington case, set up from the district court of Reno to test the constitutionality of the act. The Supreme court decision means that applicants for divorce in Nevada must reside one year in the state before the courts will acquire jurisdiction.

THE WEATHER

Weather Conditions. Excepting showers on the South Atlantic coast fair weather has prevailed over the East and South during the past 24 hours. Showers are reported from the Lake region, the middle Mississippi valley and the central Plains states, the area covered by rain falling being shown on the map above. Temperatures are generally higher over the East and South, but in the area covered by showers, it is considerably cooler. Abnormally high temperatures are reported only from the Gulf states and the Southeast.

The indications are for partly cloudy weather in this vicinity tonight and Thursday, with probably showers Thursday; moderate temperatures. O. O. ATTO, Local Forecaster.

Automobile Polish.

Mr. D. M. Swobe, R. R. Magnate of San Francisco, Cal., writes: "I applied less than one-half pound of Johnson's Wax to the body, hood and fenders of my Oakland car, having it well rubbed in. The car has been run about 6000 miles but the wax has renewed the original gloss of the varnish and the car looks like new. It is the best dressing for a motor car I have ever seen. Since applying the wax I have had car out after a slight rain and it became well spotted with mud. On bare varnish this would mean that when the dried mud was removed there would be left dull spots as the mud clings to the varnish which is naturally sticky. The wax having been applied, however, the dried mud rubs off as dust would and leaves the sheen of the wax unaffected."

YOUTH AT THE PROW AND PLEASURE AT THE HELM.

(Shelby Star.) The Mission band of the Shelby Baptist church went Wednesday "with youth at the prow and pleasure at the helm" to Patterson Springs and forty gay and festive children had a delightful time, riding in an auto truck, singing, fishing, and eating fried chicken and pound cake. That afternoon on their return they merrily sang along the road and streets. Who does not envy the glad sunshine, and merry laughter of the barefoot boy and girl?

HUERTA HAS NO IDEA OF RESIGNING.

By Associated Press. Vera Cruz, July 1.—"Before I resign half the people of Mexico City will die with me," is the remark President Victoriano Huerta is credited with having made to friends on Monday afternoon while sitting at a Mexico City cafe at tea. The party was discussing the efforts of the mediators of Niagara Falls to find a solution of the Mexican problem. General Huerta was more grim and taciturn than usual and showed little of his accustomed joviality.

EXPLOSION CUT HOSE.

The force of the explosion was terrific, and everything within the radius of the death-dealing power felt its effect. A striking example of the force behind the explosion was shown in the effect of the explosion on some of the heavy lines of hose, which were suddenly severed as if an axe had been used, and the ends were cut off as if by a sharp knife. The hose was so badly damaged that it was unusable.

CHIEF WALLACE AND FIREMAN GLENN.

James Harvey Wallace, chief of the Charlotte fire department, was born in Mecklenburg county. His father was John H. Wallace, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gray Wallace. Mr. Wallace died about 16 years ago. Mrs. Wallace survives. The Wallace home, where Chief Wallace was born in 1875, was in Mallard Creek, in the Eastfield neighborhood. He came to Charlotte about 18 years ago and opened a grocery store, corner McDowell and Stonewall streets. On Thanksgiving Day, 1888, he became a member of the Charlotte fire department, serving as a private for some years, then as foreman, then as assistant chief, and then as chief, following W. S. Orr in that office, and serving only under one mayor—C. A. Bland. He was a man of splendid courage, facing any danger, knowing no fear of person or situation. His bravery was characteristic of his general demeanor, and he was a man who was a strong, indomitable will; a man who when he said "no" meant it, and when he said "yes" was equally positive. He did not rule his men—he influenced them by his steady quiet nature. When necessary to reprimand he did not do so except in the privacy of his office, and no one but himself and the one reprimanded ever knew. The whole department reflected this firm, but gentle spirit of the chief. The department worked as one man, each member desiring to serve his chief with his best endeavor. Every man loved him.

CHIEF WALLACE.

Today station No. 1 is filled with strong men whose heads are bowed, whose hearts ache and whose eyes are filled with tears. The universal verdict of the men is: "He was the bravest of the brave, the best chief in the world and as good a man as ever lived."

FIREMAN GLENN.

William B. Glenn, for 26 years a member of the fire department, was a native of Mecklenburg, being born at Amity, Crab Orchard township, in 1866, making him 48 years of age. His father was the late John H. Glenn. His mother, Mrs. Mary Glenn, who survives and makes her home with her different children. Mr. Glenn came to Charlotte when quite a young man and for a while worked for Mr. McD. Watkins at his dairy east of the city. He was elected a member of the Charlotte fire department in 1888—26 years ago—and was a private till 1897 when he was elected chief, serving till 1901. After this he left the department for two years, returning in 1903, when he was elected captain of station No. 2, holding this position till the time of his death. He made a record for faithfulness, efficiency, and popularity equaled by few and exceeded by none.

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