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## STARTLING FACTS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Professor Lynch, of State University, Reveals Some Figures Which Make Interesting Reading.

(From The Pensacola Evening News, Aug. 23rd.)

"A straight-from-the-shoulder educational campaign will be inaugurated in Florida the last week in September and continue until the public school propaganda, in all its phases, is carried into every county of the State," was a statement made today by The Evening News by Prof. G. M. Lynch, Professor of Secondary Education, University of Florida.

Asked to give the causes for the movement, the object it hoped to accomplish and the men behind it, Professor Lynch said: "The decision to set in motion special activities in behalf of public school education was reached through study of the educational conditions and needs of the State. We found that in a large majority of the counties the people knew absolutely nothing about the organization, equipment and administration of their schools.

"The work in hundreds of the rural schools was totally barren of results. To account for this I may offer three causes—(1) an over-burdened course of study; (2) lack of proper apparatus; (3) untrained, uneducated teachers. One of the greatest evils we are fighting at the present time is 'overloading.' We are attempting to do too much, and what we can do poorly. We crowd into a one-teacher school curriculum a little of the science, a little of the higher mathematics, a smattering of the arts, a few classical scraps, some manual training, the elements of agriculture and a course to prepare boys and girls for teachers' examination in response to a demand that it gives the poor an equal opportunity with the rich in the matter of education. Like many other utopian ideas of universalizing privileges, it works a detriment to the ones it is intended to benefit.

"We found also that the schools are not in adjustment with communal life. In fact, 50 per cent of the schools are regarded by the public in

the light of isolated institutions. That the children were unable to find themselves in such a life.

"When we observed the atmosphere of the schools, the children fairly starving for a few good books outside of their texts, the total absence of school appliances and the lack of interest in the parents, we found the necessity for an educational campaign.

"We hope to arouse an interest among the people that will lead to a searching investigation of the school conditions. We want them to see that trained teachers are essential; that apparatus is an inseparable part of school; that ignorant and incompetent superintendents and board members are dangerous to educational progress; that co-operation on their part is indispensable, and we wish to call their attention to the importance of the high school idea.

"I will give you a few figures whose significance is tremendous when all the facts surrounding them are brought to light. They are indisputable evidence of weakness somewhere. In 1901 we had 584 more pupils in the third and fourth grades in the schools of Florida than we had in those grades in 1907-8. We find only 972 more pupils in grades from one to fifth, inclusive, in 1907-8 than were in the same grades in 1901. The percentage of enrollment to school population is about 6 per cent less in 1907-08. The increase of white school population is, however, 25 per cent. A little mathematics reveals a startling state of affairs.

"In 1887 61.3 per cent of total school population (ages 6 to 21) were in daily attendance at school; in 1901 47 per cent in daily attendance; in 1907-08 45 per cent in daily attendance. Please notice the downward movement.

"Yes, we have made fine progress in buildings, but right here I wish to emphasize a fatal error in the expen-

## NEARLY 200 LIVES LOST IN STEAMSHIP COLLISION

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 25.—In a driving rain storm about 6 o'clock yesterday morning the Argentine excursion steamer Colombia and the North German Lloyd steamer Schlesien collided at the entrance of Montevideo harbor. The Colombia was entering port, and the Schlesien was outward bound for Bremen. The Colombia's bow was crushed in and she sank almost immediately. Between 150 and 200 persons were killed or drowned.

The Colombia carried about 200 passengers and a crew of forty-eight men. Most of the passengers were asleep and panic followed the crash. Almost immediately small boats put out to the sinking steamer, but the work of rescue was rendered very difficult by the high sea. About seventy persons were brought ashore. Most of the dead are women and children. A majority of the survivors are men.

The Colombia was carrying excursionists from Buenos Ayres to a festival at Montevideo, and the disaster has caused the keenest emotion. The Uruguayan government, in consequence, has postponed the fetes arranged for the celebration of the inauguration of the port.

Most of the survivors of that vessel were taken from the masts, and many of them were injured. While great numbers of women and children were drowned, almost every one of the ship's complement were saved.

Scores of bodies have been recovered and are now lying at the customs house, but many of them have not been identified.

We have increased the value of our school buildings in the past eight years over \$800,000, but the value of the apparatus to carry on the real work in these buildings has not increased over \$5,000.

"If this campaign results in giving us a few more school trustees like Guy Metcalf of West Palm Beach, Mr. Jackson of Daytona, Dr. Freeman of Starke, Jno. A. Jones of Arcadia, Dr. Boring of Waldo and the Bradentown trustees, we will be well paid for our efforts. These men, all prominent in the business circles of their communities, have made heroic efforts for the schools under their supervision.

"The men who will take an active part in the campaign are Dr. A. A. Murphree of the State University, Dr. Conradi, Florida's Women College; State Superintendent W. M. Holloway, Dr. Lincoln Hulley, Stetson University; Dr. Blackman, Rollins College; Dr. Hillburn, State Methodist College; the President of the Baptist College at Lake City; Governor Gilchrist; county superintendents and leading high school principals."

## LOCHLOOSA NOTES.

LOCHLOOSA, Aug. 25.—Mrs. R. A. Hendrix of Largo is up spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hayman.

Messrs. Williamson, Cox and Cheshire went to Fernandina Monday on the excursion.

J. C. Hayman made a business trip to Hawthorn Saturday.

John Hayman has been very ill for the past few days with fever, but he is out again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, a fine boy, of which they are very proud.

Mrs. H. V. Cassels of Island Grove spent a few days in town last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hayman.

Mrs. M. Cheshire and daughter, Gertrude, of Orange Springs, were in town last week on a shopping expedition.

The truck farmers of this section are beginning to clean up ground and plant seed beds for the fall crop.

We are having wetter weather here now than we have had for quite a number of years.

## TWENTY-FIVE MEN SHOT DOWN BY CRAZED NEGRO

Man Dashed Down Street of Louisiana Town, Shooting in Every Direction—His Body Burned.

MONROE, La., Aug. 25.—Crazed by cocaine and liquor, William Way, a negro, armed with a shotgun and a pocketful of ammunition, ran amuck on the streets here yesterday. Before he was killed by citizens, he had wounded 25 men. Of these, two will lie, two others are very seriously wounded, but the others will get well. As soon as the negro fell, shot through the heart, the frenzied citizens seized the body, dragged it through the streets and burned it in the center of the town to the cheers of the populace.

The black appeared upon the streets early in the day with the shotgun under his arm. Without a moment's warning or even the semblance of a reason, he raised the weapon and opened fire upon a citizen standing near.

Men in the vicinity, who were armed, drew weapons and covering him, forced him into a doorway. It was presumed that he had exhausted his ammunition. But as a few men approached to apprehend him, he sprang into the open and fired two more shots. Two men fell and the negro jumped back to cover and reloaded the gun. He seemed to have a pocket full of shells, for he kept repeating this movement until 25 men had fallen. Then as he stepped out again, someone fired and his body fell into the gutter, a bullet through his heart. The four men who are so seriously hurt were injured while trying to rush him in his cover in the doorway. They are:

Officer Hugh Bigger, shot in the abdomen, fatal.

Deputy Sheriff T. A. Grant, shot in chest, fatal.

Simon Marks, merchant, shot in breast, serious.

George McCormick, arm shot off, serious.

That any of these men still live is due to the fact that the negro used very fine shot in his shells. The other 21 injured are painfully hurt but not seriously. Almost every man who was on the street or who came to the scene before the black was killed, received a wound.

When it was known that the negro was dead, the streets filled with angry men and for a time it was feared that they would wreak vengeance upon the negroes of the town, of whom there are many. But it was quickly announced that three of the madman's victims were men of his own race who had rallied with the whites in the attempt to capture him.

Then someone yelled, "Burn him!" and in a second the cry was taken up. Willing volunteers seized the bleeding corpse and dragged it to the center of the street. Others gathered brush and arranged a funeral pyre. Still others carried oil, and when fully ten gallons had been poured over the ghastly heap, a match was set to it and the flames began their work.

Mayor Forsythe, though wounded, hastened to the scene and pleaded in vain with the mob not to do the gruesome act, but they would not desist.

Business was suspended for the day, and groups of men stood on the corners discussing the tragedy. There are no threats of violence, however, and the authorities appear to have the situation under perfect control.

## Alabama Solons Adjourned After Passing 10 Prohi. Bills

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 25.—The special session of the Alabama Legislature which adjourned last night after twenty-two working days accomplished the chief purpose for which it was called, by passing the most drastic prohibition laws ever enacted by any State and capping the laws by submitting to the people an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the sale or manufacture of intoxicants in Alabama. The election will be held the last week in November.

It is conceded that the minority members of the Legislature remained

passive throughout, holding to the view that the more radical the prohibition legislation the sooner the laws would be repealed. Thus it was that little opposition fell in the way of the drastic laws.

Governor Comer in his call for the extra session urged a compulsory education law and the submission of a constitutional amendment for biennial sessions of the Legislature and the creation of new counties. These three ideas failed, the educational bill and the counties amendment be-

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## In Jealous Rage Man Kills Wife, Then Himself

BRIGHTON, Cal., Aug. 25.—Desperate and jealous because his overtures for a reconciliation had been rejected and gradually becoming insane, Samuel Girvin of Adamsville, Ky., sent a messenger bullet into the back of his wife's head yesterday, and as her body fell backward caught it on his left arm and held it close to his breast while he placed the muzzle of the revolver in his right temple and pulled the trigger.

The bodies fell to the floor to-

gether. Girvin died instantly, while his wife lived 15 minutes.

The double tragedy took place in a general merchandise store and occurred so quickly that no one had time to interfere.

Mrs. Girvin had been conducting a small farm with a woman partner for a year, since the separation. The couple were married three years ago.

The best place to buy your goods is at the store which invites you to come through an ad. in The Sun.

## Locomotive Hits Automobile; Two Women Instantly Killed

KANKAKEE, Ill., Aug. 25.—Mrs. George Granger, wife of a retired Kankakee merchant, and Miss Genevieve Rabig, an elocution teacher of Chicago, were instantly killed and five other occupants of a touring car were seriously injured Monday when the machine was run over by a Big Four locomotive and a engine in Kankakee.

The party was on the way to Mound Grove Cemetery at the time of the accident. A string of cars on a side-

track obstructed the view of the chauffeur and of the engineer.

The injured are George Granger, husband of the woman killed; Miss Amelia Fortin, sister of Mrs. Granger; Miss Jeanette Granger, a daughter; Paul Granger, a son, and Ira Dole, chauffeur. All were severely hurt except the chauffeur.

Miss Jeanette Granger was found beneath the bodies of her mother and Miss Rabig. She was rescued 30 minutes after the accident by jacking up the car.

## Carmack's Slayer Inherits \$11,655 of Brother's Estate

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Col Duncan H. Cooper, who with his son, Robin, was found guilty of killing former Senator Carmack in Tennessee, inherits \$11,655 from the estate of his brother, William F. Cooper, the late former Associate Justice of the Su-

preme Court of Tennessee, who died here on May 15th last.

The estate which has not been appraised by the State leaves a fortune of \$252,124, nearly all of which goes to brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces.