

FIRE UNDERWRITERS MEET HERE TODAY. OFFICERS ELECTED

President Womack of Reidsville Makes Excellent Report which will be Discussed this Afternoon. Opposed to Incorporation Agencies.

All Old Officers Re-elected this Morning. President Womack Thanks Association for Honor Bestowed. Spread for Delegates To-night at 9 O'clock.

The ninth annual meeting of the North Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association was called to order at 11:30 o'clock this morning in the parlors of the Colonial Club, with President Clarence Womack, of Reidsville, presiding, and Mr. Chas. Scott, of Graham, secretary.

The main business before the session this morning was the hearing of the report of the president, in which the incorporated agency was strongly opposed, and the election of officers, the old officers all being re-elected unanimously.

The meeting in detail is as follows: The address of welcome, delivered by Hon. T. C. Guthrie, of the Charlotte bar, was announced first by the president.

Mr. Guthrie acquitted himself with great credit, and when he had finished every one of the fifty agents attending felt that they had come to a city that knew how to extend a welcome and carry it out too.

Mr. Jas. Southgate, of Durham, responded in a well chosen speech in which he referred in excellently worded language to the historical side of Charlotte and to the greatness of the city which consists, said the speaker, not in commerce and walls, but in the men and women who make the life of the city. Both speakers were roundly applauded at the conclusion of their addresses.

The annual address of the president was read before the meeting, and was pronounced one of the best things of the kind ever presented for the consideration of the association.

In this address, President Womack, emphasized the following points: First, The building up of the organization by the agents. He outlined other numerous ways in which an agent can assist in creating interest in the association, and at the same time stirring up enthusiasm for it.

Second, The wrong idea of insurance that has gotten abroad on account of the exposure of the companies in New York. The president said those besides life insurance companies while the association had to do with fire insurance only, and he said that it was clear that the public often got the two kinds mixed, and depreciated the fire insurance companies along with the others where exposures of fraud and mismanagement had been made.

Third, Insurance legislation. The speaker thought that matters in this State were in such a high degree of efficiency that they could not be improved by more legislation, although he did not press this point.

Fourth, Encouragement of home companies. With the great industrial awakening of the State it was met that the home companies that are managed and financed by some capital, were clearly deserving of the patronage of the business men of the State.

The president also made a strong plea for the non-incorporated companies, and spoke at some length on the subject of the illegitimate agencies.

The address was so full of excellent thought and timely recommendation that it was referred to a committee to report back at the afternoon session on the report and its adoption.

At this time it is expected that the principal discussion of the entire meeting will take place, over some of the ideas and recommendations of the president's address.

Col. Walker Taylor was named as chairman of a committee of three to examine the report and report back at the same time this afternoon. It should be added that the good work and co-operation of the Southern Tariff Association with the underwriters was discussed at length in the president's report, and many good things said about the tariff association.

to name a permanent representative for the State to co-operate with the local agencies.

The election of officers was next taken up and Mr. R. W. Murray, of Greensboro, immediately placed in nomination for president Mr. Francis Womack to succeed himself. The motion was put by the secretary and Mr. Womack was unanimously elected.

Mr. Womack spoke feelingly of the great compliment paid him by the association in naming him a second time as head of the North Carolina Underwriters.

A motion was then made that the present vice-president and secretary Mr. J. A. Weddell and Mr. Chas. Scott, be re-elected, this motion being unanimously carried.

The committee named to report on the secretary's books was heard. They stated that the books were all right and the report was received.

Under the head of executive committee a motion, made by Mr. Thos. Griffith, was adopted that the president select this committee to announce and announce the names of the members later.

It was then decided by vote that the place of meeting for the annual sessions should be selected by the association in annual gathering and not by the executive committee.

The next meeting place will be selected at the session this afternoon. Before adjourning for dinner the president announced that the members in Charlotte had arranged for a handsome spread in the Colonial Club to which all of the members of the association were invited. The hour is 9:30 this evening.

The sessions will probably be completed this afternoon. The address of Hon. J. R. Young, State insurance commissioner, is set for the afternoon session and will no doubt be one of the chief features of the entire meeting.

CORPSES REVEALED.

Incessant Rains Wash Graves Until 200 Bodies Are Revealed. By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Aug. 23.—The washing out of the graves at Elmwood cemetery by the torrential rains exposed nearly 200 bodies to view. Monuments toppled over and other damage was done. Nearly six inches of water fell in three and one half hours. The police and fire departments rescued many persons from the basements.

\$81,000,000 for Coffee. From the New York Sun.

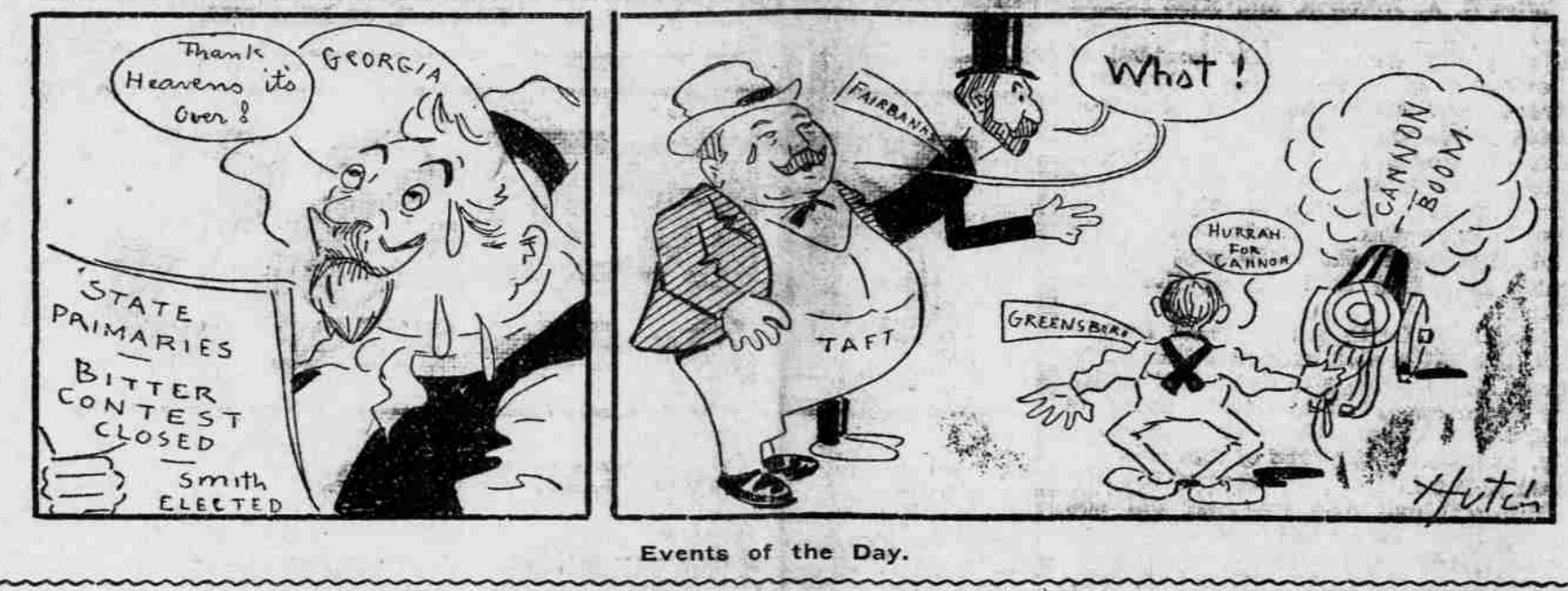
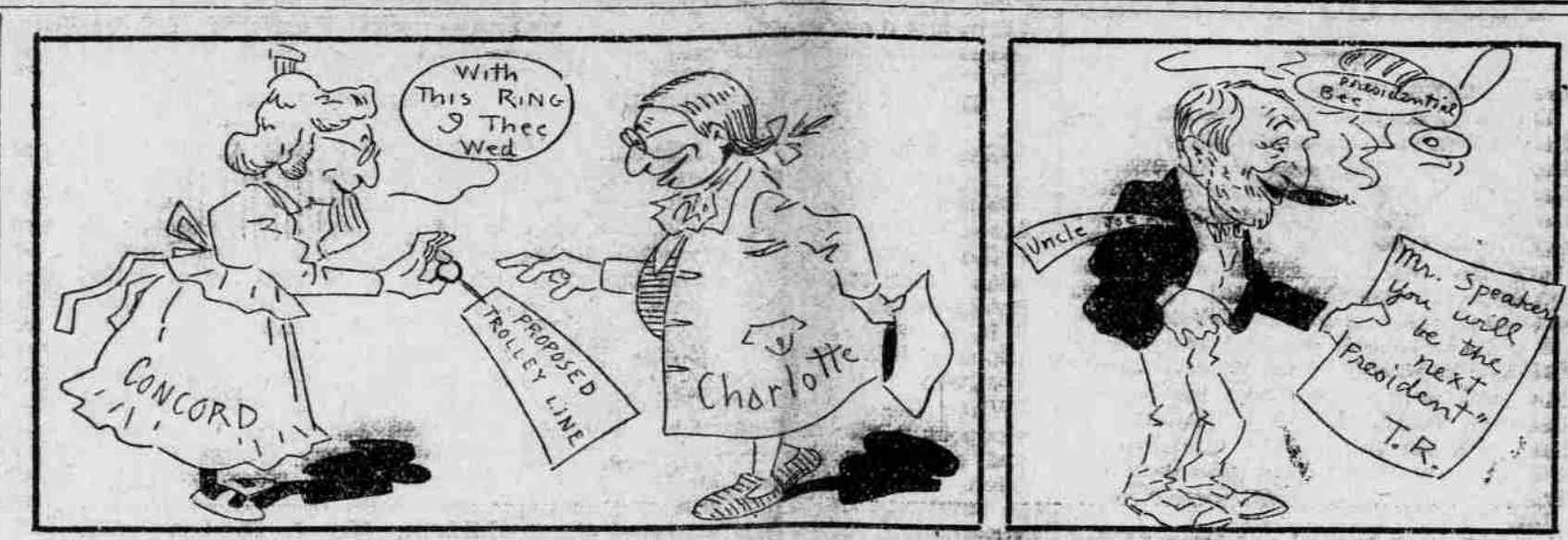
According to the department of commerce and labor, during 1904 there were 1,033,000,000 pounds of coffee consumed in the United States, valued at \$81,000,000. This is equivalent to about thirteen pounds to every man, woman and child of the population. The total production of the world during the same year was 2,260,000,000 pounds, so that the United States consumed half of the total supply. But 104,000,000 pounds of tea, worth \$17,000,000, were imported during the same period. The importers of all tropical products during the year amounted to \$465,000,000, while the total imports of all sorts reached the enormous sum of \$1,036,000,000.

INSURGENT LEADER KILLED IN BATTLE

Leader of Insurgents was Killed at Early Hour this Morning in Encounter with Rural Guards. His War Record. Two Others Killed.

By Associated Press.

Havana, Cuba, Aug. 23.—Gen Quintin Bandera, the famous negro leader of Havana province, who recently headed the insurgent band and began operating against the government, was killed early this morning in an encounter with the rural guards.



Events of the Day.

SAGE & CO. SUSPEND.

One Report Has it That Losses Amount to \$2,000,000. By Associated Press.

New York, August 23.—The brokerage offices of M. J. Sage and Company which suspended yesterday was visited by a large number of patrons and various agents in other cities who wanted to know what the company intended to do about settling accounts.

It is said the concern has \$25,000 accounts to be adjusted throughout the country, a large number of which are along the route of the two wires to New Orleans which it formerly operated. According to one report the losses amount to \$2,000,000. It is expected formal action looking towards the appointment of an assignee will be taken today and possibly an attempt will be made to organize a new company in which some of the members of the old will be included.

Beverly Appointed. Later William Beverly, chief clerk to Sage and Co., was appointed assignee. The counsel an inventory of the assets might be completed tomorrow. The postal authorities held up a quantity of the concern's mail and detailed an inspector to make inquiries.

AMERICAN BUTCHERS BEATEN

Investigation Shows that Prussian Slaughter Houses and Bakeries are Worse than American. By Associated Press.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—The government department issued a report on the sanitary condition of the Prussian bakeries and slaughter houses, to which the newspapers are giving sensational prominence, one of them using the caption "America in Prussia."

The report sets forth that many butchering establishments are located in dark cellars, where cleanliness is impossible, and others had no facilities for their employees to wash themselves. The government inspectors found particularly objectionable conditions in the bakeries. In one town they found the dough with their feet and one bakery was occupied by cats and hens. In another town the bakers oven served, adinterim, as a goose-pen. In many places the bakeries were found in close proximity to the unsanitary appurtenances of the house. One baker admitted his floors and vats were scrubbed only once a year.

TELEPHONE GIRLS STRIKE

Because of an Order Forcing them to Enter Rear Passageway 350 Girls Strike. By Associated Press.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Three hundred and fifty telephone girls employed in the central exchange of the Chicago Telephone Company struck because of the order directing the girls to enter the building through an objectionable rear passageway. Seven thousand business telephones are out of service.

SUSPENSION OF FIRM

Inability to Collect Additional Margins Renorted as Cause. By Associated Press.

SEABOARD TO MAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS

Persistently Rumored that Seaboard Air Line has Acquired the Old Rock Island Property to be Utilized in its Scheme for Better Depot Facilities.

The News learns from a reliable source today that the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company has virtually purchased the property bounded by East Trade and Fifth streets and the Seaboard tracks, known as a part of the old Rock Island property.

News readers will recall the Seaboard's purchase of that portion of the old Rock Island property lying between East Fifth and Seventh streets. The dwellings and buildings on this site have been removed and actual grading commenced for the early improvement of it by the Seaboard Company. At the time this part of the property changed hands it was known that the company desired the entire sites in order that the facilities for handling both the freight and passenger business might be improved.

Since that time Seaboard officials and their agents here, so it is rumored today, have made the deal which, it is true, means that the entire Rock Island property has been purchased by the Seaboard Company, and ultimately the improvement of it with a handsome freight and passenger depot.

This portion of the property, lying between East Trade and Fifth streets, it is rumored, has been held for \$100,000 and these figures have delayed the purchase. The rumored purchase also includes the Stone property which fronts on Trade street and extends clear through to Fifth street, which has a width on Trade of about 40 feet. The Rock Island property including the alley way has a frontage of more than 100 feet, making a total frontage on Trade street of about 150 feet. On the property is the handsome and almost new building now occupied by the Charlotte Hardware Company, a blacksmith shop and warehouse facing Fifth street.

The Charlotte Hardware Company has not been notified to vacate though a rumor is in the air that the company is looking for another location. They have a lease on the building until the first of January, 1907, which assures the present location until that time.

There seems to be little or no doubt that the Seaboard has acquired the whole of the Rock Island property. It is known that a number of Seaboard officials have been in the city during the past few weeks which adds considerable weight to the reported sale. The company has given the city assurance that the present inadequate facilities will be greatly improved and at no distant day.

UNIONIST PARTY

Is Organized to Include all Central American Republics Assured. By Associated Press.

San Salvador, Aug. 23.—The Unionist party has been organized to work in favor of the formation of the Central American Republic, to include all Central American republics as now constituted. A number of prominent Central Americans are included in its membership.

BOY INJURED.

Little George Huntley While Attempting to Mount Bicycle Was Severely Injured. Special To The News.

Wadesboro, Aug. 23.—George Huntley, the little son of Mrs. Mary Huntley, while attempting to get on his bicycle this afternoon fell and cut a severe gash in his left leg just below the knee on the pedal.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. ETHEREIDGE.

Passed Away Last Night After an Illness of a Few Days. Mr. George J. Etheridge, a well known resident of this city, died last night shortly after 10 o'clock after an illness of a few days.

Mr. Etheridge is known to many Charlotte people. He came to this city about 30 years ago from Virginia and was employed by the city to light the street lamps which were used at that time. He served in this capacity for several years after which he opened a small grocery store on South Church street which he conducted successfully for a number of years and made money which he invested in real estate. He was a good judge of the value of land and soon acquired valuable property which was at one time worth from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The deceased was 56 years old and is survived by a widow and four children Messrs. Ray and William Etheridge and Misses Louise and Pauline Etheridge.

The funeral services will be conducted from the residence on West Stonewall street this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

HEARST DOES TOO MUCH.

District Attorney Jerome Says Democrats Have Tried Bad Medicine But Hearst Pill is Too Much. By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 23.—District Attorney Jerome again talked of the political situation in this State today. He said he believed the time was now ripe for many leaders of Tammany Hall to state their positions. He also declared that Hearst was the man who did not figure in the coming campaign. "If Hearst was nominated by the Democratic convention, would you support him?" was asked.

"You will never face this situation," he replied. "Let's discuss something practical. The Democratic party has had to swallow some bitter draughts in the past but it will never stand for that medicine."

YESTERDAY'S WRECK

Another Slight Wreck Reported Last Night. Special to The News.

Raleigh Aug. 23.—The debris of the wreck at Method was cleared today so the Southern trains might stop passing over the Seaboard track. As a freight backed under the union depot shed this morning at 2 o'clock to take the Seaboard track the caboose was backed against an abutment, which smashed in splinters. The caboose was overturned and set on fire. It was extinguished before serious damage was done.

TO GET JIM ROSS.

Requisition Issued on Governor of Va. for Jim Ross. Special To The News.

Raleigh Aug. 23.—Governor Glenn issues a requisition on Gov. Swanson of Virginia for Jim Ross, the escaped convict under sentence in Mecklenburg county for six months for an assault on Doll Harries.

KILLS FORMER FRIEND.

Man Fired Fatal Shot, Also Wounded—Says Victim Used Gun First. Richmond, Aug. 23.—One man was killed and another wounded in a shooting affray which occurred at Jarretts, Sussex county, last night. The participants in the fight were J. P. Matthews and Frank Johnston, both well known in that neighborhood. Eight or ten shots were exchanged by the men, and Matthews died within a few hours as a result of a wound in the abdomen. Johnston was shot in the ankle.

The two men had been on very intimate terms until a few months ago, when on one occasion they exchanged bitter words. Matthews accusing Johnston of being too intimate with his wife and threatening to kill him if he came to the house again. About this time Matthews and his wife separated and have not lived together since.

There had been bitter feeling between the men and yesterday they met near Jarretts Station, Johnston claiming that Matthews cursed him. He struck Matthews in the face with his fist, whereupon Matthews fired several shots and Johnston returned them with deadly effect.

HANGED HIMSELF TO TREE.

Well Dressed Foreigner Used Leather Belt in Place of Rope. East Radford, Va., Aug. 23.—Anton Cachora, a well dressed foreigner about forty-five years old, hanged himself by his leather belt from a limb of a tree on the public highway four miles from Radford about yesterday about 6 o'clock. No cause is known for the act. Papers found on his person showed that he had been employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, and the McArthur Brothers Company, his check number being 298 with the former and 157 with the latter, and that he sent money home to Maria Cachora, at Resica.

He was taken before the mayor of Radford yesterday morning on the charge of being a suspicious character, but was dismissed. He could speak but little English, but said that he was a machinist and was looking for work.

SUGAR WAR LOWERS PRICE

Rate of \$4.30 on Coast Causes Dealers to Seek Eastern Markets. San Francisco, Aug. 23.—After five months' competition by the Western Sugar Refinery and the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co., the price of sugar has dropped from \$5.25 to \$4.30. In New York the price is \$4.80, while at the Missouri River it is \$5.00. The \$4.30 price in the local market means the ruin of the Pacific Coast.

This figure is so low that southern and other beet-sugar makers refuse to sell here, and are shipping all their output to the Missouri River. Both the local refineries are also shipping to the Missouri River. Their fight, however, is against the Pacific coast.

It is estimated that the 85-cent reduction will affect 150,000,000 pounds, and that there will be a reduction from 27 to 30 cents per hundred pounds on 350,000,000 pounds.

HOKE SMITH WINS GREAT MAJORITY

Latest Returns from Primaries Strengthen Hoke Smith's Hold on Governorship. Will go in Convention with 300 Votes. Nomination on First Ballot. By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Aug. 23.—The latest returns from the primaries seem only to strengthen Hon. Hoke Smith's hold on the governorship by a majority unprecedented.

The figures, today, which lack official confirmation and which do not include three remote counties, show the following division: Hoke Smith 115; Howell 10; Russell 10; James M. Smith 3; Estill 4.

On this basis Mr. Smith will go into the convention with approximately 300 votes, sufficient to nominate on the first ballot.

The only contests in the congressional districts were in the first and third. In the former J. W. Overstreet was selected for the unexpired and W. W. Shepard for full term.

In the third and all other districts renominations were made. Senator Bacon had no opposition.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON

Monroe, Aug. 23.—Monroe's first new bale of cotton for 1906 was sold yesterday by J. A. Arant of Chesterfield county to J. E. Stack for 10 cts. This is the second new bale sold in the State this year.

GOVT. CONTRIBUTES \$4,000,000 FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY

Some Business Houses Opened at Valparaiso. City Under Martial Law, Traffic by Water and Rail Resumed. Postal Service Also in Operation.

Great Trouble in Burying Dead Since Cemeteries all Destroyed, Coffins Piled High, Great Dread of Outbreak of Plague. Many Leave City.

By Associated Press.

Valparaiso, Aug. 23.—Some business houses have opened for the first time since the earthquake. Telephone and telegraphic communication with Santiago has been re-established. The city is still under martial law. As the first instalment the government has appropriated \$4,000,000 for the relief of the destitute.

The custom house has been re-opened and traffic by water and rail has been resumed. Postal service is also in operation.

One of the greatest difficulties encountered by the authorities is the interment of the bodies recovered from the ruins, as all cemeteries were destroyed. At various temporary morgues heaps of coffins are accumulated, awaiting the designation of their places of burial.

The work of recovering the bodies is being pushed to the utmost in order to avoid an epidemic, in fear of which many families are leaving the city. Through the whole length of Brazil Avenue and all over Victoria Square sheds have been constructed to shelter the homeless from the severe rains.

Further Details of Disaster. Lima, Aug. 23.—The further details received from Valparaiso show that out of 40 employees of the telephone company there, 38 were killed. When the house of President-Elect Montt collapsed, his wife fell from the balcony and fingers to rob her of jewelry. She was taken in a flying state on board the Chilean warship O'Higgins.

Among the dead at Valparaiso is Federico Varella, a famous capitalist and politician.

Heavy rains at Valparaiso have increased the hardships.

NEW SOUTHERN YARDS.

Surveys Begun at Junction—Will Be Used for All Transfer Freight. Surveys have been begun on the extensive new freight yards that the Southern will soon have built out at the junction, north of the city.

These yards are among the most complete in the South, in a city of the size of Charlotte, and will be modernly equipped and arranged.

All of the through freight and transfer work will be done at the junction yards, while the old yards on A street between the freight depot and Vance street will be given over wholly to the local freight.

The new yards at the junction, as has been stated previously, are made necessary on account of the growth of the Southern's freight business in this city and also on account of the immense amount of transfer and through freight that has to be handled here.

The new yards will give the railroad ample room for their work, and relieve the congested condition at the old yards which have become so crowded that it is about all the freight men can do to look after the vast amount of work that is done there.

It will be, of course, quite a while before the yards are completed but the work will be pushed as fast as conditions will permit, and when it is all completed the Southern will have unexcelled facilities here for handling any amount of freight.

THE HUNTERVILLE PICNIC.

Immense Crowd is Enjoying the Festivities of the Day—Tournament this Afternoon. It is estimated that at least 2,000 persons are on the grounds at Huntersville today attending the great picnic which has been widely heralded for the past few days. People have come from every section and the day is being spent quietly but pleasantly.