

FIRE'S ORIGIN IS A MYSTERY

The firemen were powerless before the blaze at Apex yesterday, on account of an insufficient supply of water.

WARE-KRAMER VS. TRUST DAMAGE SUIT IS TAKEN UP

All Raleigh June Weather Records Since 1895 Smashed—Millia Officers Commissioned—Reward Offered for Negro.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, June 13.

APEX is in ashes, at least so far as the business part of the town is concerned. The total loss is estimated at least \$40,000 with not more than half insurance.

While attempting to board a freight train of New Hill to go to the fire at Apex, Othman Herring, an operator for the Seaboard Air Line, was probably fatally crushed.

The Raleigh fire department was ready to go to Apex but when it was found that there was not sufficient water, Chief Lumaden and three of the firemen went in an automobile.

Apex is a town of about 800 people and is situated at the junction of the Seaboard Air Line and the Durham & Southern railway.

Buildings Destroyed. Following is a partial list of the buildings destroyed:

- W. H. Harward's department store, \$15,000; insurance \$7000. H. C. Olive company, general merchandise, \$4500; insurance \$4500. A. V. Baucum's Pharmacy, \$2500; insurance \$4500. Merchants and Farmers Bank, furniture and fixtures, \$2000; insurance \$2000. The vault has not been opened yet, but it is thought that the contents are safe. P. J. Olive's law office, \$1500; insurance \$750. Dr. J. C. Mann's office, \$400; insurance \$250. Dr. H. W. Johnson's office, \$400; covered by insurance. J. R. Norris' insurance office, \$150; no insurance. Chas. Weaver, furniture, \$50; no insurance. S. V. Hudson, residence, \$2000; \$200 insurance. Pate & Company, damage to stock of goods \$1750; covered by insurance. Smith's Barber Shop, \$300; no insurance. Watkins-Seymour Company, hardware store, loss of goods on lot, \$400; no insurance. S. T. Bennett, general furnishings, damage to stock \$1000; covered by insurance. H. H. Pate's building, \$750; no insurance. M. B. Gunter's near beer stand, \$1000; no insurance. Frigate Club \$1000; no insurance. Atwater's Barber Shop, \$150; no insurance. Jenk's Meat Market, \$500; no insurance. Evans' restaurant, \$200; no insurance. G. L. Kemp's jewelry store, \$300; no insurance. Apex Milling Works, \$1000; no insurance. Mason building, \$750; insurance \$500. N. J. Bolling, groceries, \$1100; insurance \$400. Johnson Brothers, undertaking establishment, \$500; no insurance. Damage amounting to several hundred dollars was done to other buildings.

FASHION CENTER IS ASCOT HEATH

King and Queen Journey to the Meet in Semi-State, With Their Windsor Castle House Party.

MANY AMERICANS FOUND IN SEATS OF THE MIGHTY

Ascot Never Presented a Braver Show, and the Attendance is the Greatest of Any Opening Day for Years.

ASCOT HEATH, ENGLAND, June 13.—Never has Ascot looked better than on this, the opening day of the coronation meeting.

The weather was rather uncertain but not sufficiently so to affect the attendance, which was the greatest in years. The royal enclosure, the club and other stands and lawns were crowded with fashionably attired persons.

King George and Queen Mary, with the members of their house party at Windsor, came in semi-state in eight landaus, each drawn by four bays, while three landaus drawn by pairs carried their suites, accompanied by mounted officers.

DATE OF THANKSGIVING AND GRAND PRIZE RACE

President Taft Lets it out That Nation Will Give Thanks November 29, Next.

Savannah, June 13.—Upon receipt today of a telegram from President Taft announcing that he will designate the 29th Thursday in November as Thanksgiving day, Secretary Solomon of the Savannah Automobile Club has forwarded the official appointment of the club to the Automobile Club of America for sanction to run the grand prize race over the Savannah course November 29.

The American Automobile association has asked permission to hold the Vanderbilt cup race November 29 here. It is generally conceded these dates will be granted.

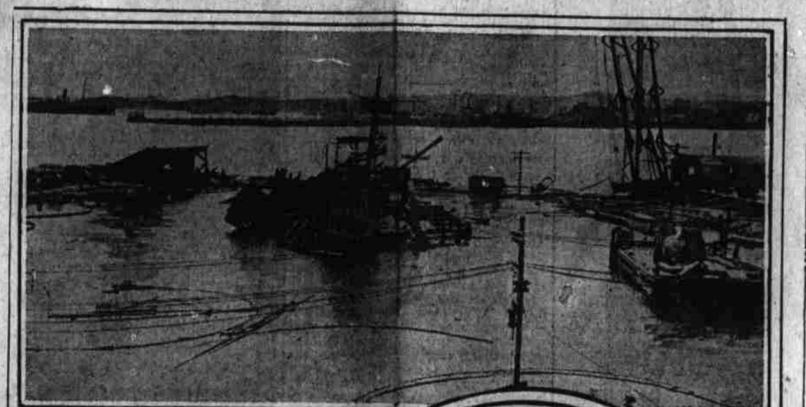
PLANS FOR ENTERTAINING THE AMERICANS AT KIEL

Second Division of Atlantic Fleet Expected to Come at Anchor There June 21.

Berlin, June 13.—German naval officers have completed the program of entertainment for the officers and men of the second division of the United States Atlantic fleet on the occasion of their visit at Kiel.

Chicago, June 13.—Windows in houses covering many blocks were broken and several persons were injured slightly when two bombs exploded today simultaneously in a residential section.

Pumping Out the Water to Reveal Battleship Maine's Historic Wreck



DAM SURROUNDING THE MAINE

Will the Caissons Stand? Next Pumping to Be Done Thursday—Criticism Subsidizing.

New York Herald Syndicate Correspondence. HAVANA, June 4.—As the long expected work of pumping out the big cofferdam and revealing the wreck of the old battleship Maine, which had lain hidden under the waters of Havana Harbor for thirteen years, actually begins, criticism of the plan on the part of American and native engineers here is disappearing.

Major H. B. Ferguson of the army engineering corps, who is in charge of the work, makes no boasts. "If anything he is less sanguine than many who have kept in touch with the work since last October, but he declares he can see no reason why it should fail."

Interest here in the uncovering of the historic vessel is general. The harbor is filled with launches, motor boats and skiffs carrying parties around the big cofferdam, and when the wreck is actually revealed it is expected that thousands will be on hand to view the tangled mass of metal which hides 38 sailors' bodies and which has made much history without ever having really been seen.

The suggestion has been made by prominent Americans here that if it is found possible to float the Maine she be taken directly to New York Harbor and placed on exhibition there. She could then be taken to Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans, and then to Panama, to be the first vessel to pass through the canal when it is completed and become one of the attractions at the San Francisco exposition.

NO COMBINATIONS IN STEEL, HE SAYS James Gayley Tells Investigating Committee That Formation of United States Steel Corporation Put an End to Pools and Agreements—More About Those Gary Dinners.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The assertion that the formation of the United States Steel corporation in 1901 put an end to pools and agreements in the industry was made by James Gayley, former vice president of the corporation, today to the house "steel trust" investigating committee.

SEVENTY BUILDINGS BURN FIRST SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN WHITEWRIGHT, TEXAS

Whitewright, Tex., June 13.—Forty-three business houses and 21 residences were destroyed, and numerous other structures damaged, partially ruined today, by fire originating with the burning of a quantity of trash in the rear of a store. The loss is \$100,000.



DRIVING LAST EARTHEN PILES IN BROKEN 'ALISSON'

WESTERN INTEREST OF SUGAR COMPANY American Refining Company Owns Practically Majority of Stock in California Refineries, E. J. Atkins Tells the House Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Effort to discover whether non-competitive zones were established by the American Sugar Refining company in the effort to control prices marked the resumption of the "sugar trust" inquiry. Edwin F. Atkins, acting head of the sugar corporation, declared the refining company owned practically a majority of stock in sugar refineries in California and it did not attempt to compete with them.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The tariff helps western refiners, enables the Pacific coast sugar refiners to make a larger margin of profit than the eastern refiners, according to Representative Baker of California. Atkins said the price of sugar was the same on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, but the Pacific manufacturers are able to sell as far east as Chicago, while eastern refiners cannot ship further west than Kansas City and Omaha.

HOW COME KNOX PAID FREDERICK HALE \$5000?

He is Subpoenaed to Explain to the House Committee on State Dept. Expenditures. Washington, June 13.—A subpoena for Secretary of State Knox to appear and explain the payment to Frederick Hale, son of former Senator Eugene Hale, of \$5000 from the Canadian boundary fund of the state department, is issued by the house committee on expenditures in the state department.

NAVY TO BEGIN RECRUITING; MANY MEN WILL BE NEEDED

All Available Competent Men Will Be Accepted—Recruiting to Begin in Chicago July 1. Washington, June 13.—The United States navy soon will need a large number of sailors. Orders have been sent out by the navy department to begin recruiting at the new office in Chicago July 1.

CONGRESS BUSY AS A BEE HIVE

Both Houses Are Actually in Session at One Time, and a Number of Important Committees Are Working. CANADIAN RECIPROCITY BILL, FINALLY ON SENATE FLOOR. House Wrestling With Wool-Grave Doubts of House Agreeing to Bristow Amendment on Direct Elections.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY STORM

Wind, Rain Hail and Electricity Leave Trail of Death and Ruin on the Virginia Peninsula. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 13.—Sweeping out of the south-west with cyclonic velocity, a wind, rain, hail and electrical storm struck the lower end of the Virginia peninsula late yesterday afternoon and left a trail of death and ruin in its wake.

CAMORRISTS' TRIAL; SAME OLD STORY

Request for Perjury Prosecution Pressed Vigorously; Hubbub Ensues, and Sitting Adjourns. Viterbo, Italy, June 13.—At the Camorrist trial today the crown prosecutor introduced several witnesses to establish that Gennaro Cuocolo was a member of the Camorristas when indicted. These witnesses described the burglary that was organized by Cuocolo and his wife, Giuseppe Salvi and followers.

THREE KILLED IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., June 13.—Three persons were killed, several seriously injured, wires prostrated, trees uprooted and buildings damaged by an electrical storm last night. At Allentown wind prostrated five wires which fell on a frame house with sheet iron lining. As David S. H. Backenbach and Hannibal J. DeWetter were leaving the building they touched the metal and were instantly killed. John Wagner was killed trying to rescue the men. The Colonial express on the Pennsylvania railroad, which left Washington for Boston at 5:45 p. m., had a narrow escape from wreck north of Baltimore, near Magnolia, Md., the engineer seeing a tree lying across the track. He could not avoid crashing into the obstruction.

DAKESMAN IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., June 13.—At least one life was lost, telephones were put out of commission and the city was in total darkness for a short time, trolley cars were tied up and a number of houses were struck by lightning in the worst electrical storm last night which Norfolk has experienced in years. Casey's broom factory, on Highland avenue, was struck by lightning and partly destroyed. A small boat in which a negro and his small son were fishing was capsized by the storm. The boy was drowned. Two men are reported to have been drowned in Hampton Roads when their boat capsized but this report lacks confirmation. Seven electric trains on the Norfolk & Southern were rendered helpless during the storm, their controllers burning out. More than an inch of rain fell and it is said that this was worth half a million dollars to farmers in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

EARLYVILLE, N. Y., JUNE 13.—A tornado, lasting a few seconds, swept a path about a mile wide and four miles in length here. It uprooted houses, lifted freight cars from the tracks, hurled them many rods away into Chenango river, and blew down 500 trees. There is no loss of life.

ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS LIBERATED

Chihuahua, Mex., June 13.—All political prisoners in the penitentiary, including Americans and two Mexicans captured in the battle of San Grande are liberated.

STATES OF IOWA IN STATE DEPARTMENT

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CREWS FOR THE NEW INTELLIGENCE CLUB AND FLORIDA

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