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TO REDUCE FIRE

mendous Fire Waste.

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN

panies Should Adopt Policy to Reduce Fire Waste and Co-Operate.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

surance companies responsible for lina gold mine. this waste, Mr. A. W. McAllister, of companies, in a statement today beis investigating fire insurance conditions, proposed as a remedy that the State should treat the fire waste as it does any other public evil or nuisance, and that the fire insurance companies should assume the same unselfish, altruistic attitude towards the fire waste, which the life insurance companies have assumed to-wards the public health. When this has been done, Mr. Mcallister declared with conviction, the cost of fire insurance can be reduced to a figure which will not be a burden to anyone. Mr. McAllister, who is a veteran in-

The special legislative commission for the investigation of the conduct of resumed session this afternoon for what, it is hoped, will be the final sitting for the taking of evidence. and all other commissioners are here, these being, Senators Barnes and Representatives H. A. Page, Elmer Long and A. A. F. Seawell. The commission was to have met at 11 o'clock but the hearing did not begin until

B o'clock this afternoon. The first witness was M. W. Nash, of Hamlet, who testified to the effect that the agents of those companies not members of the Southeastern Tariff Association applie dthe southeastern tariffs as a rule just as do the agents of the companies regularly in the association. Mr. Nash is now practicing law at Hamlet, but has been an active insurance agent.

Mr. A. W. McAlister, one of the foremost insurance men of the State, was called to the stand as the only other witness for the day. He made a remarkably comprehensive statement in writing in which he took the ground that neither the insurance said a young woman in his office had pines. Captain West has spent much companies nor the State are doing made copies of the letter on Rules what they ought for the betterment of insurance conditions.

surance man, has made a deep study of the question for years, and his

The statement follows, in part: I confess that any opinion I may express will not be worth anything if my point of view is that the insurance companies are doing all they can and all that can reasonably be expected of them in the matter. Neither would it be worth anything if looking at it from the standpoint of the State, I should hold that the State is did ask to have it re-established and doing all that she can do and all that Williams sent a man to see if the procan reasonably be expected of her in the matter. I hope to make it clear that neither are the insurance companies doing their part, nor is the State doing its part; that both the one and the other have something to contrib-ute to a satisfactory solution; and hat neither one can make the propoition of cheaper insurance rates go inless the other measures up to duty and shoulders its share of the responsibility. I hope to be able to ate as show that between the State and the cluded. insurance companies in this matter of rates there is a mutuality of responsibility to be met only by mutuality of effort and understanding. You see what I mean when I suggest that the mobile element, the unfixed charge in the fire insurance rate, is hat most uncertain of all things, the fire loss, and that this major part of the fire insurance cost depends in large measure upon the restraining and protective influence of the laws of the State on the one hand and this same restraining and preventive inand protective influence of the laws duence of the method which the insurin'e companies use in the conduct of leir business on the other. Both the e and the insurance companies

have taken the wrong measure of that thriftless, wasteful wealth destroying habit which we call the fire waste. The State has regarded it too much as a joke on the insurance companies and as a matter of concern for them rather than for the public, while insurance companies may have in turn regarded it as no affair of theirs long as the rates paid the bill. at attitude of the State on the one and and of the insurance companies hat attitude on the part of both has

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McAlister Says Reduce Tre- Of Method Used to Promote After Sending Biographical is Reached in Niagara Heavy Loss of Life When If He Desires His Delegates Wilson Discloses Some Inter-Gold Mine Property.

Says State and Fire Insurance Com- Introduces Resolution in Senate Late Discharged From the Service Yesterday-Charges That Senate Letter Heads Were Used Are Being Made.

Washington, June 15.-The way was lower in North Carolina until the tre- tionery and the alleged employment for such use as may appear." mendous fire waste is reduced, and of government officials in connection

Greensboro, manager of "The Origi- Loned in connection with the mine, received in local newspaper offices to- Late in the day word came from engulfing several pedestrians. nal Four" Greensboro fire insurance introduced a resolution calling for such an inquiry and it was endorsed by Senator Chilton, another Senator fore the legislative committee, which whose name figured in the same way. The resolution was referred with-

ou. debate to the committee on contingent expenses, and probably will be reported for action within a few days. There is little doubt that it will be agreed to without opposition. The call for an investigation came he as a result of a report published today that there had appeared in the office of New York brokers, letters boosting the mine of the Gold Hill Consolidated Con pany, written on staspecious tionery of the Senate Committee on Rules, of which Mr. Overman is chairman, and of the Committee on Census, of which Mr. Chilton is chairman. The letter on the Census committee stationery was addressed to Senator fire insurance companies of this State Chilton and signed by J. C. Williams, an economic and mining engineer. The other letter was said to be iden-

> Expert Sent to Investigate.
> According to the published report the chief expert of the United States assay office was sent to investigate the mine by Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams several months ago when Mr. Williams was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. the letters appeared, carrying the names of all Senators on the committees as do all such letter pad heads.
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> This disturbed several of the mem-

pers of the committees and Senator LaFollette prepared a resolution identical with that introduced later by Mr. introduced it he would,

said they were interested in the Gold caused him to be recommended for Hill Company, out denied any knowledge of the use of the Senate stationery to boost it. Senator Overman committee paper at the request of Walter George Newman, said to be promoter of the mine and Mr. Chilton startling facts and statistics, will be read with interest by all who have telt the pinch or high insurance rates, and who are interested in reducing to his office and got his clerk to make copies on Census committee paper.

"This mine is in my county," said Senator Overman. "Before the war, at one time it was the largest with the first senator of the senator of t said that Williams, the engineer, came producer in the United States. An assay office was established at Charlotte, N. C., to test the gold from it. Some time ago, Newman, whom I know nothing about, went down there and unwatered it. He said that by cross cutting he had found a vein that had been lost. I refused to have anytuing to do with attempting to have the assay office re-established. Some

establishment of the assay office. Overman Invested \$2,000. "In view of what I knew of the mine and of what Newman reported, I invested \$2,000 in the stock. I have done nothing to promote it. All that has been done in my office was done by a poor woman who worked there temporarily."

Senator Chilton addressed the Senate as soon as Senator Overman con-

NEW RESERVE SYSTEM

nated Reserve Board.

Charles S. Hamlin Given Place Refused by Simmons of St. Louis. Governor of Board is Yet

the other is the one thing that is today when President Wilson nomi-Esponsible for high insurance rates, nated the five men who, serving with Severn; Robert F. Flowe, Kannapolis; they can never be any lower until the Secretary of the Treasury and the P. P. Green, Thomasville; Oscar J een reversed. Let the State treat Comptroller of the Currency, ex-offi- Houser, Cherryville; Claude B. Hicks,

Sketch to Papers

His Wife Had Divorced Hi and Other Trouble Had R sulted at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., June 15 .- "Enclosed

at first acquitted me; but on some in the diplomatic situation in so far as with it a number of persons who had ered" their communications request-specious reasoning which I never saw, the United States was concerned. taken shelter under the awning of a it changed its decision and Daniels with his new policy finished me. I lost the income on \$50,000 and in my state of health life is impossible." the United States was concerned.

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ing of the body and hastened to Chat- not recognize the revolutionists. tanooga. Messages from there late today said that he had a chance of What purported to be re-production of recovery, although he might be blind as a result of injury by the bullet to to realize that the man to succee his frontal bone.

Captain West is 47 years old and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1888. He served in the navy only a short time when he resigned and engaged in teaching. When the Overman, announcing if no one else Spanish war broke out he volunteered and saw service as a navigator of Waiter George Newman's Hand. United States vessels in Cuban and president who would be acceptable Senators Overman and Chilton both Porto Rican waters. His services to the Constitutionalists. Among these

promotion.

School of Technology.

ADDED TO THE LIST

Pass State Board of Medical Examiners.

duction down there justified the re- Out of 118 Applicants, 37 Fall to Pass -Four of the Successful Ones Negroes-One Wilmington

(Special Star Telegram.)

that 81 applicants for license to pracmarks.

First honors went to Thaddeus

Wilkerson, Roxboro, with a grade of 93; second honors to Paul A. Petree, Charles W. Armstrong, Troy; Edward C. Ashby, Mount Airy; Ralph H. Baynes, Hurdles Mills; W. D. R. Brandon, Statesville; Joseph F. Belton, Mount Airy; W. P. Belk, Charlotte; Oscar R. Black, Piney Creek; Roderick M. Buie, Bonlee; Edmund J. Bryson, Cullowhee; F. McL. Bennette, Richmond, Va.; Earl L. Bow-man, Liberty; Clarence M. Bynum, Goldston; George E. Bowdoin, Wilmington; Rowland S. Clinton, Gastonia; Numa H. Crews, Henderson; Eugene R. Cocke, Asheville; W. S. Cozart, Stem; E. S. Clark, Clarkton; Joseph H. Caldwell, Charlotte; L. M. Fetner, Charlotte; L. M. Futrell,

Streets Cave In

Selection of Men for Provisional Gov- Over Five Hundred Square Feet of the Rebel Chief Told That He Must Agree Roadway Sank in One Place-Gas Explosion Adds to Danger of Rescue Work.

Washington, June 15.—Government | Paris, France, June 15.—A thunder | Niagara Falls, Ont., June 15.—The conserence at Niagara Fails over the caused loss of life and enormous dam- graph tonight that they would not adholding both the State and the fire in- with the promotion of a North Caro- by Ernest E. West, former navy and posed provisional government. They, streets and caused the bursting of ence here unless an armistice were marine corps officer, and accompanied however, still seemed confident that sewers. In the central fashionable declared and internal as well as inter-Senator Overman, one of those men- by an auto-biographical sketch, was conditions presented would be met. | quarter of the city a street caved in, national phases of the Mexican prob-

day information was received from Niagara Falls that South American The number of victims is not known Chattanooga, Tenn., that West had mediators had replied to the recent owing to the danger of approaching been found unconscious in a hotel note from General Carranza, chief of the immense pits resulting from the room there with a bullet wound in the Mexican Constitutionalists, stat-collapse of sidewalks and roadways. his forehead. A revolver lay near-ing that his offer to send delegates to The police estimate the victims at sev- of Constitutionalist delegates to the

the storm was at its height 500 square feet of the roadway sank, carrying they feared he "had not duly considtaken shelter under the awning of a cafe. Water spurted from the broken Mexican problem. into a veritable river

here, and further difficulties which ing the last few months, it was point- quarter was immediately isolated and arose in connection with Mrs. West's ed out, had made it apparent that the large detachments of police were hast. June 11th, says in part, referring to Simmons, president of that company Relatives of Captain West were no- irrespective of mediation and that ily summoned. President Poincaire the mediators' note dated June 2nd: a place on the Federal Reserve Board. tified here and in Rome, Ga., of his there could be no provisional govern- sent a member of his military housecondition immediately after the find- ment worthy of the name which did hold to the scene, and troops were or- far back as April last your good offi- gramme, it was announced that Mr. dered to aid the police and firemen ces and as you are now awaiting the Simmons had declined the appointin their efforts at rescue. Taxicab Engulfed.

About the same time, a large section of the roadway in the Place Saint first chief of the Constitutionalist ar-Augustin suddenly collapsed. A passing taxicab was engulfed. Eeye witnesses saw a woman's hand waving from the vehicle and the head of the chauffeur as the taxicab disappeared. Almost immediately a great block of stone fell upon it. A large wagonette just missed the same fate. Police kept the people away from

the roadway, which continued slowly to subside. Suddenly a sheet of flame shot up to the house tops, with a terrific detonation. Gas from a broken pipe had caught fire, and the crowd, seized with a mad terror, sought safety in the surrounding houses.

while this situation would seem to PHYSICIANS POURING INTO CAPITAL CITY

According to this report, the Mexican delegates compomise candidate is Candidate is He has not This Morning

> State Association of Health Officers Elects Officers and Adjourns-Dr. W. M. Jones, of Guilford, is Elected President.

(Special Star Telegram.) . Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—Physicians are pouring into the city from every part of the State for the annual convention of the North Caro- tivities. lina Medical Society which meets in initial session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. More than 300 are expected, the sessions continuing through

The Association of North Carolina Health Officers in final session here tonight elected the following officers: President, Dr. W. M. Jones, Guil-

Craig declared that if the conditions at Morehead City as to sanitary affairs are as represented, the State Board of Health was abundantly justified in publishing to the world in the Health Bulletin just what the conditions and the attitude of the Morehead authorities were. The Governor's subject was "State Responsibility for Human Life." He commended the work of the State Board of Health and appealed to the health officers to enforce the sanitation laws vania coal strike, as outlined recentand protect the health of the citizens without fear or favor.
There were about 75 health officers here from all parts of the State, the convention consisting of three ses-

CEASE FIGHTING

Admitted to Conference

to Armistice and Discussion of

Mexican Internal Affairs.

Message Sent.

lem were accepted as the scope of me-

This action followed the receipt of a note from Rafael Zubaran, special representative of Carranza in Washington, announcing the appointment mediation conference at which, ac-The wounded man recently was dised only if he agreed to cease hostiliThe most serious cave-in occurred conditionalist chief, "it is sought to settle missed from the marine corps where ties against Huerta. That Carranza at the junction of the Rue La Boetie the international conflict which has he held the rank of captain. One of would not consent to such a condition and the Fabourg Saint Honore. When arisen between the United States and the Mexican republic.

ing an armistice and that his representatives should discuss the entire

Their notification was sent to Gen. Carranza at Saltillo shortly after the been in conference for two hours dis- of the administration. One letter was marine corps followed separation and difficulties which to terms. Developments divorce from wife, mhom he married in the Mexican internal conflict durbers and further difficulties which the mediators and their reply were made public tonight. The first dated Carranza's Note.

"Having accepted in principles as appointment of commissioners I have ment and that Charles S. Hamlin, of the honor to inform you that I appoint Boston, would be named in his stead. on my part as representative of the Nothing to Do With Refusal. my under my command, Fernando Jose Vasconcelos to attend as my settle the international conflict which has arisen between the United States and the Mexican republic.

"I would thank you to have the kindness to reply to this note in order that in a proper case I may give instructions to my representatives that they may proceed to Niagara Falls for the discharge of their mission authorized by me. The reply of the mediators sent by telegraph today follows:

'We have had the honor this day of receiving the communication which you addressed us and we hasten to advise you of our fear that you have not duly considered the final paragraphs of our note of the second inst, "We greet you with our highest consideration."

Question of Successor. The Carranza communications barely were mentioned at the conference which was devoted entirely to the question of selecting a provisional president to succeed Gen. Huerta. It was the third day of discussion of personnel and was as fruitless as previous meetings. As rapidly as the American delegates mentioned a name, the Huerta delegates cited their objections to it. Absolutely no headway was made. The American delegates spoke of but few individuals as the Washington government is experiencing considerable difficulty in getting names of suitable men.

During the conference inquiry was made as to whether Charles A. Towne was representing the interests of the Huerta government in Washington. The Huerta delegates replied that they knew nothing about his ac-

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER CRITICISES THEODORE

Says Roosevelt Bragged of a Treasonable Scheme.

To Intrude on State's Rights and Violate Otherwise the Fundamental Laws of the Land-Pennsylvania Strike.

ly by the ex-President, was criticised by Judge Alton B. Parker, once a can- welcome your suggestions that further didate for the Presidency, in addressng the graduating class at the Yale business be postponed until Decem-Law School today.

esting Correspondence.

Being Waged by Certain Interests Against Administration Policies and Urging Early Adjournment of Congress.

Washington, June 15.-President Wilson came out today with a flat declaration that, despite what he characterized as a deliberate campaign by certain interests to secure adjournment of Congress, and postponement of the administration's trust legislation programme, he would use every influence at his command to get the pending bills through the Senate at this session.

Choosing his words carefully, the President disclosed his belief that organized distribution of circular letters and telegrams among business men, members of Congress and other public officials calling for an adjournment of Congress, a halt in the trust bills, an The mediators told Gen. Carranza increase in freight rates for the railroads, and a "rest for business," was responsible for wnat he recently described as a "psychological depres-

In support of that view, the White House made public copies of letters American and Huerta delegates had and telegrams brought in by friends June 9. Just prior to that date, President Wilson had offered to E. C. Today, just before the President ex-

Nothing to Do With Refusal. White House officials emphatically denied that the Simmons letter had Iglesias Calderon, Luis Babrera and anything to do with the declination of the appointment. It was said, howdelegates the conference you are now ever, that the President did not know holding and at which it is sought to of the letter when he offered Mr. Simmons he place.

The declaration and the publication of the letters created a mild sensation, approaching that which followed the President's denunciation of the "insidious lobby," which he said, was threatening the tariff bill last year. Senators and representatives discussed the situation but no action was taken. One of the letters made public purported to have been sent out by the Pictorial Review Company, of New York, and was signed by W. P. Ahnelt, president, under date of May 1. It accompanied a prepared letter protesting against trust legislation, praying for a freight rate increase and suggesting an adjournment of Congress, with the further suggestion that the recipient mail copies to the President, members of Congress, the Inter-Commerce Commission and oth-State

er officials in Washington. The letter, signed by Ahnelt, says that "prosperity has been lost somewhere in this country, owing to the mischievous activities of the politice ians," and that the draft o an enclos-ed letter "embraces the views of a majority of the thinking business people o our section."

The Simmons Letter. The Simmons letter declared that the three things which stood in the way of prosperity were the Mexican situation, the awaited advance in the freight rates and continued hostile legislation in Congress. It said in part:
"Especially do we recommend that no further attempt at legislation on the matter of the control of business or passing of anti-trust laws should be continued at this time. What the country needs more now than anyhing else, is a quiet time—an absoute rest from the agitation of politics and assaults upon business—it does not make any difference whether it is

ig business or little business.
"We, therefore, strongly recommend and earnestly hope that Congress may be convinced that they have done enough law-making for the present; that the country is absolutely tired and surfeited with political agitations and that the agitation now of the control of business is exceedingly injurious and will serve to retard an improvement in business, which otherwise would be very great and rapid. "We submit these arguments or

reasons to you, asking you and prayfollowing the lines suggested in this ommunication, viz: To have Congress shut up shop and go home. II you agree with us, send to your congressmen and senators a telegram saying like the enclosed and urge your com-New York, June 15 .- Theodore mercial club to pass strong resolutions Roosevelt's attitude in the Pennsyl- along similar lines and send them to Washington.

"Our representatives there are worr out physically and mentally and will consideration and legislation affecting

NEARING COMPLETION

to be Appointed.

Washington, June 15.—Organization of the new National banking and currency system, entered its last stages

OVERMAN REQUESTS CAPT. ERNEST WEST SUCCESS OF PLAN PARIS VISITED BY INSURANCE RATES AN INVESTIGATION ATTEMPTS SUICIDE HANGS IN BALANCE

Falls Conference

NORTH CAROLINA FORMER NAVY OFFICE INSWER TO CARRANZA TAXICAB IS ENGULFED IS WORD OF MEDIATORS DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN

ernment at Mexico City is Bone of Contention-Both Sides Inclined to Disagree.

Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—Declaring opened in the Senate today for an in- herewith is certain biographical data officials admitted tonight that there storm of phenomenal violence tonight three South American mediators forthat fire insurance rates can be no vestigation of the use of Senate sta- which I request you to retain on file was a crisis in the Mexican mediation raged over Paris for three hours. It mally advised Gen. Carranza by tele-Two hours after this note, signed selection of men to represent the pro- age to property. The rain flooded the mit his representatives to the confer-

the peace conference would be accept- en, at elast.

his notes referred to his dismissal as had been repeatedly asserted by him, follows:

And all his representatives. This de-"The court which recently tried me velopment, therefore, caused no hang be no solution of the Mexican prob-Dismissal of Captain West from the lem unless the warring factions would

> Must be a Constitutionalist. To satisfy the Constitutionalists the Washington government was declared Huerta pending a Constitutional election must be one in whom the Carran-

zistas would have confidence. With this position as a basis, has been revealed, the Washington government suggested through its representatives at Niagara Falls, the names of several men for provisional was Pedro Lascurin, who was a member of the Madero cabinet. Represen-After the war he entered the marine tatives of Huerta at the peace concorps and saw service in the Philip- ference have not accepted any of these men, but have proposed in turn time here and formerly was a mem- who have not been identified with the ber of the faculty of the Georgia Constitutionalist movement, These who have not been identified with the names have not been acceptable to the United States so far as can be

earned here. precipitate a deadlock, it was reported here that the Huerta delegates were prepared to suggest a compromise candidate and that, in any event they would not take the initiative in breaking off negotiations.

been identified with the Huerta regime, but is declared not to be acceptable to the Constitutionalists. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were in communication with the American delegates at Niagara Falls early in the day. A message outlining the position of this government relative to suggestions for the

provisional government made by the

Huerta delegates was sent to Justice

Lamar. Its contents were not di-

thaniel F. Rodman, Norfolk; Charles Raleigh, N. C., une 15.—The State E. Roebuck, Williamston; William M. board of medical examiners announces Scroggs, Rutherfordton; Thomas G. Sharp, Charlotte; David B. Sloan, Intice medicine in this State passed L. Sherrill, Catawba; Chas. E. Spoon, successfully the examinations held in Kimesville; Irving E. Shafer, Gold this city the past week, and will re-Chas. E. Sharp, Linwood; Sheldon A ceive licenses. There were 118 in Saunders, Orlander; George M. Smith, Thursday. the class that undertook the examina- Unionville; E. B. Shaw, Whitney; tions, 37 failing to make satisfactory Benjamin A. Thaxton, Roxboro; Silas Thompson, Lumberton; Ramon Troxler, Brown Summit; Lee F. Turleigh; Thaddeus E. Wilkerson, Rox-boro; Andrew J. Warren, Hurdles Mills; Hugh D. Ward, Southport; Newton G. Wilson, Madison; George L. Withers, Davidson; T. B. Woods L. Withers, Davidson; T. B. Woods, Maysville; J. B. Walker, Union Bridge; Chas. L. York, Sparta. There are four negroes licensed, as

> follows: Thomas T. Brown, Raleigh; Hubert A. Parris, Raleigh; Charles O. Stewart; Greensboro; Joseph Thompson, Raleigh. Reciprocal Licenses. The State board of examiners granted reciprocal licenses to 26 physicians who have licenses from other States the standard of which are approved by the North Carolina board.

The list follows: Romulus Z. Linney, Hopeton, Okla.; John M. Earnhardt, Rockwell; Ed-ward S. Boice, Richmond, Va.; Huand attitude on the part of both has given reversed. Let he State trees. State reversed as a state of the state trees. State reversed as a state of the state trees. State reversed as a state of the state trees. State reversed as a state of the state trees. State reversed as a state of the state trees. State reversed as a state of the state o