

BIG OIL MILLS THREATENED BY ANGRY FLAMES

Plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Badly Damaged by Fire. The Blaze Originated in the Seed Room at 1:30 o'clock This Afternoon.

From the Seed Room the Refinery and the Laboratory Caught. Both Buildings Will be Badly Damaged, if Not Destroyed Entirely.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the seed house of the Charlotte plant of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company.

The seed house, the refinery and the laboratory, are completely destroyed. In the seed house was stored about 5,000 tons of seed and the loss on these alone will amount to \$100,000; for seed are now quoted at \$20 per ton.

At 1:30 o'clock a workman in the seed house noticed a small blaze that quickly spread in every direction. He sounded the alarm and the fire fighting apparatus of the company was quickly put in service. The blaze even then was beyond the control of the firemen.

A call was turned in from box 28, which is located at the corner of Oak street and the Boulevard. The fire companies responded promptly and despite the long run, both the hook and ladder and the hose wagon were quickly on the scene and rendered splendid service.

In a large tank located on the company's property, were 700,000 gallons of water. This large amount was quickly thrown on the burning buildings, but to no purpose. The flames gradually worked their way through the large seed house and in an incredible space of time, the refinery which is nearest to the seed house, was in a light blaze.

The firemen at this juncture directed all of their efforts in attempting to save the refinery. Chief Orr distinguished himself by climbing to the roof of the building and carrying with him a line of hose which added another stream to the now fiery furnace. The efforts of this brave fireman were, of course, because the flames were then far beyond control.

The laboratory which is near both the refinery and seed house, was next to catch. By almost superhuman effort quite a number of the utensils stored therein, were saved. It was out of the question to save the building for in a few minutes the entire structure was a mass of seething flames.

At one time it looked as if the splendid efforts of the fireman, so well directed, would save the refinery. The fact that it contained such combustibles, and too because it was a wooden structure, soon dissipated this hope.

At 3 o'clock word came from the scene of the fire that the water supply had given out and it was out of the question to make any attempt to save any of the buildings on fire. This means that the three structures mentioned—the seed house, the refinery, and the laboratory, will be totally consumed.

A gentleman connected with the plant informs The News that it will be almost impossible to correctly estimate the loss at this time. It is known, however, that the damage done will be in the neighborhood of \$125,000, and this does not include the buildings. This amount only applies to the cotton seed, oil, and other products of the plant that have been burned.

MRS. CHADWICK NOT HAVE NEW TRIAL

United States Court of Appeals Denied Motion for Rehearing of Appeal for New Trial. Had Been Sentenced to Ten Years in Penitentiary.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, Jan. 10.—A motion for a re-hearing of the appeal for a new trial for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, was denied in the United States Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals some weeks ago sustained the judgment of the District Court at Cleveland, which found Mrs. Chadwick guilty of conspiring to wreck the national bank, and sentenced her to ten years in the penitentiary. The petition for a re-hearing maintained that the charge was not borne out by the evidence.

seed, oil, and other products of the plant that have been burned. The origin of the fire is not known. When first discovered it was only a small blaze but in a few minutes it had spread to great dimensions.

In addition to the 5,000 tons of cotton seed destroyed in the seed house, four cars of seed standing on the side track caught from the flames of the burning building near by and were consumed.

FIRE DESTROYED BUILDING. Broke Out at Livingston College—Building Was Destroyed.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 10.—A fire which broke out at Livingston College late yesterday afternoon, destroyed one of the main buildings of the College. This was a large brick building and was used as the girls dormitory.

It was a three-story structure and in it was the college chapel. The firemen were handicapped in their fight against the flames, owing to the long distance to a hydrant. The loss is not known. This college has been having some tough times of late. A cyclone blew the auditorium down last Spring.

WILL ROGERS ANSWER? Hearing an Order Postponed Until Friday—Will Rogers Be Forced to Answer Questions?

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 10.—Hearing on the order issued by the Supreme Court, instructing in the case of H. H. Rogers to show cause why he shall not answer questions in connection with the Standard Oil proceedings being conducted before Commissioner Sanbourn by the State of Missouri, was postponed until Friday on request of the counsel of the Standard Oil Company, who stated they had not had time to prepare an answer.

The proceedings before Commissioner Sanbourn were postponed until after the argument on order to show cause.

The choir of the First Baptist church will meet for practice after the prayer-meeting service tonight.

TRIAL OF GAYNOR AND GREENE ON

Counsel for Defense Continue Support of Plea in Abatement to Two Indictments Returned in 1899 and 1902. Niceties of Law Brought Out.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Jan. 10.—Upon the convening of the Federal Court, A. A. Lawrence, of the counsel for Green and Gaynor, resumed argument in support of the plea in abatement offered by the defense yesterday to two indictments returned in 1899 and 1902, respectively.

Mr. Lawrence said defendants had been extradited from Canada upon charges of conspiracy which he said was not an extraditable offense.

Judge Spear asked the counsel if conspiracy had been entered into and the crime committed then could not those guilty be extradited, if for instance 40 or 50 persons had conspired with Czolgosz to murder McKinley, would not they have been extraditable. Mr. Lawrence answered they would not have been extraditable for conspiracy but for an overt act of murder which had been committed.

Mr. Lawrence argued that the last two indictments for embezzlement and receiving embezzled funds, returned last November, had been brought because the government recognized it was extremely doubtful if the defendants could be tried upon the old ones because they did not set forth charges under which they could be extradited.

The counsel for the defense, Mr. Erwin said, was going over the ground that the defendants of the Canadian counsel had gone over in fighting the extradition, and that the idea now was to escape trial because they had been on charges under which they really should not have been extradited.

"Were they extradited for conspiracy?" asked the court. Mr. Erwin replied that they had been extradited for participating in fraud with an agent, this agent having been Captain Carter, of Chicago.

Horace A. Stone, of Chicago, the chief counsel for former Captain Carter, arrived today. He said Captain Carter is ready to appear as a witness or as a defendant to the indictments if wanted.

The Government has not stated whether Captain Carter will be desired in either capacity.

Not Concluded. Arguments had not been concluded when the adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

IS HE F. J. CONSTANTINE? Man Arrested, Supposed to Be Alleged Murderer of Mrs. A. W. Gentry.

By Associated Press. Joliet, Ill., Jan. 10.—A man believed to be Frank J. Constantine, of New York, the alleged murderer of Mrs. A. W. Gentry, of Chicago, has been arrested. The prisoner claimed to be J. Morris, of Chicago, a traveling salesman, at Dillon.

Carolina Postmasters. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 10.—The President sent to the Senate the following nominations for postmasters for North Carolina, A. N. Pearce, at Selma; for South Carolina, Robinson P. Pearson, at Allendale and Thomas Husband, at Dillon.

THRILLING SCENES IN BIG HOTEL FIRE AT MINNEAPOLIS

Six are Known to be Dead and Others Possibly Imprisoned in Rooms as Result of Fearful Fire in West Hotel this Morning. Terrible Work of Flames.

Man Fell Seven Stories. Another Man and Woman Jump to Instant Death. Thrilling Rescue of Family by Daring Fireman. Thousands Cheer Deed.

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—Six known dead and possibly more imprisoned in their rooms is the result of the fire in the West Hotel. The blaze broke out in 715 in the upper stories building and the electric bells immediately sounded the alarm in all the rooms.

Many guests who were already up, escaped down the stairways but these exits were soon cut off by the fire and the halls filled with smoke.

Captain John Berwin, of the fire department, was carrying a woman down the scaling ladder when the terrified woman tried to jump to the window ledge. Captain Berwin thereupon lost his balance, falling seven stories to his death. The woman was caught by another fireman.

An unknown man jumped for the roof of the adjoining building from the topmost floor but missed and was killed, while a large middle aged woman jumped from the fourth floor and met instant death. One of the most thrilling rescues was that of F. A. Chamberlain, of the Security Bank and the members of his family.

For many anxious minutes they remained at the window in the topmost story of Fifth street and Hennepin avenue corner. Mr. Chamberlain gathered the bedding and sheets and made a rope of them and at the same time extension ladders were being placed into position but were found to be too short.

Pumpier ladders were rushed to the scene and a fireman with rope about him, firmly placed and scaled the ladder to the cheers of thousands of excited spectators. Arriving at the window he took one after another, lowered them safely to the extension ladder two stories beneath, by means of rope, where they were brought to safety. It was one of the most thrilling scenes at a fire ever witnessed here.

Nine Are Dead. At noon the town list of the dead in the West Hotel fire numbered nine. Mrs. Emaline Barlow, to save whom Captain Berwin lost his life, will die from inhaled smoke. A colored porter is reported missing.

The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

NEGRO HELD IN NORFOLK. Under Charges of Murder—Was Also Arrested for Breaking Jail.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 10.—John Henry Johnson, a negro, has been arrested here for breaking jail at Hertford, N. C., while under charges of murder. He was committed to jail until tomorrow.

REPRIVE GRANTED. Mrs. Tolla and Jerry Rosa Are Granted Reprieves.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Tolla, sentenced to be hanged on Friday, for the murder of Joseph Sonta, was granted a reprieve by Governor Stokes. The Governor announced that he would also grant a reprieve later in the day to Jerry Rosa, also sentenced to be hanged Friday.

STATEMENT MADE BY PREMIER M. WITTE

Premier Makes Interesting Statement to Delegation Headed by Mayor of City. Explains his Position. Complete Revolution in Georgia and Mingrelia.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—Premier Witte made an interesting statement to the delegation headed by the Mayor of the city which requested a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of the police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign.

The Premier could not promise to do anything until after January 22. While personally he did not sympathize with the harsh measures of the interior minister Durnov he regarded them as essential. The Premier could not assume the responsibility for the course which, if it resulted in bloodshed, would make him a scape-goat. He spoke bitterly of the failure of Moderates to give the government support, saying that upon their shoulders largely rests the burden of compelling the government to resort to repression. The latest news from Trans Caucasia is that a complete revolution prevails in Georgia and Mingrelia.

OUR TRADE WITH GERMANY. Aggregated \$300,000,000 During the Year Just Closed.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Trade between the United States and Germany, whose commercial relations are now the subject of negotiations between the two governments, aggregated in the fiscal year 1905 over \$300,000,000.

FUNERAL, FIRE MARRIAGE. All Took Place at Same Time—Good Sermon—Directors of Bank Elected.

Special to The News. Blacksburg, S. C., Jan. 10.—On last Sabbath evening we had a fire, funeral and marriage at the same time in town.

Miss Lucy Thompson was married to a Mr. Blake, a young man from Gastonia, who is a druggist in our town. Mr. R. P. Dempsey was buried with Masonic honors. The fire was on Mill Hill, one of the cottages being burned.

Mr. W. F. Moore and family spent a few days of last week in the progressive city of Charlotte, N. C. On Sabbath morning we heard and enjoyed a sermon from Rev. Mr. Duncan of the First A. R. P. church from the words "Seek First the Kingdom of God and all Things Else Will be Added to You." To say it was grand and that we enjoyed it is putting it very mildly. The music was real good and inspiring.

On Sabbath night, we attended the Second Presbyterian church and heard a splendid sermon from Dr. Harding. The music there was remarkably fine and soul stirring.

Another interesting place visited the week Sanitarium, where we found Dr. Wm. Strong and wife in charge and a very interesting set of patients. Most of them are men of prominence and professions. We consider it an institution of great importance and benefit to all those who are addicted to the habit of whiskey, morphine etc.

All the boys and girls that were home from the different colleges for Xmas have returned to their respective schools and every thing is very quiet. The stockholders of the Bank of Blacksburg met in the office of the bank today and elected the following directors: P. H. Freeman, Thos. V. Mays, M. H. Morrow, John M. Porter and J. Eb. Jefferies. Immediately after the stockholders meeting the directors met and elected M. H. Morrow president and cashier, P. H. Freeman vice-president. This bank has been incorporated on eleven months. It is in a very prosperous condition having paid an 8 per cent. dividend to its stockholders out of its earnings, after setting aside a surplus.

SCHOONER ARRIVES. Bringing Men Who Were Badly Injured on Board the McClintock.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Jan. 10.—The schooner Maggie M. Keough, Captain Tilton, bound from New York, and coal laden, arrived, bringing W. Morgan, mate of the Baltimore schooner, Robert McClinton, and the cook of the latter vessel, both men being badly in need of medical assistance as a result of injuries received aboard the McClintock, which, while bound South with a load of coal, ran into a terrific storm off this coast and barely escaped foundering. The McClintock lost all its sails, except one and was helplessly adrift for a week. Life savers from Chincoteague went to the assistance of the McClintock. The McClintock was bound to Georgetown, S. C., from Baltimore.

CASE CONTINUED. Case Against Midshipman Before Court-martial Continued.

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Jan. 10.—The court martial proceedings in the case of Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., against whom there are charges of hazing, and "Encouraging or countenancing hazing," is continued.

The plea submitted by the accused's counsel, raising the question whether the last specification in the case was not materially the same as the one upon which Decatur had already been tried and acquitted was overruled. The taking of the testimony then proceeded.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN TEXAS. Mob of 70 Hand-Cuffed and Blind Negro's Legs Before the Lynching.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 10.—Ben Harris, the negro charged with killing a white man named Polk at Berings Mill, Monday night, and who was taken from the officer at Lazelle last night, by a mob, was lynched today at Newgrove, Texas. About 70 men were in the mob. The negro's hands were hand-cuffed behind him and his legs drawn back and tied to his hand before he was suspended in mid air. The negro, when asked why he killed Polk, said at first it was an accident later he said he killed Polk "for fun."

IN CRITICAL CONDITION. Mrs. Morris Who Was Ejected From White House is in State of Collapse.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Minor Morris, who last week was ejected from the executive offices and grounds of the White House in a state of complete collapse. Dr. Morris, her husband, stated her condition is critical.

INJURIES TO ATLANTA. Injuries From Collision With Battleship Kentucky Less Than First Thought.

Norfolk, Jan. 10.—The examination of the battleship Atlanta, recently in collision in New York Harbor, with battleship Kentucky, shows the injuries sustained by the ship were less serious than at first supposed. An officer of the Alabama said one gun was damaged only to the extent of having three or four bolts drawn from their proper position. It is estimated that the repairs will be completed in five days.

DR. GEORGE W. QUICK DECLINES THE CALL

In a Telegram to Mr. W. C. Dowd Received this Morning, He Says he Has Decided not to Accept the Call of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. George W. Quick, of Gardner, Mass., has declined the call of the First Baptist church of this city. Mr. W. C. Dowd, chairman of the committee to secure a pastor, received a telegram this morning from Dr. Quick which reads as follows: "Sorry to decline the call. Have written." (GEO. W. QUICK.)

Dr. Quick preached for the congregation of the First Baptist church twice in December. Both sermons were well received. The congregation was very much impressed with Dr. Quick, both as a preacher and as a man and the decision he has reached will be learned of with sincere regret. Dr. Quick is now located at Gardner, Mass. He has a flourishing church and the conditions are such that he prefers to remain where he is. In the telegram received by Mr. Dowd this morning, Dr. Quick states that he has written explaining his action.

PEOPLE PROMINENT IN SOCIETY, WED IN THE "CITY OF OAKS"

Col. Arrington, Private Secretary to the Governor, is Married to Miss Maud Latta, Daughter of Large Cotton Manufacturer, Now Deceased.

Meeting of the Masons. The Address of Retiring Grand Master Liddell. An Interesting Document. Progress in Building of Masonic Temple.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 10.—At 11:15 o'clock this morning, in the church of the Good Shepherd, Col. A. H. Arrington, Private Secretary to Governor Glenn and Miss Maud Latta, daughter of the late C. G. Latta, a prominent cotton manufacturer, were united in marriage.

This was one of the most fashionable marriages of the season and was attended by a very large audience of leading society folks. The maids of honor were Misses Mary and Lena Latta, sisters of the bride.

The best man was Mr. James Arrington, brother of the groom and the groomsmen were Perry B. Fleming, William Little, S. J. Hinsdale, James P. Eunn, the latter of Rocky Mount. The bride was given away by her uncle, George Blackhall. Col. and Mrs. Arrington left for their trip North.

WILL NOT TOLERATE GRAFT OR SCANDAL

Mr. Simmons was Called on in Senate for his Resolution Requesting Names of High Salaried Employees of Panama Canal. His Ideas.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 10.—Mr. Simmons called up in the Senate today his resolution making a request for the names of higher salaried employees of the Panama Canal Commission.

"I want it understood," he said, "that while I disagree with the President concerning many matters connected with the canal, I do not intend now or at any other time to engage in any captious criticism of the President or any other official connected with the construction of the canal. He, however, expresses the opinion that the American people are not in the humor to tolerate any extravagance, graft or scandal in connection with the great enterprise."

Honor Confederate Dead. A bill authorizing the marking of graves of Confederate soldiers, who died in Northern prisons during the Civil War and an appropriating of \$2,000,000 for that purpose, was passed. The Senate then proceeded to the Committee on Inter-Oceanic canals.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Pure Food Bill.

SUSPENSION OF BIG FIRM. Banks Throw Out Checks Because of Death of L. W. Prior.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Jan. 10.—The formal announcement of the suspension of the firm of Denison Prior and company, investment bankers and brokers was made on the floor of the Cleveland stock exchange.

The action was taken as the result of the large number of the firm's checks being thrown out by the banks, who hold that since the death of L. W. Prior who committed suicide yesterday, the checks could not pass the clearing house. It is said that the banks hold ample funds and securities to provide for all claims against the firm.

VA. ASSEMBLY CONVENED. Many Things Advocated in Governor's Message.

Richmond, Jan. 10.—The General Assembly of Virginia has convened. The Governor's message opposes convict labor in the capital square, recommends a re-organization of the State Treasurer, favors civil service as to clerks, and advocates public school and road improvement.

Broach Recovered. Mrs. E. L. Keesler has recovered her broach which she lost several days ago. A strange coincidence in connection with the finding was that it was found in the pockets of Mr. Nicholas Tridenick, who died at his home at Sardis last week. Mrs. Tridenick saw the advertisement in The News and returned it today to Mrs. Keesler.

Fred Douglass Arrested. Fred Douglass, colored, was arrested by the police this morning charged with an assault on Ida Mills, also colored. He will receive a hearing at the Recorder's court tomorrow morning.

A man giving his name as Williams was arrested this morning at the corner of Graham and Trade streets charged with drunkenness. Washington, Jan. 10.—The discussion of the Philippine Tariff Bill was continued in the House. Delzell, of Pennsylvania, opened the debate.

ST. GEORGE TUCKER TALKS TO THE KING OF THE EXPOSITION

President Tucker is Received in Audience, by King Edward, and Expresses America's Wish that England be Well Represented at Jamestown in 1907.

His Majesty Replies in Warmest Terms of Appreciation. Says England Welcomes the Opportunity of Joining in the Celebration of America's Birth.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 10.—Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, who was introduced by Charge De-Affaires Carter, was received in audience by King Edward this morning. His Majesty received Mr. Tucker cordially and showed much interest in the exposition company. A proposal was made to send British naval and military contingents to the opening ceremonies at Jamestown in 1907. Mr. Tucker having expressed the desire of America, that Great Britain be represented in proportion to her power as a naval and military nation, the King replied that Great Britain welcomed the opportunity of uniting with America in celebrating the birth of the American nation. He suggested that Field Marshal Lord Roberts, should head the military contingent, and also that a member of the Royal family should attend the exposition.

A personal message from President Roosevelt was delivered to His Majesty, who sent a reply. Mr. Tucker will embark on board the White Star line steamer Majestic at Queenstown tomorrow.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANDERSON. Will Take Place From the Residence Tomorrow Morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie J. Anderson, who died last night at 12 o'clock, at the home of her brother, Mr. J. J. Adams, at No. 307 East Sixth street, will take place from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church.

The pallbearers will be Messrs. D. W. Oates, J. R. Pharr, J. H. W. Ness, J. C. McNeely, J. H. Wearn, and G. H. Brockenbrough. Mrs. Anderson was the wife of the late George M. Anderson. She was 50 years old and survived by three sons, Mr. William H. Anderson, of San Antonio, Tex., Mr. John A. Anderson, of Chicago, and Mr. A. L. Anderson, of St. Louis. She is also survived by a brother, Mr. J. J. Adams, with whom she made her home, and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Hill, of Greenville, S. C.

CUBA TO BE REPRESENTED. Minister Said That His Government Would Be Represented at Jamestown.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 10.—Mr. Quesada, the Cuban Minister, called at the State Department to inform the officials that his government would be represented at the Jamestown Exposition and would send a military delegation to Jamestown. The detachment of Rural Guards will probably be selected for this duty.

Withdraws From Committee. Representative Overstreet, (Indiana) Secretary of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, announced that the President's failure to allow him to name the surveyor of the port at Indianapolis, has discouraged him so badly he will not again serve on the committee.

NO HOPE OF FAVOR, MINISTER WIRES

Chinese Minister has Telegraphed His Home Government that There is Little Hope for Favorable Legislation by American Congress on Exclusion Question

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