

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—Millie Officers Commissioned—Reward Offered for Negro.

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.

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 Subsiding.

New York Herald Syndicate Correspondence. HAVANA, June 4.—As the long expected work of pumping out the big caisson 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 of the American and native engineers here is disappearing.



DRIVING LAST EMBLEM IN BROKEN 'ALSCOTT'

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.

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 \$109,306.

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.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—With both the senate and house convened and a number of important committees working, congress was busier today than at any other time during the present session. In the senate the Canadian reciprocity bill finally reached the floor, the finance committee reporting it with the root amendment attached, but without recommendation.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY STORM

Wind, Rain Hail and Electricity Leave Trail of Death and Ruin on the Virginia Peninsula.

SMALL CRAFT WENT DOWN, HOUSES UNROOFED OR RAZED

Fifteen Persons, Many of Them Fishermen, Are Believed to Have Lost Their Lives in the Vicinity of Newport News.

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. At this hour it is impossible to even estimate the number of dead for many small craft with their human freight went down in the storm at various points along the James river and in Hampton Roads.

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 Cuccolo was a member of the Camorristas who had been indicted.

"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.

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.

DARKNESS 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.

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 Chautauque river, and blew down 500 trees. There is no loss of life.

ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS LIBERATED. CHICAGO, Ill., June 13.—All political prisoners in the penitentiary, including American and foreign-born, were released by the health of the Grande era liberator.

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.

The Herring Accident. 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.

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, \$8500; insurance \$4500. A. V. Baucum's Pharmacy, \$8500; 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.

Watkins-Seymour Company, hardware store, loss of goods on lot, \$4000; no insurance. S. T. Bennett, general furnishings, damage to stock \$1000; covered by insurance.

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.

Among those present beside the king's Windsor guests were colonial statesmen, their wives and many distinguished persons from over-sea dominions.

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 8th Thursday in November as Thanksgiving day, Secretary Solomon of the Savannah Automobile club has forwarded the official application of the club to the Automobile Club of America for sanction to run the grand prize race over the Savannah course November 29.

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 neighborhood covered by an intense fog.