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INSURANCE MEN GUESSING

LOSS $200,000,000 TO $500,000,000

FIRE DIES OUT AMONG DOCKS

After Adding Nearly a Mile of Grain Sheds and Wharves to General Destruction, Conflagration Appears to Have Burned Itself Out, and First Estimates of Financial Loss Are Heard—Ruined District Practically Bounded on the West by Van Ness Avenue—Multitude of Destitute People Still Remain, Despite Exodus of Thousands, and Reports of Suffering Come From All Sides—Dissatisfaction at Too Free Firing on Pedestrians by Mere Boys Among the Militia—Many Rumors of Summary Executions—Old Spanish-Built Church Unscathed.

San Francisco, April 21.—Again came the appearance this morning that the fire had burned itself out. Last night the flames came from Nob Hill ridge, making their way to the big sea wall sheds, docks and warehouses, but reports of damage done are conflicting. One statement is that most of the valuable property on the extreme shore line escaped. A Bulletin reporter who had skirted the water front in a tug this morning says that everything except four docks had been swept clean from Fisherman's Wharf at the foot of Powell street, to a point around Westerly, almost to the ferry building. This means that nearly a mile of grain sheds, docks and wharves have been added to the general destruction. The reporter also declared that he saw fire blazing in South San Francisco last night and that spots in the suburbs were smouldering this afternoon. According to his account, the fire was still burning at the foot of Powell street early to-day, but there was no possibility of its going into the Presidio district.

The fire broke out in the South Side ferry building last night, but fire tugs did effective work and saved the building from danger in that direction.

BOUNDARIES OF THE RUINS.

In the section north of Market street, the ruined district is practically bounded on the west by Van Ness avenue, although in many blocks the flames destroyed squares to the west of that thoroughfare. The Van Ness avenue burned line runs northerly to Greenwich street, which is a few blocks from the bay. Then the bounary goes up over Telegraph Hill and down in that portion of the shore that faces Oakland. Practically everything in the district bounded by Market street, Van Ness avenue, Greenwich street and the bay is in ashes. On the east side of Hyde Street Hill, the fire burned down to Bay street and Montgomery avenue and stopped at that intersection. All south of Market street, with perhaps some exceptions in the vicinity of the Pacific Mail dock, is gone. This section is bounded on the north by Market street and runs out to Guererro street, goes out that street two blocks, turns west to Dolores, runs west six blocks to about Twenty-second, taking in four blocks on the other side of Dolores. The fire then took an irregular course southward, spreading out as far as Twenty-fifth street, and going down that way to the southerly bay shore.

MAKES INSURANCE MEN DIZZY.

Rolla V. Watt, manager of the Royal and Queen Insurance Companies and one of the most prominent insurance men on the coast, was asked to-day if he would hazard a estimate on the financial loss. He said: "My idea is something like $200,000,000. I have heard other insurance men place the figure at $500,000,000. We don't know. It is simply too big for any human head to figure out at this time."

Dissatisfaction is being expressed at the conduct of some of the soldiers. Many of those doing guard duty and patrol duty are little more than mere boys who are wrought up to a high pitch of excitement by their position and have been shooting at pedestrians in circumstances where milder orders would have answered just as well. Chief of Police Dinan has asked the military authorities to withdraw many of these companies from the city.

SUFFERINGS CONTINUE.

Despite the exodus of thousands of homeless from San Francisco, a multitude of destitute people remain, and reports of suffering for want of food and shelter come in from all sides.

Mission Dolores church, the oldest building in the city, erected 130 years ago by the Spanish Missionaries, survived the earthquake shocks and was saved from the fire. It is constructed of adobe blocks. The newer church built of brick alongside of the old building, suffered from the earthquake.

MANY THIEVES REPORTED SHOT.

Many rumors of summary execution of men caught in the act of looting last night were afloat to-day, but they could not be verified. The only case of shooting positively known is that of a foreigner who was ordered to chop down some trees by a soldier. Not understanding English, the foreigner started to walk away and was shot through the body and dangerously wounded.

There are persistent but unconfirmed reports of the hanging of two men in Jefferson Square last night. It is reported also that two Japanese were shot and killed by soldiers in the western addition and that there was considerable thievery in the residence section last night.

There was very little water in the unburned section of the city to-day, but it was promised by the water company that all that section lying west of Van Ness avenue would have connections with the water mains before morning.

PLENTY OF FOOD NOW ON HAND.

How to Get it to the People is a Serious Problem, However—City Divided Into Nine Relief Districts.

San Francisco, April 21.—With the break of day, steamers from Oakland, Alameda, Vallejo and other points through which the railroads have means of communication with San Francisco began loading cargoes of supplies at various points along the water front from the Potrero to the Presidio. These were in sufficient quantities to eliminate at once all idea that there would be any suffering from lack of food, provided that means could be had to get it to the people. For this purpose the sub-committee on relief of the general committee established nine general food depots throughout the city. At each of these points dray loads of provisions were stored and distributed as fast as the lines of applicants could be served.

The districting of the city in accordance with the directions of the mayor was undertaken by the relief committee early in the morning and by noon was well under way. When this has been perfected those of the people of San Francisco who from one motive or another have refrained from making their wants known at the public headquarters will be reached and succored. The lack of teams reported to the general committee Friday evening had been met by morning. In many cases individuals came forward and offered the services of their horses and wagons, one gentleman in particular providing the committee with twenty vehicles.

The work of tabulating the vacant houses throughout the unburned districts was undertaken by the associated charities board and it was hoped that by nightfall some 1,500 houses would be at the service of the relief committee.

SANTA ROSA'S DEAD ABOUT 100.

Not One Brick or Stone Building is Left Standing and People Are Afraid to Sleep Indoors—City Under Martial Law.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 21.—The list of known dead now totals 58, and it is believed that 100 is a conservative estimate of the number of persons who lost their lives in the awful catastrophe which visited this city on Wednesday morning. Five bodies were recovered to-day from the wreckage and the search has hardly begun.

The entire business section is in ruins and practically every residence in town is more or less damaged, 15 or 20 being badly wrecked. The damage to residences was caused principally by the sinking of the foundations, which let many structures down on to the ground. The brick and stone business blocks, together with the public buildings, were all thrown flat. The court house, hall of records, the Occidental and Santa Rosa Hotels, the Atheneaum Theatre, the new Masonic Temple, Odd Fellows' block, all the banks—everything went—and in all the city not one brick or stone building is standing, except the California Northwestern depot.

Almost every one here is sleeping out of doors, being afraid to enter their homes except for a short while at a time until repairs have been made. There are plenty of provisions.

The city is under full martial law, Company C, of Petaluma, having been called to assist the local company in preserving order. Many deputy sheriffs and and special police have been sworn in, but no trouble has yet occurred and none is expected. Forty marines, under command of Captain Holcombe, arrived to-day from Mare Island and did splendid work in assisting in the search. Forty-two bodies were buried to-day.

CONFLICT OF ORDERS ONE EVIL

Military and Civil Headquarters Are So Far Apart That it Is Difficult to Attain Harmonious Action—Temporary Frame Structures Going Up.

San Francisco, April 21.—The headquarters of General Funston, Commanding the military, located at Fort Mason, on the North Beach, and those of Mayor Schmitz, in Franklin Hall at Filmore and Bush streets, are so widely separated that there is some times a conflict of orders. Every effort at co-operation between the military and civil authorities is being made and it is hoped some sort of rapid communication between the different headquarters will be established to-day. The needs of the people in many districts were so urgent that there was no time to consult each other in taking measures for their immediate relief.

Brigadier General Funston and Mayor Schmitz co-operated later in the day in the establishment of the military district with the military headquarters at Park Lodge. Engineer, sanitary and Signal Corps officers were detailed to take charge of these departments and the military will promptly do everything possible to relieve the uncomfortable situation of the refugees now in the park. Lumber is being delivered at the park to-day and temporary frame structures are being erected on all the open spaces in the park and on the sand dunes south of the park.

BREAKFAST IN OPEN STREETS.

No Fires Allowed in San Francisco Houses—Sanitary Situation the Grave Question.

San Francisco, April 2-.—8 a. m.—Every person left in San Francisco to-day breakfasted on food cooked in the open streets, no fires being allowed in the houses. A few bricks or stones gathered into a semblance of a furnace with a few dry sticks beneath cans of kettles was the improvised kitchen in which the food of the millionaires, as well as the humblest workman was prepared. All through the fine residence section of Pacific Heights people sat on the sidewalks and took their black coffee, dry bread, crackers, and in some cases, eggs and bacon.

In the parks and along the North Beach, or wherever people were camped, the relief stations handed out food sufficient to relieve the situation. There were probably very few persons who did not receive some sort of food to-day. The grave question to be met is the sanitary situation. The ferry station is still open and is not thought to be in danger from the fire more than half a mile north of it.

STRAIN CAUSING INSANITY.

Terrible Events of Last Few Days Beginning to Tell on the People.

San Francisco, April 21.—The terrible strain of the last few days is beginning to tell on the people. The reaction has come and suspense over missing relatives and friends is causing illness and in some cases insanity.

At Central avenue and Oak street a man to-day became insane and attempted to kill his wife with a cleaver. He had to be arrested to prevent him from injuring himself or family.

Episcopal clergymen to-day decided to hold religious services at the different camps to-morrow.

40 BODIES FROM BUILDING.

Only Bones Left of Those Imprisoned Under Ruins of Wooden Structure Containing Three Flats.

San Francisco, April 21.—Forty bodies were taken from the ruins of a building at 119 Fifth street to-day by the Red Cross service. The structure, which was a four-story wooden building and contained three flats of 10

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FUND NEARS TEN MILLIONS

WHOLE NATION TO THE RESCUE

From Every City and Town in the United States and Wherever Around the World Americans Are Found Comes Material Assistance for California Sufferers, New York City Leading With $2,000,000—Massachusetts on the Way to Raising $3,000,000; Chicago Gives $1,000,000 and Philadelphia $500,000—Foreign Assistance Still Declined.

New York, April 21.—The voiceless appeal of San Francisco has been heard throughout the civilized world. From every city and town in this country, from European capitals and from far Eastern communities comes news that all humanity, in expressing its sympathy, it also offering every material assistance.

From the incomplete figures of the contributions which have been made it is estimated to-night that the San Francisco found is rapidly nearing the total of $10,000,000 and will have passed that figure by Monday, when the United States Congress, it is announced, will add $1,000,000 to the $1,000,000 appropriated from the Treasury at Washington. In the burst of generous contributions, New Yory city ranks next to the government itself and bids fair to far exceed the Federal contributions. To-night the New York fund amounted to approximately $2,000,00, with contributions coming in fast.

$3,000,000 MASSACHUSETTS GOAL.

The State of Massachusetts has undertaken to raise $3,000,000, and with Boston's generous help is well on the way to the goal.

Chicago's fund, spontaneously subscribed, is approaching $1,000,000 and promises to go beyond that sum. Philadelphia will send $500,000. These are but a few of the larger sums. A score or more cities are contributing $100,000 and more, while hundreds of municipalities are sending all their means will allow. From London, Paris, Berlin and wherever Americans are congregated, a generous inflow of gold is reported.

Wholly foreign contributions, while deeply appreciated, are not to be accepted, according to the precedent established by the President yesterday in declining a gift of $25,000 from a German steamship line. America, though touched by the evidences of foreign generosity, feels able to care for its own.

UNCOUNTED THOUSANDS GIVING.

Uncounted thousands are sending their contributions and the grand total of the relief fund will probably never be known. The New York chamber of commerce to-day forwarded to San Francisco $300,000. Chief among the individual contributions have been those of E. H. Harriman, $200,000, and Andrew Carnegie, William Waldorf Astor, John D. Rockefeller, and the Standard Oil Company, each of whom gave $100,000. A meeting of Americans in London was called and a large fund immediately subscribed. Among the other notable contributions have been: Ladenberg, Thalman & Co., $75,000; M. Guggenheim Sons, $50,000; J. P. Morgan & Co., Speyer & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and W. K. Vanderbilt—each $25,000. It is estimated that the contributions of the New York stock exchange will aggregate $250,000. But most remarkable is the way in which small contributions have poured in to the treasury of the organizations formed to send aid to the stricken city.

Nor is the work of raising relief funds confined to the large cities. From every section, every State, comes the news of contributions made by small towns. Not large in themselves, their aggregate will be enormous.

Pittsburg has given $100,000; commercial men of Cleveland, $100,000; St. Louis, $200,000; Sacramento, $100,000, and Seattle, $90,000.

Throughout the country theatrical performances are being planned, the proceeds to go to the relief fund.

SOUTH'S SUBSCRIPTIONS GROW.

Atlanta Citizens Contribute $5,000 Additional in 20 Minutes, Norfolk Council Appropriates $5,000, While Charleston's Total Reaches $7,000 and Jacksonville's $8,200.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Bishop C. M. Beckwith, of the Alabama diocese, has issued a call for all Episcopal churches in the State to take a collection to-morrow for the benefit of San Francisco victims. Jewish members of Temple Emanuel, of this city, to-day raised more than a thousand dollars relief fund.

Charleston, S. C., April 21.—Charleston's subscription to the San Francisco sufferers has so far figured up to about $7,000. Special collections will be taken in the Episcopal and other churches to-morrow and money is being voted by lodges, orders and fraternal organizations.

Norfolk, Va., April 21.—Norfolk city councils appropriated $5,000 to-night for the relief of San Francisco. Mayor Riddick has issued a proclamation calling a mass meeting of citizens tomorrow to raise a public subscription. Mayor Reed, of Portsmouth, has called a similar meeting in his city.

Atlanta, Ga., April 21.—A mass meeting of citizens to-day subscribed $5,000 in 20 minutes for the California relief fund. This amount, with the $5,000 given from the city treasury and other subscriptions, make the sum subscribed to this evening $12,500. This will be increased to $15,000 by Monday.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 21.—Jacksonville yesterday and to-day has raised $8,200 for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers, which has been forwarded to Governor Pardee, of California.

MILLION MORE FROM CONGRESS

House Authorizes Doubling of Appropriation for California Destitute Upon Receiving Message From President.

Washington, April 21.—An additional appropriation of one million dollars for the sufferers of San Francisco and other California cities was the distinctive feature of the legislation enacted by the House to-day.

A message from the President and a letter from the Secretary of War prepared the House for the action of the committee on appropriations in reporting another joint resolution increasing the amount of Federal aid to two millions, and barring a general inquiry as to the manner in which the money would be expended, the resolution passed without debate.

Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, was made one of the House conferees on the quarantine bill in place of Mr. Davey, of Louisiana.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was completed and passed. The House adjourned until to-morrow, when eulogies will be delivered.

Knights of Pythias Give $5,000.

Wilmington, April 21.—Supreme Master of the Exchecker T. D. Mears, of this city, to-day received authority from the supreme council of the Knights of Pythias in the United States to at once forward a check for $5,000 toward the general relief of the San Francisco sufferers.

EPIDEMIC MOST DREADED

REFUGEES DO NOT LACK FOOD

Efforts of Military Authorities Saturday Were All in the Direction of Improving Sanitary Conditions Among the Congregated Thousands, Though There Has as Yet Been Little Sickness—Army Tents and Blankets Distributed in Great Quantities—Departure From the Camps Encouraged by Giving Free Transportation Across the Bay.

San Francisco, April 21.—Among the homeless hundreds now being sheltered at Jefferson Square conditions are as admirable as they could be under the awful circumstances. The relief committee has supplied every sufferer with food, blankets have been supplied, and many tents are in place.

An effort has been made by the military and civil authorities to secure some kind of an accurate list of the bread in the neighborhood. So far they have been greatly handicapped through their inability to get reliable people to engage in the work. Among the homeless in the square are many little ones. Last night there was a shortage in the milk supply, but this condition was relieved at an early hour this morning by the arrival of many cans of the precious fluid.

EXCITEMENT OVER SHOOTING.

Early this morning there was great excitement among the refugees over the reported shooting of a looter in the square. Certainly a shot was fired, but by whom or at what point neither military or civil authorities doing police duty in the neighborhood have been able to ascertain. It is known, however, that no one was shot by either soldiers or police at Jefferson Square during the night.

There was some relief of the crowded condition of the camp in the square before noon to-day, when a little army of refugees, carrying all they had in the world upon their backs, made their way through debris and wreckage to the ferry building. Here those who were out of funds were given transportation across the bay. At Golden Gate Park, where there are camped probably the greatest number of refugees, conditions to-day were improved.

FOOD SITUATION NOT SERIOUS.

The food situation is not serious. There was plenty of food, of the simplest sort, of course, provided for every one in the bread line.

Major F. H. Keesling, of the First Battalion of the Coast Artillery California National Guard, is in command of the military relief measures in the park. His headquarters have been established at the tennis courts. Here supplies of sugar, coffee, bread and canned goods are being distributed, and at another point some prepared meals were given out. Army tents, as many as could be obtained, were set up everywhere and other protections were made of blankets, rugs, carpets, bed clothes and every other sort of material that could be used for the purpose. In some places refugees had cleared out spaces beneath the thick shrubbery and the semi-tropical plants for which Golden Gate Park is famous, and under these found some sort of protection from the chilly night air.

GUARDING AGAINST EPIDEMIC.

As yet there has been little sickness aside from nervous shocks and physical exhaustion, and from these most of the people have recovered. The efforts of the military authorities to-day were all in the direction of improving the sanitary condition and providing safeguards against any possible epidemic that may result from the exposed situation of so many thousand people. All refuse must be deposited in trenches dug for that purpose and the park has been divided into various sanitary districts over which military officers have been given command and which are patroled by regular soldiers or by municipal police.

Information bureaus have been established and telephone service is being provided by the Signal Corps of the regular army. At the entrance of the park, known as the Pan Handle district, an enormous bill board has been erected and is being used as a directory by those who wish to designate their location in the camp for the benefit of seeking friends. All vehicles that enter the park are confiscated by the military authorities and are being used to deliver supplies to the various points as well as to remove refugees desiring to reach points beyond the jurisdiction of the authorities. All those who desire to leave the park and go to any point in the interior of the State are encouraged to do so.

$100,000 GUANO FACTORY FIRE.

Acid Department of Columbus, Ga., Plant Destroyed by Fire of Unascertained Origin.

Columbus, Ga., April 21.—Fire wiped out the acid department of the Home Mixture Guano Company this afternoon, causing a loss estimated at $100,000. The other buildings, composing some two-thirds of the plant, were saved by the city fire department. The origin of the fire is not definitely known. The fire was observed breaking out under the eaves of the building and the theory is advanced that a spark from the engine room fell in nests that had been built there by birds and started the conflagration.

The insurance on the property destroyed was about $75,000 and was divided among 33 companies.

$1,000 FOR SUFFERERS.

Cone Export and Commission Co. Contributes This Amount—Mass Meeting at Greensboro To-Day.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, April 21.—Mayor Murphy has issued a call for a mass meeting of citizen to be held at the Grand Sunday afternoon for the purpose of raising a fund for the needy sufferers at San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities. Mayor Murphy received a latter last evening from the Cone Export & Commission Co. enclosing a check for $1,000. This morning other contributions were made aggregating about $100. It is expected that this fund will be greatly increased at to-morrow's meeting.

Reidsville People in San Francisco.

Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, April 21.—Deep interest is centered here in the earthquake at San Francisco. Mr. R. H. Balance, of Reidsville, has a brother living in San Francisco who was to have been married Wednesday and nothing has been heard from him. Mr. Balance expresses deep concern over the welfare of his relative. Mr. T. J. Penn, of Reidsville, was known to have been seen in San Francisco on the day of the earthquake, and repeated efforts to hear from him through business houses with which he came in contact have been futile. His people are greatly distressed. Miss Sudie Parish, sister of Mr. Henry Parish, is also there.

Killed by Falling Chimney After Fire.

Pensacola, Fla., April 21.—The Union depot at Flomaton, Ala., was destroyed by fire late to-day. Ed Tucker was standing near one of the chimneys after the fire, when it fell, killing him instantly.

FIGHT NOT TO CEASE YET

BLACKBURN STILL THE TARGET

Continued Efforts of the Congressman's Enemies to Make Trouble for Him Would Cause No Surprise—Mr. Robb Greatly Put Out Over Outcome of Trial—Marion Butler's Hand Visible in It All—Collector Harkins Contradicts Former Denial of Resignation—Senators of Both Parties Striving to Shape Rate Bill Which Will Prove Acceptable to All Factions.

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Washington, April 21.

There was one interesting Tar Heel arrival here to-day, District Attorney Holton, fresh from the scene of action at Greensboro where he coached the Blackburn prosecution, or persecution, according to the point of view. Mr. Holton repaired at once to the Department of Justice where he conduled with Assistant Attorney General Robb. This individual is all put out over the strange and wonderful splash which the prosecution made of this case, for he had told a lot of people that the prosecution had a "perfect case." Hence his performances as one of the chief instigators of the prosecution does not leave him in a very enviable light. The prosecution indulged in a lot of talk about having documentary evidence of Blackburn's guilt, when Mr. Robb and the rest of them must have known than, just as everybody else knows now, that they did not have anything they said they had. Besides, Mr. Robb made a personal matter of this prosecution from the day he went to the State on an investigating tour where he saw nobody but Blackburn's sworn political enemies and he takes everything they say now as gospel truth.

EFFORTS AGAINST BLACKBURN NOT TO CEASE.

Neither Blackburn nor any or his friends have ever had a hearing at this Department and some people here, who have heard Mr. Robb express his opinion of late regarding the situation in the State, would not be the least surprised if they did not try to make trouble for Blackburn in some other way. They are going to keep the thing going if possible until they can induce some indicted distiller, whom they have on the string, to make some statement tending to discredit the Republican Congressman. Several weeks ago Mr. Robb said it was the purpose of the Department to investigate some sort of a "conspiracy" charge against Blackburn and they did try hard but could not get any sort of evidence together that looked plausible.

BUTLER'S HAND IN IT ALL.

The name of Marion Butler has been coupled with this enterprising movement. In fact, the hand of Butler may be seen in it all. Just as soon as Holton left Mr. Robb to-day he made a bee line for Butler's office. They all do that way. Just as soon as any Republican of the Butler-Rollins school comes here he makes for Butler's office and then he visits the distinguished bureaucrats like Robb and tells whatever has been previously agreed upon. Of course, in all these conferences, Butler does all the conferring and the tales carried to the Departments are the products of his peculiar astuteness. Butler is appealing to Senators to hold back the nominations of Frazier and Grant so Congress will adjourn without action. Judge Douglas is supplementing his efforts. Yesterday he was seen looking for Senator Falton, of the subcommittee to which Frizier's nomination was referred.

STRIVING TO FORM ACCEPTABLE RATE BILL.

Both Republican and Democratic Senators, who really desire some effective rate legislation after the manner recommended by President Roosevelt, are still striving to get a bill in shape which will prove acceptable to the various factions. Up to the present writing very little has seemingly been accomplished, for Senator La Follette, who is peculiarly in position to speak from the stand point of the shipper, is authority for the statement that shippers simply regard the pending bills, or some of them, as a step in the right direction, and they are more or less willing to take what is offered, because they have been told that, after years of praying for relief, it is the best that Congress will give them at this time. Senator Overman is taking a hand in this work of framing a bill which it is hoped will be looked upon with favor by gentlemen on both sides of the chamber who really desire effective legislation. He and Senator Long, of Kansas, the spokesman of the administration with the recent White House amendment was submitted to the Senate, have been asked to try their hand on a bill. They will take under consideration the Bailey, Mallary, Simmons and Overman amendments. The junior North Carolina Senator is representing the minority in these negotiations with the White House Republican Senators.

Nobody was surprised when the recent Democratic conference agreed to disagree. One observer of this rate bill business said he did not belive that Senator Tillman would dare to call for a vote on any of the pending bills, and Senator Bailey is quoted as saying that some Democrat would be constrained to object to immediate consideration should he do so, as there was probably a majority of the Senators who would decline to vote for any bill that has up to this time borne the stamp of approval of the White House. In other words, those standing for a broad court review feature would, in all probability, win out, and it is said that Mr. Tillman realizes this fact, and that it is for this reason that the South Carolinian has had very little to say of late about taking an early vote. It is said that the country would really not get anything if the bill favored by many of the Senators should be passed, but that the country would not find this out for a year or so.

COLLECTOR HARKINS DID RESIGN.

There were developments during the Blackburn trial that seem to have had the effect of clearing up a number of things that needed clearing up. Several weeks ago the statement was made in these dispatches that Collector Harkins had resigned his position, or had offered to resign. Dispatches from both Washington and Asheville immediately emanated saying the statement was not true. Collector Harking came here and was quoted as denying that he had offered to resign or at least left that impression upon the mind of the reporter who called upon him. In fact some people protested over much that the statement was not true. Those who recall these denials perhaps observed that Collector Harkins, when put upon the stand at Greensboro, said he had not been a candidate for a third term, and, in fact, had offered his resignation, but that it was not accepted. Now that Collector Harkins has made a statement under oath that confirms everything said by this correspondent on the subject, it will be noteworthy to add that the gentleman who gave the writer this information, which now seems to be straight enough, also said that Chairman Rollins gave no special reason for failing to accept the resignation, when it was offered, and had apparently run the risk of wrecking the Republican party in the State by keeping this and other appointments in the air until he could get his father reappointed postmaster at Asheville.

EX-JUDGE BYNUM SCORED

ROLLINS ISSUES OPEN LETTER

State Chairman Thomas Rollins, of the Republican State Executive Committee, Characterizes as False and Unwarranted Mr. Bynum's Statement Before Jury in Blackburn Case That Republican Leaders in This State Are Cut-Throats and Pirates and Challenges Him to Prove It—Charges Mr. Bynum With Base Ingratitude and Says Statement is Gross Slander.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, April 21.—The Republican row in North Carolina has been resumed. State Chairman Rollins has taken violent exception to certain statements made by ex-Judge W. P. Bynum during the Blackburn trial and to-night addressed an open letter to Judge Bynum, charging that gentleman with making false and slanderous statements. The letter is as follows:

Asheville, N. C., April 21, 1906.

Hon. W. P. Bynum, Jr., Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: The newspapers quote you as having said, in your speech at Greensboro Thursday, in defense of Congressman Blackburn, that "the leaders of the Republican party are a band of political cut-throats and pirates, forever standing with their hands in the pockets of their countrymen." The leaders of our party in this State embrace the members of the Republican State organization, the presidential electors, the Republican candidates for State offices, the Republican members of the General Assembly and many others, whose character and standing are above reproach.

FALSE AND UNWARRANTED.

Your statement is false and unwarranted and I feel that I would not be doing my duty to myself or the party I have the honor to represent, did I not resent your false and slanderous attack. I am tired and disgusted with having certain persons masquerade under the guise of Republicans, yet stabbing the party in the back at every turn and slandering it upon any and all occasions. I remember that, at the last State convention, you gave out a slanderous interview about our party and yet there were more than 82,000 honest, decent white men who went to the polls and cast their votes for the party whose leaders you have repeatedly vilified. The rank and file is composed of honest, self-respecting men and they have selected honest, self-respecting leaders and representatives and yet, by insinuation and inference, you state that they did not have sense enough to know what they were doing when they selected the men of their choice to represent the Republican party in this State.

REMARKS UNSEEMLY AND OUT OF PLACE.

Aside from the political aspect, I think your remarks were unseemly and entirely out of place in a court of justice and I feel sure that the decent, law-abiding people in North Carolina condemn you for taking advantage of your position as paid attorney, in assaulting one of the great political organizations, simply because you are disgruntled and dissatisfied with some of its leaders. The courts are established in order that men may secure justice and the issues involved fairly and impartially discussed, and the organization and its leaders were not connected, directly or indirectly, with the matter then under consideration, and any statement that the organization was responsible for Mr. Blackburn's indictment is false and without foundation. Mr. Blackburn has been tried and acquitted, and is entitled to the full benefit of the same, and I hope that all members of our party will cease factional strife and come together for the purpose of presenting a solid front to the enemy in the approaching campaign.

LEADERS GROSSLY SLANDERED.

If you have any evidence that any of our leaders are cut-throats, and pirates, I challenge you to produce it. I most emphatically deny your allegations, and assert that you have grossly slandered our leaders by making the false charges referred to. The Chief Executive of our country recently stated, in his lecture on "The Man With the Muck Rake," that a slanderer was worse than a thief, and I think the American people concur in his opinion. Ingratitude is, in my opinion, the basest word in the English language and any person who would talk about the leaders of the party which has honored him as the Republican party of this State has honored you, is devoid of gratitude to say the least.

THOMAS ROLLINS,
Chairman Republican State Executive Committee.

CAPITAL OF $25,000,000.

Corporation, Probably to be Known as Norfolk & Southern Railway, Will Take Over Four Eastern Carolina Roads.

Special to The Observer.

New York, April 21.—The corporation, which will probably be known as the Norfolk & Southern Railway and which will take over the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, the Virginia & Carolina Coast Railroad, the Pamlico, Oriental & Western Railroad and the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railroad, is to have a capital of $25,000,000, as follows: five per cent. 50-year sinking fund bonds redeemable at 110 and interest, is to have additional securities of a deposit of $2 on every 1,000 feet of lumber taken from the property, $5,000,000 non-cumulative five per cent. preferred stock convertible for five years into common but redeemable into par, and $20,000,000 common stock.

The disposition of bonds is as follows: $14,000,000 now underwritten to pay for constructed lines and those under way; $3,500,000 to retire all outstanding liens, and $7,500,000 to remain indefinitely in the treasury. Of the preferred stock, $4,800,000 goes with the underwritten bonds. Of the common, $5,700,000 goes with the underwritten bonds and $7,000,000 as compensation for underwriting and $7,000,000 left in the treasury. It is estimated that the company will earn, as soon as completed, $4,500 gross per mile, with operating expenses at 65 per cent., which would leave net $1,550,000. Interest on the bonds would be $875,000.

INSIST UPON COTTON BAGS

THE GROWERS TAKE FIRM STAND

President Moore Says Many of the State's Growers Are Demanding That Fertilizers be Shipped in Cotton Bags and That Cotton Instead of Jute Bagging be Used—Full Durham Enters Penitentiary—Treasurer Lacy Returns From Arizona Greatly Benefitted—No Rehearing of Gattis-Kilgo Case—Students Cause Excitement at Ball Game—Raleigh News.

Observer Bureau,
122 South Dawson Street,
Raleigh, April 21.

Much excitement was occasioned this afternoon at a baseball game between the North Carolina Agricultural & Mechanical College and the University of North Carolina, when a Raleigh policeman moved as if to draw his pistol from his pocket to prevent a rush on the part of students from the University. Students of the Agricultural & Mechanical College had forged to the front on the lines and were allowed to remain there while the University colors were recalled. Some show of arrest was made to a University rooter and it was thought that "feather pulling" would follow but the man was taken from the policeman without material interference. The affair this afternoon follows the rooster killing at a recent game between Trinity and the A. & M.

The game to-day was witnessed by Governor Glenn and a large and enthusiastic crowd. The victorious A. & M. boys have the city to-night and are making the place howl.

NO REHEARING OF GATTIS-KILGO CASE.

The entire State feels a deep interest in the fact that the Supreme Court of North Carolina has disallowed a rehearing in the famous Gattis-Kilgo case, which has so long consumed the time of the courts and the attention of the public. The two negative associates in the matter were Judges Walker and Conner.

Insurance Commissioner Young makes the request that any citizens of the State who has any death claims against the Equity Life Association, of Staunton, Va., communicate promptly with him stating the amount of such policies and the number thereof. This company ceased to do business last fall, and Commissioner Young is desirious of closing up all such matters in the hands of policy holders.

The Metropolitan Surety Co., of New York, has been admitted to do business in North Carolina, of the fidelity, surety and burglary class. The business will, for the present, be conducted from the home office as no general agent for the State has been announced.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The State charters the Moretz-Whitener Clothing Co., Hickory, for the conduct of a wholesale and retail business authorized capital stock of $5,000 is paid in; incorporators J. A. and McC. Moretz, A. A. Whitener and A. A. Shuford; the Mebane Real Estate Co., Mebane, with H. W. Bason, W. W. Corbett and E. W. Thompson, all of Mebane, incorporaters; authorized capital stock of $25,000, with $3,000 paid in.

Mrs. Weston R. Gales, a daughter of the late Judge George V. Strong, of Raleigh, who has held the position of librarian at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., has been brought to Rex Hospital for special treatment. Mrs. Gales was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. John Calvert.

$1,000 FOR PACIFIC COAST SUFFERERS.

The people of Raleigh held a mass meeting and J. C. Brown, president of the Citizen's National Bank was appointed treasurer of the fund to be collected and forwarded to the Pacific coast sufferers. It is thought that more than $1,000 will immediately be secured.

The remains of Mrs. Claude M. Bernard, who died Thursday night at the Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Va., were brought to Raleigh this morning and will be interred here tomorrow. Mrs. Bernard was Miss Lucy Gilliam Holman, of Virginia, of a family prominent in the Christiansburg neighborhood. She was universally beloved in Raleigh and at her former residence in Greenville. Three children survive with the husband. Heart trouble and a complication of diseases brought death after a lingering illness.

Treasurer B. R. Lacy has returned from Arizona, where he has sought health and has found such marked benefit.

Governor Glenn will deliver an address to-morrow night in the Central Methodist church in Monroe. Next Wednesday he will address the forestry committee in Washington.

Commissioner Patterson, of the department of agriculture, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson will continue his trip to Washington, to appear at the hearing before the agricultural committee in regard to the passage of the forestry bill. Lieutenant Governor Winston will also go to Washington on the same mission.

The Carolina Fruit Co., Biscoe, is chartered to conduct nurseries, grow cereals, flowers, shrubs and trees, and produce fine poultry and cattle. The capital stock is $25,000 and the incorporators are W. V. McDonald, Cambridge, Mass.; Junius R. Page, Biscoe, and Ralph W. Page, Englewood, N. J.

WORK OF THE COTTON GROWERS

A letter from C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, announces two important facts in connection with the work of the cotton growers. He states that many of the farmers in the lower part of the State are demanding that their fertilizers shall be shipped in cotton bags, and that there will be an insistent demand that cotton bagging be provided for the baling of cotton, instead of jute. Mr. Moore also makes mention of the fact that jute bagging has already advanced most appreciably and that the prices will run far ahead of last season.

Three Die From Drinking Wood Alcohol.

Roanoke, Va., April 21.—A Times special from Radford, Va., says three men employed on Tidewater Railroad construction work near there died today from the effects of wood alcohol which they drank thinking it was whiskey. One of the men, [illegible] Serta, a steam drill man, died [illegible] ter reaching the hospital at [illegible] and the other two, whose names are not given, died on the train.

$150,000 Saw Mill Fire in Alabama.

Brewton, Ala., April 21.—Fire at the Lindsey Lumber Company's saw mill located late to-day destroyed the entire plant and contents, causing a loss of $150,000 with small insurance.