

TWO BLOCKS SWEEP AWAY

ATLANTA'S DESTRUCTIVE FIRE
Fire which started early yesterday morning destroyed two blocks in the heart of Atlanta. The loss is estimated at one million dollars.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—One million and a quarter is the loss conservatively estimated to-night on a fire which started at 3:30 o'clock this morning and which swept two blocks of Atlanta business property.

How the fire started is a mystery. It was discovered in the building occupied by the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, bakery. From there it ran its way in all directions until it struck the Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, and gutted that.

One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsyth, Mitchell and Nelson streets and Madison avenue, and in which were located the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, branch of the city postoffice, the Liquid Carbonic Company, a branch of Central Trust and Banking Company, and many smaller concerns.

The fire was discovered in the elevator shaft of the Schlessinger-Meyer building and is supposed to have originated from crossed wires running to the motor which operated the elevator.

Hotels Burned
The employees of the postoffice, however, failed to be notified to save all the mail and most of the equipment.

Little Girl is Outraged
An Unknown White Man Committed Helmsdale (Clerk) Lander, S. C. Victim But 9 Years of Age and Her Condition is Very Serious.

Observer Bureau
A special to the Bureau from Langley says that community is in a state of intense excitement over a criminal assault this afternoon upon the 9-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer's daughter, living about two miles from Langley, by an unknown white man, who has made his escape.

ADDITIONAL PAY FOR ARMY

CONFERENCE REPORT ON ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL IS TAKEN UP AND AGREED TO IN THE HOUSE
The House yesterday passed the bill for an increase of \$3,363,151 over the amount appropriated for the army.

HOUSE SUMMARY
The officers and enlisted men of the army yesterday won their fight for increased pay when the House of Representatives after a debate of two hours agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill.

Washington, May 8.—The conference report on the army appropriation bill was taken up and agreed to in the House to-day. In the shape in which it was presented from the conference committee it carries an aggregate appropriation of \$95,383,246.

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ROOSEVELT IS COMMANDER

President Roosevelt Informa Senators That He is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Will Do as He Pleases
Letters are in Defense of His Course in Discharging the Duties of the Office.

SENATE SUMMARY
But little progress was made in the Senate yesterday on the agricultural appropriation bill, the session being devoted to a discussion upon the principles of forest reserves and the administration of that service.

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SPEAKERS ARE INVITED

FOR STATE BANKERS' MEETING
Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Ailes, an Congressman Crawford, Member of House Committee on Banking and Currency, to Address Tar Heel Money Lenders at Morehead City.

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MAINE'S DEAD HONORED

SHAFT UNVEILED AT SALISBURY
Beautiful Monument of Gray Granite Erected in Honor of the Heroic Who Gave Their Lives For the Union in Salisbury Prison.

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DIOCESAN MEETING ENDS

TO CONVENE IN RALEIGH AGAIN
Women's Auxiliary Will Establish a Church With a Railed Last Year For Missions—Junior Order to Keep a Mill School Open For a Month.

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WAS DROWNED IN GEORGIA

L. B. MEYERS LOSES HIS LIFE
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