

CONVENTION TODAY TAKES FIRST STEP TO AID INSANE

Democratic County Convention Passed Resolution by Dr. Faison Instructing Mecklenburg Representatives to Work for Appropriation.

Chairman Jas. A. Bell and Secretary Shannonhouse Re-elected Without Opposition. Representatives to Push Insane Hospital Matter.

At the Democratic convention held this morning to endorse the nominations of the recent primary decided action was taken by which the Mecklenburg representatives are instructed by the county convention to work for, vote for, and do all in their power in honorable way to secure the appropriation for the insane hospitals of the State, and to secure the money for a much-needed reformatory for the youthful criminal class.

Dr. Faison read a resolution which he stated came from the North Carolina Medical Society and from the Mecklenburg County Medical Society, as follows:

Resolved, That we request our representatives in the next general assembly to vote for and do all in their power in an honorable way to secure the appropriation for the several State insane hospitals for taking care of our insane.

Also for the establishment and maintaining of a training school or reformatory for juvenile criminals.

Dr. Faison, after reading these resolutions, said in part:

"According to the law of the State the insane asylum is for the poor only, and it is understood that a man who has any property must send to some pay institution. These things ought not to be and all ought to be equal in this matter. People who own property in North Carolina built the insane hospitals and, therefore, the law, in the opinion of the medical profession, ought to be repealed. The insane hospitals are crowded to the utmost. I wrote to the superintendent at Goldsboro about a poor negro who has been kept in Mecklenburg jail for six months, in an insane condition, and his reply was that the institution was so crowded that patients were sleeping on porches, and there was a list of about 100 applications waiting. The only way to get a patient into a hospital is to wait for some patient already there to die, or to get well, or to be taken away."

As to the reformatory idea, Dr. Faison said that this had been almost overlooked except by the good women, but that it was most seriously needed now. He told of a 10-year-old negro boy being sent to the roads from Mecklenburg court, and that by an appeal to the judge direct only was Dr. Faison able to persuade the court that the child was too young to work, and he also thought that such early associations would do the child great harm.

Dr. Faison presented his case forcibly and clearly and left no doubt as to where he stood.

Capt. S. B. Alexander, after a motion was made by Mr. L. H. Robinson to adopt the resolution, said that the convention was a representative body and that he did not deem it wise to put the resolution through in the form of instructions to the delegates.

Dr. Faison replied, saying that if the matter were left in the shape of an urging upon the representatives to do what they could, without the definite instructions to work for the measure, he would be satisfied with nothing less than the adoption of the resolution as he had presented it.

Dr. Costner also appeared with Dr. Faison as a representative of the two medical societies and made a short talk on the subject, urging the matter to be put to a successful issue and that thereby Mecklenburg would bring honor upon herself and receive the gratitude of many thousands of suffering and stricken ones.

The amendment of Capt. Alexander to refer to the representatives to do what they thought best in the matter was lost and the original motion to adopt the resolutions was put and carried by nearly the entire vote of the meeting.

Meeting in Detail. The Democratic County Convention was formally called to order at the county courthouse shortly after noon, and the roll of delegates was called by Secretary Shannonhouse.

Chairman Bell then stated the object of this meeting, to ratify the choice of the voters of the Democratic party in the primary for State and county representatives and officers.

The nominees of the primary were read, and the convention by unanimous vote declared its endorsement of the action of the primaries.

called to order, the chairman announced that the election of officers was in order and the committee unanimously chose Mr. Jas. A. Bell, chairman, and Mr. Frank M. Shannonhouse, secretary of the committee.

Mr. Bell stated that he would continue to do his work as formerly, with the aid of the committee. Before being nominated Chairman Bell said that as chairman of the executive committee he wanted to thank all of the members for their kind support and for their help in holding the primary. He said that the choices of the primary were the best that could have been made. "In fact," said Mr. Bell, "I do not think that there could have been made any mistake in the nomination of any man on the list of candidates for the different offices." Mr. Bell also expressed pleasure over the fact that there was no animosity or personal differences among the candidates but that all had been harmonious.

The executive committee also adopted an important resolution to the effect that the chairman of the executive committee should be empowered to select the central committee of his own choice, and Mr. Bell stated that the names of the committee would be announced at the next meeting which will be held at the call of the chairman.

There was some discussion by members of the executive committee as to what the Republicans were going to do in county politics and as it has been announced that they would hold primaries and put out a ticket and announce a platform, the committee thought it would be well to await developments.

The meeting today was exceedingly harmonious and not a single word of so much as sarcastic import was heard throughout. The party seems more united than ever before and there was an entire lack of friction.

The officers of the executive committee who have served so faithfully, and who were again honored by being re-elected, have done valiant duty in the primaries, and have the thanks of the party for the clean manner in which everything has been conducted.

NORFOLK SELECTED

Is Next Meeting Place of Order of Eagles--Officers Elected

By Associated Press. Milwaukee, Aug. 18.—Edward Krause, of Wilmington, Del., was announced as elected Grand Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Krause received 1386 votes against \$14 for Davis, the retiring head of the order.

Norfolk with 937 votes was choice for the next convention. Boston received 609 votes. Other officers elected are: Grand Worthy Vice President, Theodore E. Bell, of Napa, California; Grand Secretary, A. E. Partridge, of Kansas City; Grand Treasurer, F. E. Hering, of South Bend; Grand Chaplain, Jos. T. Hinkle, of Oregon; Grand Conductor, W. C. Pettus, of Norfolk; Grand Inner Guard, Ed. Foote, of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Grand Trustees Harry J. Bracken, of Milwaukee; Dan J. Dalton, of Cincinnati; Fred R. Hoexter, of Louisville; and Thos. D. Hayes, of New Ark.

Reports are False.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Aug. 18.—President Walter, of the Seaboard gave out an official denial to the many recent reports that he intends to retire from the presidency of the Seaboard system.

GREAT EXCITEMENT ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Scenes of Yesterday were Repeated on Today's Market. Similar Scene Not Been Witnessed Since Bull Period of April 1901. Stocks Soaring.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 18.—Yesterday's wild scenes on the Stock Exchange were repeated today. The Union Pacific and Southern Pacific continued to make sensational fluctuations. The wheat market was affected in sympathy. Prices advanced buoyantly from one to three points on buying demand such as has not been witnessed in the stock exchange since the bull period of April 1904. Brokers apparently had orders to buy unlimited amounts of Union and Southern Pacific and blocks of thousands and even of tens of thousands of shares were taken at any price demanded.

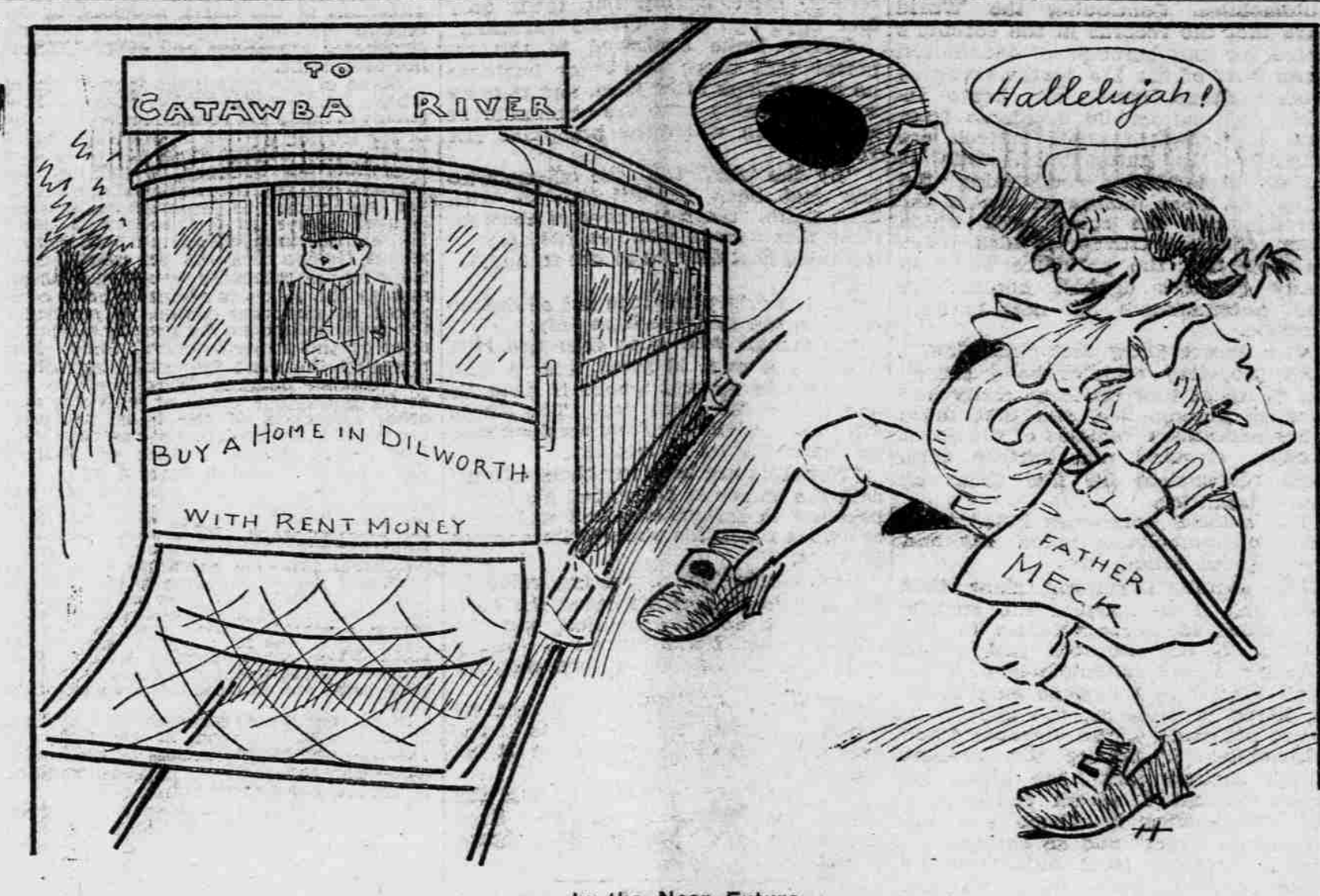
An effervescent boiling up or prices in these two stocks resulted. Running sales of the Union Pacific were made at once at 181 1/2 to 185 and Southern Pacific at \$9 to 91.

The fury of buying continued after the opening. Prices ran off from time to time while room traders were taking quick profits, but the uplift was resumed.

Pennsylvania was second only to the Pacific in activity and buoyancy. During the second hour Reading came into prominence and was rushed up over four points on an almost unlimited buying movement.

Sec'y. Root Honored.

By Associated Press. Buenos Ayres, Aug. 18.—A banquet was given this evening, in honor of Secretary Root by leading representatives of the banking commercial and railway interests was the most important function since his arrival here. The earthquake in Chile may alter the itinerary of Secretary Root.



In the Near Future.

PRISONERS CAUSE FIRE ALARM

Burning Rags in Wake County Jail Cause Excitement.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 18.—State Chairman F. M. Simmons and Secretary A. J. Field, have opened Democratic headquarters in Assembly Hall of the Yarrowburg, first floor fronting Fayetteville street. This morning a big sign in black and white was stretched across the sidewalk reading "State Democratic Headquarters" Chairman Simmons says he will make the first speech of the campaign at White Oak in Bladen county September 4.

Governor Glenn is not expected in the executive office again until Monday, being now in Winston-Salem on personal business. His private secretary, Col. A. H. Arrington, returned today from Morehead where he was with the Governor in reviewing the First regiment in camp.

A fire alarm at 1:30 a. m. last night was sent in by some stroller who saw smoke puffing out of the second story windows of the Wake county jail. The jailor and all the prisoners were aroused and an investigation showed that the smoke was from old rags being burnt by two white prisoners to drive off mosquitoes which are declared by the prisoners to be almost unbearable. The jail is absolutely fire proof and the jailor had given them permission to burn the rags. The prisoners whose efforts against mosquito-bites occasioned the alarm were Everett Spence who is held without bail for firing into a crowd of negroes and killing one. And Zeb Edwards, charged with disposing of mortgaged property.

What has been the cause of this deterioration was explained by a prominent farmer of the county today who said that the extreme heat of last week, with the excessive moisture, simply steamed and cooked the cotton so that the August bolls will all be ruined in his opinion, and nothing more can be added to the crop this year. In other words the farmers must depend on the bolls already formed, those of July, for the 1906 crop.

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COTTON SUFFERS GREAT DAMAGE

Mecklenburg Farmers Thinks Ten Days have Reduced Condition Over 5 Per Cent. August Bolls all Ruined. No More Cotton Making.

That the cotton crop of Mecklenburg county has been greatly damaged during the past ten days is now fully shown and the farmers are inclined to feel a bit blue over the matter. From all indications the deterioration is estimated at from 5 to 8 per cent since the last meeting of the county cotton growers, when the condition of the crop was placed at 69-1-4.

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IN CRIMINAL COURT.

Much Work Done Today--Habes Corpus This Afternoon.

Today has been the busiest of the week in Criminal Court and the Solicitor, with Judge Peebles on the bench, have disposed of something like thirty cases all told, some being not prosessed, others continued, but most of them being disposed of through the usual channels of a fine, or other punishment.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock was the time set for a habeas corpus proceeding in which Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick and others are interested. The most important case before the court this morning was that against the Gordon woman, mentioned below, against whom there were four cases for retailing, the grand jury returning three true bills. The woman was finally allowed to go on bail, to present herself from court to court to show her good behavior, she at the same time paying the costs, about \$40 in the cases in which she was defendant.

Chas. Pressly, forcible trespass. Plead guilty, charged with costs. Oakley Henderson, larceny. Judgment suspended upon good behavior of defendant. Marshall Manson, assault and battery. Plead guilty, six months on roads. Henry Manson, larceny. Plead insanity. Mistrial, case continued. Jesse Stewart, receiving stolen goods. No judgment yet. Nancy Stewart, larceny. Guilty. Jno. B. Lawing, assault with deadly weapon. Fines \$50 and costs. Laura Gordon, retailing in three cases. Released on bond to appear in court to show good behavior. Paid costs. John Robinson, retailing. Judgment suspended.

DEATH OF MISS LUCY FIDLER.

Passed Away This Morning After an Illness of Three Weeks.

Miss Lucy Fidler, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fidler, died this morning at their home on North Davidson street after an illness of three weeks. The funeral will take place from the Ninth Avenue Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. K. Pruett.

Miss Fidler was a consistent member of this church and had been the leading soprano in its choir since its organization and was a teacher of a class of young boys in the Sunday school. She was closely identified with all work connected with the church.

The pallbearers will be the following named: Messrs. Clarke Alexander, James G. Hasteley, Lloyd D. Lyles, John L. Boyd, J. B. Hasty and Rowland Pruett. The deacons of the church will act as honorary pallbearers.

Miss Fidler is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fidler, two brothers, Messrs. James H. and Victor Fidler and two sisters, Messrs. J. B. Yarboro and Fannie Basinger.

REVOLUTION BROKEN OUT.

Serious Revolution Broken Out in Santo Domingo. By Associated Press. Cape Haytien, Hayti, Aug. 18.—A serious revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo. Revolutionary bands are said to have landed near Riviere and to have attacked and captured Dajabon, which was pillaged and abandoned after 20 persons were killed.

MR. McCULLOUGH APPOINTED. Will leaves for Panama Canal Last of the Month--Stationed at Ancon. Mr. D. H. McCullough has received a Panama Canal appointment from Washington and will leave for the Isthmus the last of this month of the first of next. His work will be in the auditing department at Ancon, at which place Dr. Walter Brem, of this city is stationed. Mrs. McCullough will leave for the Isthmus about the first of December.

Funeral of Mrs. Manning. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Manning whose death occurred yesterday morning will take place from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, at No. 803 East Fourth street.

Mr. Lindsay Whitaker, of the Arnold M. Shaw Co., starts on his vacation Monday. Mr. Whitaker will visit Spartanburg and Atlanta while on his vacation.

NO MORE NEW ROUTES. Commissioners Go Over Routes and Decide That County Can't Build Now.

Yesterday was the date appointed for the committee of the board of county commissioners to visit the proposed routes of the connecting roads from Mt. Holly toward Charlotte, and also a connecting link of macadam from the terminus of the Mulberry road to another road, 2-1/2 miles westward, both sections being near Mt. Holly.

The commissioners on the special committee yesterday, with chairman John B. Ross, went over both routes carefully and made estimates of cost, etc., at the same time taking into consideration the need of the road, and the petition of the citizens in that section.

The board at the close of the day's work was forced to conclude that it could not now move the road forces to that section on account of other work and other demands that appeared to them other more imperative than those from the Mt. Holly section.

It was therefore agreed that the board would not undertake the two to the pieces of work desired just now. Of course it was a matter of regret to the committee but still it was found to be well nigh a necessity that the work now in progress and promised in other portions of the county should be finished up first.

It is likely that the macadamizing that has been asked for will be taken up by the board just as soon as it is feasible, and everything carried out with the wishes of the petitioners for the two new stretches of macadam.

MR. WOLFE'S HOUSE STRUCK.

Several Members of the Family Received a Severe Shock. The residence of "Squire C. H. Wolfe" was struck by lightning late yesterday afternoon causing considerable damage and shocking several members of the family.

Mrs. Holland Wolfe was leaning against the wall in the house at the time and she received a severe shock. Mr. Holland Wolfe was also severely shocked. He was standing under a shed at the barn with his hand resting on the iron tire of a buggy talking to Mr. Wilson Miller.

One side of Mr. Wolfe's house was almost wrecked. Plaster was knocked off the walls in several places, one door torn from its hinge and many things torn from the roof.

Mr. Wolfe carried insurance on his residence. He cannot estimate his loss as he does not know the extent of the damage.

DEATH OF MRS. HOLDBROOKS.

Body Will be Taken to Concord. Funeral There Tomorrow. Mrs. Mary Alexander Holdbrooks, wife of Mr. Samuel E. Holdbrooks, died this morning at 7 o'clock at his home two and one-half miles east of the city, on the Wakefield farm, after an illness of several months.

The body will be taken to Concord, the former home of the deceased and the funeral services will take place there at the Bethpage church tomorrow morning. Mrs. Holdbrooks is survived by her mother, Mrs. Alexander who lives at Concord, a husband and one small child. She was 29 years old.

TOWN NEARLY DESTROYED.

New York, Aug. 18.—Wessel Duval and Company which does a large business in Chile, following the despatches from Valparaiso: "The town is nearly destroyed. Particulars later when the shakes cease." This despatch is timed 3:55 A. M., but it is not known whether it was filed yesterday or this morning.

MEETS AT PLEASANT PLAINS.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association to Meet Sept. 6th. The next annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association of the Baptist Church will meet at Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, three miles east of Matthews, on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 6th.

The introductory sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. F. Davis, pastor of the Louise Baptist Church. The officers of the association are Mr. W. C. Dowd, moderator; Mr. W. M. Lyles, clerk and Mr. D. W. Pink treasurer.

The principal work of the convention this year will be a discussion of "missions" in order that a more decided effort may be made to raise more money for this work.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association embraces 22 churches in the two counties and each church is entitled to a delegate. The convention was held at Cornelius last year.

MR. LLOYD HILL SHOT.

Rifle Discharged While Brushing a Mosquito From His Foot. Mr. Lloyd Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hill, who reside at 904 North Church street was accidentally shot Wednesday afternoon, the ball taking effect in his foot.

Young Hill was using the rifle to brush a mosquito from his foot when it was accidentally discharged. He was removed to the Presbyterian hospital where the ball was removed though he will be layed up a week or ten days.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE STILL FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS TREMORS

Earthquake Shocks in Region of Valparaiso, Chile, Thursday Night Followed by Series of Earth Tremors, No Communication Direct.

Impossible to Learn Extent of Property and Life Damage. Most Buildings in City Thought to Have Been More or Less Damaged by the Shake.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 18.—Earthquake shocks were severely felt throughout the region of Valparaiso, Chile, Thursday night, were followed Friday by a series of earth tremors that continued at intervals throughout the day.

The first intelligence of this effect was brought to this city early today in an Associated Press despatch from Galveston, Texas, where the cable operator had been in recent communication with the cable operator at Valparaiso.

The latter said many buildings were destroyed and expressed the belief that many fatalities had occurred although anything like a definite estimate of the dead was impossible.

A second series of quakes was recorded by the seismograph in the government observatory at Baldwin City, Kansas. The pronounced shock being timed at 7:27 o'clock Friday morning.

This latest report of the loss of life and property is consistent with a despatch received by the cable companies and business houses here.

Like San Francisco. New York, Aug. 18.—The central and South American Telegraph Company reports the situation in Valparaiso similar to that of San Francisco. Their manager reports all places of business closed and the delivery and operating staff much demoralized. No messengers reported for duty and the deliveries can only be made on application to the office.

Many people have left the city. Half of City Ruined. Berlin, Aug. 18.—According to a telegram received by the bank here from Valparaiso half the city, containing the private and business houses and warehouses has been destroyed.

Great Tidal Wave. Honolulu, Aug. 18.—Wireless reports from the Island of Hawaii, Maui and Hilo, reports a tidal wave, the general height is estimated at 12 feet, where it carried away the wharf and superstructure.

A phenomenon was manifested by the unprecedentedly heavy surf. The tidal wave is attributed to the earth quake at Valparaiso. Thirty years ago an earthquake in South America produced similar effects here.

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The Loss is Estimated at \$300,000, About 500 Persons Thrown Out of Employment. Explosion Preceded Fire. Number of Other Fires.

By Associated Press. Orange, N. J., Aug. 18.—The fire which followed the violent explosion destroyed the hat factory of Crombie, Cummings Sons & Company, causing a loss of \$300,000, and throwing 500 persons out of employment.

Last night fire occurred in the stock room of the factory, doing \$7,000 damage. Shortly after this blaze in another part of the building was discovered and was extinguished with small loss. Fire of a mysterious origin did 550,000 worth of damage at the factory last October, and a few days ago a quantity of rubbish was found piled up and burning in the alley between the hat factory and the adjoining building.

The members of the firm said they had received no threat and could offer no explanation why anyone should wish to burn their plant.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of the city cotton platform today amounted to 16 bales, the residue being 10 cents. For the corresponding date last year the receipts were 14 bales at 10 1/2 cents.

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