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Five Dead when Canning Company Boiler Explodes

Henderson was changed into a scene of sorrowing and disaster Sunday morning at half past ten o'clock when one of the boilers in the local cannery belonging to Mr. J. O. Bernard of Greensboro, blew out and scalded seven people, all of whom were immediately taken to the Easton hospital. Mr. John Holland, boiler engineer, of Greensboro, died at about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Mr. J. R. Melvin, former mail carrier, of Henderson, died Sunday night at 11 o'clock. Vincent Boloni, aged 10, Joe Molesky, aged 10, and Anthony Nehring, aged 9, all of Baltimore, died Sunday afternoon. Katie Oztorska, aged 10 and Mary Rogolsk, aged 9, also of Baltimore, were not seriously injured and are expected to be released from the hospital soon.

The explosion occurred while the engineer was getting ready to clean out the boiler, which is don every Sunday during the canning season. How it happened, will probably never be known, due to the fact that the one man who might have known, is dead. It is presumed, however, that cold water was taken into the boiler too suddenly, causing the explosion.

Investigations are being made as to the possible cause of the explosion but nothing as yet has been ascertained. All that can be gathered from the various and varied descriptions of local folks and from the Baltimore workers is this—at about 10.30 Sunday morning, the town was shaken by a terrific shock which was followed by cries of distress and fright.

Two of the town men had just started to walk into the yard of the cannery, being close enough to see Mr. Melvin and Mr. Holland standing talking with each other, when suddenly, with a terrific thunder the top of the boiler was blown through the roof, one side of the cannery was blown away, and all those who were standing near on that side, were thrown with great force into a lake of boiling water and steam.

Tomato pans were hurled over all the adjoining fields and lots and the smoke stacks tottered down like straws. As a result, Henderson has been a sorrow struck town these past few days, the local folks mourning their dead, and most of the Baltimore workers left the town, mounting the trucks with their few belongings, with cries of anguish over the loss of their little children; and as they drove away the few families left, burst out weeping bitterly, all of them, probably deciding never again to return.

But we all owe it to ourselves and to others to take the better aspect of this calamity and to be thankful for the fact that the explosion fated to occur did not happen on a work day for instead of a death toll of five, there might have been a hundred.

Even as the workers have already removed practically every trace of the explosion and soon things will be running as before at the canery, so will time destroy our unhappy memories of the occasion and pave the way for thoughts of happier things.

Y. L.

KINDERGARTEN OPENS MON.

Miss Anne Anthony will hold a kindergarten class this winter at her home. A number of children are already enrolled for the class which meets from 9 till 12. Diminutive furniure and regular kindergarten equipment will be used, and the little tots will receive instruction as well as entertainment in the work.

The class was originally pianned by Miss Pauline Nichols, but was taken over by Miss Anthony when Miss Nichols received an appointment to teach at Ridgely this year. Both Miss Anthony and Miss Nichols trained this summer in the University of Virginia.

U. S. Department of Agriculture sends out a warning that hog cholera has been found on the premises occupied by Hanson Redden of Tuckahoe

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

The Defense Day exercises were reviewed by Judge Applewyne and his staff from the steps of the corner store. There was six men and Pete Doolittle's yeller dog, Shep, in the parade. Hank Alderbush led the procession and played the "Star Spangled Banner" on his mouth organ.

Tobe Dufunny bought out the corner grocery and took possession last week. A feller came in and wanted to buy a dozen oranges. Tobe told him that he didn't know how many there was in a dozen but he could sell him all he wanted by the pair.

Sam Evenup got pulled Saturday night for not having any rear light. Officer Rakemin took him to Judge Applewye's court and Sam explained that the bulb got busted and so he ketched a lightnin' bug and fastened him inside the lamp. The judge told Sam that he'd have to fine him ten bucks for carelessness because if he was going to depend on a lightnin' bug for illumination he'd got to keep the critter headed in the right direction.

TWO HELD IN FATAL FIRE AT RIDGELY

Accused Man Says Match Used in Attempted Gasoline Theft Was Cause

WAS ACCIDENT, IS CLAIM

Sheriff James Temple has arrested Ernest Blackburn and Harry Howell, charged with burning the Saulsbury Bros., Inc., canning factory at Ridgely on the night of April 24th, last.

Howard Betson, aged 16, was burned to death fighting the fire.

Blackburn, it is alleged, has made a signed confession to the state's attorney of Caroline county, implicating Howell.

Blackburn in his confession claimed that there was no intent to fire the canning establishment, but to steal gasoline which was in an outhouse near the factory.

Match Starts Flames.

A match was struck to locate the gasoline tank and in an instant the gas fumes were ignited and the flames spread to such large proportions that the canning plant and several nearby buildings were burned to the ground.

The loss to the corporation was said to be about $75,000, with $3,000 insurance. The factory could not be erected in time to harvest the pea crop and the company was compelled to use the factory of E. P. Roe & Co., Greensboro.

On Case For Months.

Sheriff Temple has been working on the case for several months and finally found Blackburn and placed him under arrest at Warwick, Cecil county.

On his way to jail in an automobile he told the Sheriff the complete story about the big fire and loss.

M. P. CHURCH WILL RESUME REGULAR HOURS

On Sunday evening the regular evening hours of service will be resumed at the M. P. Church, Christian Endeavor will begin at 6:30, and the church service at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY

A county rally of the members of the Christian Endeavor will be held Monday, September 22d, at the M. P. church at Federalsburg. Mr. Carroll Wright will address the meeting, the aim of which is to form a county association.

Do it now! ADVERTISE.

THOUGHTS FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

"The trouble is, we have come to take this government of ours as we take the air and the sunshine, as a matter of course. It was a free gift to us. It has cost us nothing. We forget that with our own race it is the result of a struggle that lasted for more than seven hundred years from the Norman Conquest to the surrender at Yorktown. We forget that this freedom of ours was not peacefully won; that our fathers bought it with a bitter price; bought it with their blood shed on a hundred battlefields; bought it with wounds and stripes; with banishment and confiscation of their property; with confinement in foul dungeons; subjection to the rack and thumbscrew and every cruel punishment that wicked and despotic kings could inflict; we forget that every line of that great instrument was bought with the blood of your fathers and mine. They gave it to us. Is it too much to ask that we cherish, guard and preserve it?"

—From "The Story of the Constitution"

THE COLONEL'S VERSION OF IT

(By Special Correspondent)

"Strange, hain't it?" said the old colonel as he pulled his iron gray mustache meditatively, "what a lot of conflicting 'idees' there is concernin' this defendse day propaganda. Some people seem to think that this country of ours just happened to be. A sort of artesian well of prosperity that won't ever run dry. They don't seem to realize the struggles and travail that was required to put this land of freedom on the map. They don't take the time to think that the welfare of posterity may depend on the attitude they take today on national defense. There's the pestiferous pacifist tribe, who think every time Uncle Sam wants to know how many able-bodied nephews he's got, that he's stridin' round spittin' on his hands lookin' for a fight. They are so afraid of offendin' some foreign power that they dassn't stand up when they hear the 'Star Spangled Banner' played by a brass band.

"An' then there's another class that seem to have a hunch that any such demonstration means the callin' out to military dooty, that would require them to postpone pettin' parties with powdered faces, an' face powder. These fellers generally develop the lumbago and walk 'round with two canes 'til it's all over, or else get a bad case of the heeebi-jeebies an' take to the woods.

"Some times I think that we've got quite a large population of this class of citizens an' begin to believe that the country is gittin' knee sprung from goin' down hill too fast, an' that some day we'll find ourselves bumpin' on the rocks. An' then I figure out that these critters make themselves conspicuous by their rediculousness and ain't as big a crowd as they'd like to have folks think they are.

"Yes, when it comes to gittin' down to brass tacks, I reckon we've got plenty of he-men yet, the kind that don't make a great deal of emotional demonstration, but are on the job when the pinch comes. The kind that followed old Ethan Allen down out of the Green Mountains an' took Ticonderoga in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress. Plenty of 'em, Yes sir! oodles of 'em, who feel the responsibility of deliverin' this nation to the next generation without any fringe on it. Why dammit, sir! look at the boys who stood at the Marne with Smedley Butler; an' the rest of the doughboys with Pershing, who turned the war into a footrace an' would have chased the Huns across Europe and drowned them in the Black Sea if they hadn't been called off. We're a mighty peaceful nation, an' never huntin' trouble, but when we got drove into it, the other fellow thought he'd sure stirred up a passel of catamounts an' always thereafter took off his hat when he came to the front porch, an' didn't throw any more bricks through the windows.

"No, sir! The American race ain't run to seed yet, and professional pacifists, an' slackers, an' bolsheviks don't count for much only the noise they make, an' while I'm satisfied that the torch of liberty will be kept lit, an' that the American people will be capable of preserving the tenets of Americanism for all time, I'd a like to have seen a good old fashioned patriotic he-man demonstration on Deefense Day an' heard the old fife an' drum peal out the strains of 'Dixie' an' the 'Star Spangled Banner,' as in days of yore. By jingoes, I would!"

And the old colonel rose, rested his eyes reverently on the old Flag which he loved, clicked his heels together, squared his shoulders, raised his hand in salute, and went home.

F. O. C.

FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL CLOSED SATUR. NIGHT

In Spite of Cold Weather and Rain, the Affair Was a Great Success

BIG PARADE THURSDAY

Denton's third annual carnival came to a close Saturday night at 12 o'clock. While perhaps falling short of the amount the firemen had dared to hope for, the carnival was a decided success when one considers the coldness of the weather and the two nights of rain. It is expected that a report will be ready for publication either next week or the week following showing the receipts and expenditures.

Thursday night was one of the big nights. Shortly after 6, the firemen's parade started from the causeway, proceeding out Main to 6th, to 5th, to Main, to 3d, to the carnival grounds. The parade was headed by Mr. Charlie Dukes and Mr. E. T. Orme, on horseback. The Silver Leaf Band followed and then the troop of Boy Scouts from Preston. The men from the Cambridge Fire Department were next in line, followed by the engine and company from Milford, Dover, Easton, Hurlock and Harrington. The Boys Club of Christ Church came next in line, followed by our own men and the engine, for which the carnival is being held. Several floats and cars brought up the rear.

The reviewing stand was on the porch of Mr. T. R. Green, on Main street and the judges were Rev. I. A. McGrew, Prof. E. M. Noble and Mr. John Noble, who awarded the prizes as follows:

To the company having the most men in line the prize was given to Cambridge; bringing the equipment farthest, Dover, best decorated pleasure car, Ellsworth Wheeler and the float prize went to the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company.

Following the parade, everyone gathered about the Denton engine while Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough made a short address of welcome and appreciation to the visiting firemen. followed by the awarding of the prizes by Rev. Mr. McGrew.

Then the merry-go-round started and the evening began, proving to be one of the most successful of the week

On Saturday the warm, fair weather had started the crowd to gathering early, so that by 7, the hour of opening, a goodly number were on the grounds. Then, much to the consternation of every one, and the dismay of the workers, the heavens let loose and a young flood descended. For a time everything but the merry-go-round suspended business. Those who had cars sought shelter in them, while many from town, who had walked, flocked to the shelter of the carousel or huddled under umbrellas. The firemen ran for their rubber coats, hats and boots and were thus enabled to get around comfortably. Shortly after 9, the rain ceased and the moon began to peep through the clouds. Immediately the grounds were crowded by those who had been waiting patiently in cars and from then on the affair went off well. Considering the two hours of enforced idleness, every booth did a record night's work.

The members of the fire company desire to thank all who through their donations or their personal efforts, helped make the carnival a success. It seems to be the concensus of opinion that this year has seen a better response from the community in general and the growth of a closer feeling between the firemen and those whom it is their duty and desire to protect in time of fire.

FIRST RETURNS IN NATION-WIDE PRESIDENTIAL POLL SHOWS CLOSE RACE.

Coolidge in East, Davis in South, LaFollette in Northwest Now the Lineup—Real Surprises Promised in States Which Lie Between These Territories

If it were possible to know just what the "border" states are going to do on election day, then forecasting the result of the coming national contest would be a much simpler matter, for seemingly upon the border states will be the great battle ground on which the national election will be won.

So far as the solid south is concerned—and the solid south really embraces Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas—every thinking man will concede it to Davis. Coolidge and LaFollette may cut down majorities here and there, but this will not affect the electoral vote. Thus Mr. Davis starts off with 114 votes, or 21 per cent. of the whole, 531.

Now let it be remembered that 266 are necessary to a choice. This is the figure that sticks in the crop and seems to make it highly probable that LaFollette may dictate the presidency though he has small chance of election.

Just as Davis is certain of the South, so is Coolidge sure in the East, and so at present is LaFollette in the Northwest.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and Washington, seem as much opposed to a conservative Democrat as they are to a conservative Republican. Many claim they can be counted as the basis of the La Follette strength. Summed up they spell seventy-one electoral votes, the real solid radical vote of the Northwest.

One of the important considerations is what may be termed the "border" states. They are those states lying between the North and South. They are Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

Davis is a "border southerner" and may have the knack of particular appeal to the people there. If he should win in all of these states the sum total would be 72 votes, making his grand total 186. Then granting to Davis, Nevada, Arizona and New Meexico, this would give him an additional 9 votes, swelling his grand total to 195.

LaFollette followers declare they will carry Ohio and maybe Michigan. LaFollette has the support and backing of the Scripp- Howard newspapers in Ohio, and it is possible with six such powerful newspapers working for him he stands a chance of carrying the state. In the West are also many Scripp-Howard newspapers; and also the Hearst newspapers in Washington and California—as well as in the East.

It is possible that the Davis-LaFollette strength may obtain a majority, even with conservative figuring. A glance at the situation in tabular form will convey the picture quickly.

First Nationwide Returns

Newspapers in twelve states have made returns, furnishing some very interesting figures for speculation. The surprising strength of Lafollette indicate that our election may not be settled in November—but will go to the House, a probability foreseen by political students when the Wisconsin Senator tossed his hat into the ring.

New York	6,438	2,914	4,475
Maryland	895	968	725
Illinois	7,561	4,582	6,862
Wisconsin	523	264	1,773
Washington	1,349	463	1,403
Mass.	291	198	202
California	6,026	2,155	7,626
Texas	554	1,332	422
Georgia	136	1,978	379
New Hamp	741	132	89
Missouri	117	256	104
Kansas	168	112	71
	24,799	18,954	24,131

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ANN ELIZY JOHNSON

By THE CRACKER

When I go out strollin' along the village street, I find the shape of women folks has changed a mighty heap, since those days when I trudged to school with Henry, Bob and Bill, when Ann Elizy Johnson taught the school on Podunk Hill. Ann Elizy wasn't pretty, that is, what was in sight; which was a pug nosed, freckled face and eyes as black as night, a chin that kinda slanted back and ears which stuck straight out, some bangs which fell down in her eyes and a mouth spread all about. The rest of her, except her hands, was drapped in yards and yards of cloth which was made up in tucks, and gussets, gores and bars. Below her neck she spread about three feet from tip to tip, and tapered to dimensions of a wasp about the hips, and then a lot of bows and loops, of ribbins, lace and yarn, and a bustle thing stuck on behind like a lean-to on a barn, a dozen yards of ruffles, trains, and panels called a skirt, which dragged around the school-house floor and swept up all the dirt. Us boys was filled wih wonder, and mystified complete, to see her locomotin' 'round with neither legs or feet, but now since modes of dress have changed in recent years I see, that nature's added on some things that didn't use to be. Women folks have feet and calves, and some of them have knees, and nature keeps on makin' them more human by degrees. Some ancient prude may say that woman falls from her estate, to wear a gown which gives to her a decent human shape, but if she does not glide in air as once I did suppose, should modesty compel her to pumps and hose? If Ann Elizy's days was now paradin' on the street, she might have showed a graceful form and dainty shins and feet, for faces do not count as much today on beauty's bill, as when Ann Elizy Johnson taught the school on Podunk Hill.

THE RULE FOR SUCCESS

People are constantly clamoring for some sure rule for attaining success. Some hold there is none—that it is merely a matter of luck. It is true there is no easy road, for nothing worth having is easy of attainment. But there is a rule, and a sure one. If you are interested in knowing it, read next week, Miss Losh's article on Captain Bernier, and his wonderful rule which has made him one of the great men of the world today.

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YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT ?

IN NATIONWIDE NEWSPAPER PRESIDENTIAL POLL

THE AMERICAN UNION

CALVIN COOLIDGE—Republican

JOHN W. DAVIS—Democrat

ROBERT M. LaFOLETTE—Progressive

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