

HAVENS GRIST AND FLOUR MILL IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Is Largest of Its Kind in the State This Mammoth New Plant Will Have an Output of 1,000 Bushels of Corn and 50 Barrels of Wheat Per Day—Latest Devices in Machinery Installed.

WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS SOON

It was the pleasure as well as the profit of a Daily News representative to visit the mammoth new grist and flour manufacturing plant of Mr. Jonathan Havens on Water street this morning.

The old grist mill of which this new one takes the place, was totally destroyed by fire January last and since that time the erection of this large six-story brick building has been in progress.

To give the News' readers some idea of the difference in capacity of the two mills, the old from the new, Mr. Rollins, the manager, states that the output of the old mill was 400 bushels of corn per day; the new mill will have a capacity of 1,000 bushels daily and will barrel 50 barrels of flour.

The new building just completed can be seen from every viewpoint in the city. It is six stories high, constructed entirely of brick and is 10 by 110 feet.

On each floor in the building is constructed bins and other rooms where the product is stored, thereby enabling the management to sell flour and meal that is cleaned and

ROCKEFELLER IS THREATENED BY ASSASSINATION

Plan to Kill or Kidnap

Harold S. Smith, Lumber Dealer, Says That He Heard Two Men Plotting—Were to Get Large Sum for the Job.

OFFICERS PROTECT HIM

Cleveland, O., Dec. 3.—John D. Rockefeller was told Tuesday night, at his home, Forest Hill, of a plot to assassinate him.

Mr. Rockefeller was to have addressed last night the Men's Club of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, which had a banquet. He did not attend the affair, excusing himself upon the ground that he was preparing to leave town on the morrow.

Smith's story, practically as it was told to Mr. Rockefeller, is as follows: "I was visiting in Alliance Sunday. About 5:30 p. m. I started for the church to meet my brother-in-law. I walked up a railroad track near the church and stopped when I heard some one talking in a dark shed.

"I don't see why we came here today from Pittsburg; we might have waited until tomorrow and gone to Canton, where we could meet Bill. We might as well get our money for killing old John D. We will get what is coming to us, whether we kill or kidnap him."

"Bill and the other fellow have plenty of money and are willing to pay well for putting old Rockefeller out of the way." I sneaked around to head the fellows off, that I might get a good look at them. I stumbled as I was getting away, because it was dark. They saw me, but I hurried on. I headed them off around the next block and got a good look at both of them. They recognized me and made a remark about having seen me before, but I hurried by and paid no attention.

"Monday I went to Canton to lay the matter before Chief of Police H. W. Smith. I expected to come to Cleveland Monday, and Chief Smith insisted on giving me a letter to Chief Kohler, whom I saw Monday night. He took the matter up with Marshal Stamberger, who was greatly interested.

Told Rockefeller. "Stamberger insisted that I accompany him to Forest Hill to tell John D. just what I heard. I didn't like to, but consented when he insisted. I told John D. just what I heard, and Rockefeller told me he believed me and asked that I remain in Cleveland Tuesday to make identifications in case arrests were made. I told John D. that I was doing this for the sake of principle and refused when he offered to pay my expenses while in Cleveland.

"I am a responsible man and did not come here with an imaginary story for the sake of notoriety or gain. I would not have come to Cleveland were it not for the fact that my business called me here. I preferred to leave it in the hands of the Canton police."

Chief Stamberger says that he drove two men who acted suspiciously away from Forest Hill last night. No arrest was made. While the police express some doubt of Smith's story, admit that he is a substantial business man, bearing a good reputation.

WELL SAID

The Beaufort Look Out pays the following compliment to one of our townsmen in a recent issue: Among the enthusiastic boosters who went as delegates from Washington to the waterways convention at Norfolk, recently, was Capt. A. W. Byron, a well-known citizen of the town on Pamlico. Mr. Fox of New Bern, said: "Capt. Byron knows more about transportation than any other man in the State." A talk with the chief clerk would convince anyone that he is right.

CITIES HAVE POWER TO FIX LICENSE TAX

So Says Supreme Court

Justice Brown in Opinion Says Charitable Did Not Impose Prohibition Tax on Near Beer When it Made the Price \$1,000.

NO VIOLATION AMENDMENT

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—The Supreme court sustains the Mecklenburg Superior court in holding that the \$1,000 tax imposed by the city of Charlotte in the case of the State vs. Dannenberg, on near-beer saloons, is valid, thus setting at rest the prohibition forces of the State, whose leaders had declared if the power of cities and towns to impose such license tax on these places was not sustained there must be another legislative campaign that would assure to towns the power to absolutely control such places.

The court's opinion, written by Justice Brown, who holds the Charlotte ordinance as not ultra vires, and not discriminative, since it applies to all persons alike who would operate such places, that it is not prohibitive, or rather, that the court can only take under consideration the question of reasonableness in view of the showing of expense for police and other cost in maintaining order at these places. The court declines the presumption of reasonableness in not overruling the ordinance of the defendant. The court holds, furthermore, that no violation of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal constitution, the ordinance being well within the police power of State and municipality.

BAZAAR CONCERT TONIGHT

The program for the concert tonight at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium, given in connection with the bazaar, is very attractive, and the admission is only 5 and 10 cents.

- 1. Vocal solo, "I Love You." By Prof. Betts. 2. Instrumental duet, "Awakening of the Lion." Misses Bonner and Simmons. 3. Vocal solo, "Good Bye Summer." Miss Rovena Carter. 4. Instrumental trio, "Charge of the Hussars." Misses Bonner, Simmons and Keys. 5. Recitation, "Ballad of the Sweetpeas." Miss Sallie Carrow. 6. Vocal solo, "Without Thee." Miss Mary E. Wright. 7. Instrumental solo, "Schubert's Serenade." Miss Lillian Bonner.

RETURNED TO OCAOKE

Capt. J. J. Simpson left this morning for the return journey to his home at Ocaoke, after several weeks' stay for the second time at the Washington Hospital. Both of the captain's limbs have been removed and the fact that he is alive today and improving somewhat is wonderful in one of his age.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Tonight, December 3, is the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

The advisabilities of holding an agricultural fair in Washington in 1910 will be discussed. This matter is of vast importance to this town. We being the hub of the eastern section we should let the people know that we are the hub and are willing to back up our opinions that it is the most central location in Eastern North Carolina by holding such fairs as to surprise the State.

Don't fail to attend the meeting tonight. There will be no subscriptions asked for any purpose, so don't fail to attend this meeting.

COSTLY CONFLAGRATION

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Fire broke out late yesterday evening in the building numbered 194 South Sharp street, within a block and a half of the point of origin of the great fire of 1894. It spread rapidly and within a short time had done damage estimated roughly by an insurance man at about \$200,000.

In its spread the fire involved the establishments of the C. J. Peed Shoe Company and the Spear Brothers Company, shoes, 104; McHadden & McEwen, house furnishings, 106 and 108; and firms occupying the upper floors of 100 and 102 South Sharp street. The flames jumped a narrow alley in the rear and gained a momentary foothold in the big building occupied by the H. S. Sutton Company, dry goods and notions.

\$20,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY SWEEPED AWAY

Ocean View the Victim

Fire of an Unknown Origin Discovered at 1 O'clock, But it Was Not Subdued Until 4:30 Yesterday Morning.

TWO MEN WERE OVERCOME

Fire of unknown origin discovered at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at Ocean View was subdued at 4:30 a. m. after it had swept away a half dozen of the larger frame structures and several small ones adjoining on the inner side of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company's electric line tracks. The total loss will be upwards of \$20,000, including buildings and furnishings with partial insurance only. The burned buildings were:

- J. W. Smith's Hotel and Shamrock Annex. J. W. Buchanan's Hotel. Cosmopolitan Annex, occupied by E. B. Miars as a boarding house. The Gem Cottage and several smaller structures in the rear. Ed. Miller and Alonzo Grant, among the 150 men who did valiant work during the fire, were overcome by heat, but no other accidents are reported. But for the heroic efforts of the Ocean View fire fighters, assisted only by men sent by the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company, the fire loss would have been much greater than it was.

Confined to South Side

The blaze was kept on the south side of the railroad track except for the scorching of several telephone and trolley poles on the bay side. With the fire raging immediately in the rear of the new Foster cottage, just being completed after three fires by its owner, it was thought for a time that this too would be damaged, but fortunately it escaped as did also all of the amusement property on the bay side of the railroad track.

J. W. Smith's new residence just built after the last Ocean View fire, was scorched to some extent as was also the Prospect Cottage, but both were saved after hard work.

E. B. Miars, one of those burned out last night, was a sufferer in the fire which early in the summer destroyed several cottages on the bay side at Ocean View. At that time Mr. Miars lost practically everything he had, together with a considerable amount of cash he had in the house, the family being most thankful to escape with their lives. His burned cottage was known as the Ruth Cottage. Moving to the Cosmopolitan Annex, owned by N. B. Jones, Mr. Miars also called this the Ruth Cottage. Last night he managed to save probably half of his personal effects.

Started in the Shamrock

The fire started in the "Shamrock" under lease by J. W. Smith. With this building unoccupied at the time it is hard to understand how the fire started. Several people in Smith's Hotel first discovered the fire at 1 o'clock and gave a quick alarm.

Largest 4-Master Ashore

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 3.—The schooner Marie Palmer, the largest four-master on the coast, is ashore on Fryling Pan Shoals in a dangerous position. The vessel grounded during the night while being towed by the tug Edgar F. Coney to Savannah to which port she is bound from Carteret, N. J., with a cargo of 2,740 tons of guano.

SEABOARD'S NEW PRESIDENT

New York, Dec. 2.—N. S. Meldrum was elected president of the Seaboard Air Line at a meeting of the directors of that company here today. Mr. Meldrum was formerly vice-president of the company. The directors also elected C. H. Hix as vice president and general manager; C. B. Capps, as vice president in charge of traffic, and L. G. Hawes as assistant to the president.

WILL PREACH TONIGHT

Rev. C. G. Christian, of Rocky Mount, will preach at the Payne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Nicholasville, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The public cordially invited to attend these services.

ZELAYA WILL LEAD TROOPS AS LAST ACT

Will Die Fighting

Secretary Knox Sends the Nicaraguan Minister Forcible Note and Also His Passport—Criticizes Zelaya.

MARINES NOT YET LANDED

Colon, Dec. 2.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua, as a last desperate act, today took active command of his troops in the field, according to advices received here. A dispatch quotes him as saying, "I will die fighting, not an American slave."

No Marines Landed

Washington, Dec. 2.—The statement published today that "there are over 2,000 marines on Nicaraguan soil, and more will follow" was characterized as "absolute nonsense" and a good illustration of the exaggerated and unreliable news which is being published by some newspapers at present about the Nicaraguan situation.

It was added that there are now on the isthmus 353 officers and men of the marine corps and 730 will sail on the Prairie from Philadelphia this afternoon for Nicaragua, but no force of marines has yet been landed. In fact 2,000 marines, it was said, could not be landed there for some time owing to the fact that not that many could reach there for at least a week or more.

Washington, Dec. 2.—If any doubt existed heretofore as to the positive intention of this government to insist upon the actual separation of President Zelaya from the exercise of all authority in Nicaragua at the earliest possible moment, it disappeared with the direct and forcible attitude of the United States government as shown in the action taken by Secretary of State Knox, whose note to charge d'affaires Rodriguez of the Nicaraguan legation was made public last night.

Not only was he told that his passports are awaiting him and that President Zelaya is expected to relinquish his office, but what practically amounts to recognition of the Estrada revolutionists was indicated in the note to Señor Rodriguez. It is now only a matter of a short time, it is thought, before official recognition will be given the de facto government as Secretary of State Knox ascribed it in his note to the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires.

It is the impression in Washington that while United States marines may be landed on Nicaraguan soil there will be no need for their active services, for following the drastic action taken by the Secretary of State yesterday the downfall of Zelaya government will be so hastened that he will seek to escape from the country, thereby practically bringing the present war to an end and placing Estrada or some other person friendly to the United States, in power.

The attitude taken by the Secretary of State is more far-reaching, however, than the mere notice to quit given to Zelaya. It is regarded in Washington as a strong hint to other Central American governments who have been disposed to regard this government without due respect that hereafter no nonsense will be tolerated from any of them (insofar as the interests of the United States and its citizens in those countries are concerned, and that unless they maintain a proper attitude they may expect to feel the mailed fist of the United States in a very forcible manner.

Dr. Salvador Castrilla, representing the Estrada party in Nicaragua, this morning expressed great gratification at the attitude taken by this government as shown in Secretary of State Knox's note to charge d'affaires Rodriguez. He believes that official recognition of the revolutionists by this government is only a matter of a few days. Late last night he notified General Estrada by cable of the note sent by Mr. Knox to Señor Rodriguez. He expects to receive a reply today or tomorrow.

COMING ATTRACTION

The ladies of the Methodist Church are preparing to place on the boards a most attractive show for the benefit of that church. Some of Washington's best local talent will take part. Those who have witnessed the rehearsal speak most complimentary of what is to be presented.

MANY OFFERS FOR FIGHT, BUT FRISCO WINS

July 4 Next Date Set

The Bid of \$101,000 and 66 2-3 of Moving Picture Receipts Will Be Turned Over to the Two Fighters.

BIDS FROM ALL THE WORLD

New York, Dec. 2.—The fight for the heavyweight championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson will be held in California, in the vicinity of San Francisco, on July 4, 1910, and will be staged by "Tex" Rickard, of Nevada, and John J. Gleason, of San Francisco. The bid of \$101,000 and two-thirds of the moving picture proceeds to the contestants was formally accepted during a stormy meeting at Hoboken, N. J., late today. It is believed the fight will represent more cash than any other fight in the history of the prize ring.

Joseph J. McCarey, of Los Angeles, whose bid was considered highest by many, made a game race for his Pacific Athletic Club, but his cause was without hope. James Coffroth, by virtue of his control of the two basic patents on moving pictures, had decreed against McCarey and his ally, "Eddie" Graney, of San Francisco, and the fight was given to Gleason and Rickard, who, it is conceded by sporting men, have an understanding with Coffroth, a surmise strengthened by the fact that Gleason and Coffroth have shared one bid in the past. McCarey and Graney estimate that the net value of the moving pictures will amount to at least \$200,000 and may be worth \$400,000.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. Henry P. Bridman, son of Mr. Seth Bridgman, president of the Bank of Washington, arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Denver, Colorado, where he has been for the past eighteen months, having a position in the First National Bank as assistant bookkeeper. Mr. Bridgman will be a visitor to his old home until after the holidays. "He says the West is a great country and from his talk seems to be much in love with it. His many friends in his former home are glad to see him.

MOVING TODAY

Mr. W. M. Bell is today engaged in moving his jewelry store to the building of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Mr. Bell will occupy the side next to Mallison & Son.

LARGE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. L. White took place this afternoon from the Primitive Baptist Church, of which she was a consistent member, being conducted by her pastor, Elder John Rogers. The burial was in Oakdale cemetery. A large number of sorrowing friends attended.

MANY FIRES

There have been a considerable number of forest fires reported here during the past few weeks. Near Pinetown on the Norfolk and Southern Railway, the woods were on fire yesterday and a gentleman on the train stated that if it had not been for the recent rains nearly all the timber in that section of Beaufort county would have been burned.

WILL SELL FRANCHISE

Wilson, Dec. 3.—The moving spirit in the Wilson Athletic Association, owner of the franchise in the Eastern Carolina Baseball League, seem unanimous in their intention to dispose of this city's franchise. The lengthened season of 110 games forecasts a disastrous financial season, and Wilson, with Goldsboro, will be out of the league next season.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- Gem Theater. J. K. Hoyt—Ladies' Suits. The Hub—Clothing. Galety Theater. J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Bridal. Chesapeake Steamship Co. Wright's Tailoring Parlors. Gowen's Preparation. Vick's Remedies. Capidine. Wm. Bragaw & Co.—Insurance. Hyemet. Hotel Lorraine, Norfolk, Va. Goose Grass Liniment. Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co.—Inv. sly. Pate's Ointment. Puritan Balm.

HARRIMAN HAD \$149,000,000

New York, Dec. 3.—The first appraisal of the estate of the late E. H. Harriman, as completed in Orange county yesterday, puts the value of his property at \$149,000,000.

CREDITABLE ESTABLISHMENT

The Wright Tailoring Parlors is fast gaining a reputation in this eastern section for first-class tailor-made clothing. They are showing now the very latest fads in fall and winter wear and are placing a large number of their nobby suits. Mr. Frank Wright, the manager, is a hustler.

TO SELL REAL KISSES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 3.—Twenty-five hundred dollars worth of kisses—real hip-hip kisses, not the candy kind—are to be disposed of at the North Side Hall next Sunday. The kisses are to be purveyed by a number of heroically charming young women to all comers, and the money is to go to raise the debt of Temple Emanuel.

Trinity to Get Half Million Endowment

Durham, N. C., December 2.—Trinity College is to be endowed with half a million dollars for the institution of a medical, pharmaceutical and dental department in connection with the school. The donors are the Dukes, millionaire tobacco men, who already have given more than a million dollars to the institution. The purpose in view is to build up an educational institution equal to any on the earth.

BIG CROWD TO AURORA

At least a hundred and twenty-five people went to Aurora from here this morning on the special train and they were a jolly enthusiastic crowd. Aurora will surely have a great day and big crowds for her fair.

IMPROVEMENT LONG NEEDED

The Atlantic Coast Line officials are having the street crossing on Second and Main streets repaired, thereby making an improvement long needed. Especially was this true on Second street where the railroad track was lower than the street proper. When it raised pedestrians had always to wade through water in order to get across the street. This was not only a nuisance but a danger.