Missouri Athletic Club Burned LIVE ON ITS USEFULNESS Yesterday and Many Known To Have Perished

MANY OF OCCUPANTS YET UNACCOUNTED FOR

Firemen Continue Search For Bodies Under The Glare of Searchlights - So Many of The Guests Have Not Been Heard From, Conclusion Is Forced That They Perished. Boatman's Bank Also Burned and Walls Collapse

St. Louis, March 9 .- That from thirty to thirty-five guests of the Missouri Athletic Club perished in the flames that destroyed the building this morning, is the belief of officers of thec lub tonight.

Seven bottles have been recovered and from twenty-three to twentynine occupants of the structure still are unaccounted for. At sundown tonight, firemen continued the search for bodies in the amouldering ruins under the giare of searchlights. Though a committee early today open-ed headquarters at the Press Club and select all who were guests of the Missouri Athjetic Club last night to secure dairty to dairy are did not register, and fromty the realist from that all these were lost.

Democratic party is the only vehicle of progress that the people of North Carolina can trust. Hope was given by Fire Chief Swingley late today that the water could bep uniped out of the ruins tonight and that search for bodies might then be resumed.

While the search continued today, seventeen persons injured in the fire were under treatment at public and

private hospitals.

There was much difficulty in identifying recovered bodies of the dead and some were identified under two or three different names.

or three different names.

The bluze was the most serious as to estalities of any fire in the city's history. It completely wrecked the seven-story building, occupied jointly by the Missouri Athlete Club and by the Boatmen's Bank, and caused a

property loss estimated at \$466,000.
The cause of the fire was a mystery tonight. Reports that the blaze was accompanied by a terrific explosion indicating that the fire was due to ed. Reports of explosions were de-sed by the night watchman of the

In the vaults of the boatman's bank, which occupied part of the first floor of the building, were more than \$1,300,000 in currency.

The number of guests who had

rooms in the club house, either permanently, or for the night, was about

Many escaped, some checked out before the fire, others, it is thought were not there when the flames broke out, and the rest are listed among the dead. The fire was discovered by a voman who was waiting in the club lobby for her escort. She saw the reflection of the flames in the plate

glass windows across the street.
Thirty-eight guests on the fifth floor were awakened by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGill, who refused to leave un-til they had given the alarm to all within reach. Mr. McGill was house manager of the club. Mrs. McGill was of the club, Mrs. McGill was badly burned.

Bramatic escapes were numerous. of twelve or thirteen men who de-scended from a fifth floor window to the roof of an adjoining building by means of sheets. One guest escaped by leaping over a chasm ten feet wide

While the firemen were at work on the Fourth street side, the wall facfourth floor up. The firemen fled to a building across the street and es-One fireman was hit and his

Sections of the wall fell from time

to thee through the day. ZUEBLIN MAKES ATTACK ON CLARK

By the Ameriated Press. Lansing, Mich., March 2.- Many "Know Your City" meeting here, con-cerning the address of Prof. Charles Zuchlic in which he declared that he still believes, charges, he rencetly made against Speaker Champ Clark are true. Zueblin was attacked by Speaker Chirk in the House Saturday. "I did not lie about Speaker Chirk," Said Zeublin "I simply said I had Said Zeublin "I simply said I had seen lifty letters from members of Congress who said they had risen in support of the roll-call on the ref-efence of the lobby report to the com-mittee on judiciary, and that they dere not counted.

"I saw the letters in the possession

of Lynn Haynes, secretary of the Nat-ional Voters League and I think he

Haynes Makes Statement.
Washington, D. C., March 2,—At headquarters of the National Votens League today, Secretary Haynes made public a statement saying the league public a statement saying the league has not yet announced his place in the future.

While several names are being mentioned in the future.

While several names are being mentioned in connection with the appointment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is a stated that at the present time the lobby resolution. The statement deliared the Congressional Record of December 9, shows only twenty-three places or responding.

Be has not yet announced his places day to bein work next week. The diamond formerly used by the Virginia League will be utilized. Mannager Gesaler declared tonight that it is his belief that the Federals are indications are that the position will go to J. K. Doughton, who for several places of the fource of the fource. The diamond formerly used by the Virginia League will be utilized. Mannager Gesaler declared tonight that it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the ment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is his belief that the Federals are stronger financially today than the lobby resolution.

TO PARTY GROWTH PROD FOR HUERTA

Democracy Cannot Live On its Vergara's Body Dug Up to Mexico and Brought Back To Texas Under Cover

Party Has Done Well In North

On Serving The People With

Diligence, Is View of Mr.

Bailey - Proposed Meeting

Will Help It In Doing This

Upon his return from Washington, a News and Observeer reported inter-view Mr. J. W. Bailey upon the sub-

view Mr. J. W. Bailey upon the sub-ject of the reports sent out concern-ing a proposed call for a meeting of North Carolina Democrats in the near future at Rafeigh.

"Let me make it plain," said Mr. Bailey, "that all this talk about can-didates for Governor and a new party is mere reporters" gossip. The boys are evidently not satisfied with the

is mere reporters gossip. The boys are evidently not satisfied with the simple facts but feel some strange necessity for making their stories

more extraordinary than the other fellow's. I sometimes think that a

reporter who would be content to re-port the plain unvarinished facts would astonish the world."

What Is Proposed.
"Now, it is not proposed to divide

the Democratic party; nor halt pro-posed to 'groom' any candidate for Governor. It is proposed to bring be-fore the people in definite form cer-

tain measures which it is thought the General Assembly of 1915 should adopt. That is all."

adopt. That is all."
"It may be that the Democratic State Convention will put these mean-

ures in its platform. I hope so "The Only Vehicle of Progress."

"I am for proposing these measures through the Democratic party because I deeply believe that the

"As a Democrat I advocate a for-ward movement by the Democratic party because I know that no matter

must live on its usefulness.
"It is just the same with individ-

in sight for Governor. They have good records. But they will, succeed

or fall according to theid success the next year or two in showing the peo-ple what they can do—not what they

Wilson and the present Congress is the secret of the universal confidence

in our party. Now the Democratic party in North Carolina has done well. It is doing well. Governor

Craig is a magnificent Governor. But if we would continue to command the confidence of the people we must con-

tinue to surpass all others in serving

"The meeting I have in mind pro-poses to help the party in doing fust

Democratic party certain standards,

and stimulate them to uphold these standards until they shall have be-

come law. If we do this, the Demo-cratic party will continue to be the

vehicle of the people's will in North

tofore published what I conceive to be

a reasonably practicable program. You printed it is January. Of course I cannot say what the meeting will

Famous Men Coming.

We shall lisve one or more famous men. The meeting will be in April. All Democrats favorable to well-

defined forward measures will be wel-

comed—and I think this includes about all of them. The call will be

"We are out in this movement to advance any one man's cause, or to

promote any candidate, or to make any division in the Democratic party.

I could not be in such a movement

All we have in mind is to bring for-ward in emphatic manner some big

things for our party to do-some

FRED HULL QUITS

Friends of J. K. Doughton Ex-

pect Him To Be Hull's

Successor

(Special to The News and Ginerver.)

Asheville, March 9 .- Fred A. Hull

will not come as a surprise to Mr. Hull's friends here for it has been known for some time past that he

has been considering taking such ac-tion. As mational bank examiner, he has served with great satisfaction and

BANK EXAMINER

this subject. We

more definite on this subject.
expect a great meeting.
To Promote(No Candidacy.

Speaking for myself, I have here-

unls.

them.

There are now three candidates

MYSTERY DEEP AT CAPITAL

Carolina, But It-Must Keep State and War Departments Ask For Fullest Particulars By Wire-Remains of Slain American Indicate He Was Murdered - Mexican President To Punish Slayers

Washington, March 9 — Two usepartments of the United States government are seeking information as
to the circumstances under which the
body of Clemente Vergara, an Amer
ican ranchman, supposed to have been
killed by Mexican Federal soldiers
near Hidalgo, Mexico, was found on
the American side of the Rio Grande
early, Sunday morning. Strauged of early Sunday morning. Stripped of doubtful details, the solitary fact known officially to the State and Wardepartments is that the body of the man for whom search has been made for the past three weeks, is on Texas

Telegrams To Washington. A brief telegram to the State De-partment today from American Con-sul Garrett, at Neuvo Laredo, Mex-ico, said the body had been found and that details would be reported by mail. No mention was made of press reports that Texas rangers crossed the border and brought the body back reporting their action to Governor.

Colquitt. This slow process did not satisfy Secretary Bryan, who promptily wired the consul to make his report by telegraph and this is being awaited.

Meanwhile the Wire despendent with ricon called on General Blus at El Paso for information. This brought the following telegram from that of-

ficer:
"Investigation Vergara affair being how good a party's record may be it must continue to actively serve the people. It cannot live on its record; made. Will report as soon as facts are learned. Thus far nothing known here except as published in press. Affair pocurred about 35 miles above Laredo at a place not on railroad or telegraph line!

No Violations of Neutrality. No Violations of Neutrainy.
Reasonably assured that neither United States nor Texas officials held participated in any action that might be remarded as stolating Merican source ereignty, the State Department to confronted with the becomity of making fronted with the becomity of making the community of the state of t ple what they can have done.

Supremacy in Service.

"The Democratic party in the nation is eweeping everybody before it because the administration is proving successful. The work of President successful. The present Congress is fronted with the necessity of making fresh representations to General Huerta in the effort to have punished the persons guilty of Vergara's killing. When the case first was brought to his attention by Charge O'Shaughnessy. General Huerta promised prompt punishment of the guilty parties if warranted by the facts

ties, if warranted by the facts.

Afterward the Federal General at
Neuvo Laredo intimated that Vergara had joined the Constitutionalists
and had been killed by them. The discovery of the body on the banks of the Rio Grande, bearing half a dozen fatal wounds now furnishes tangible evidence for the further prosecution of the case. Secretary Bryan today asked John Bassett Moore, formerly this. We will simulate interest in cer-tain great causes. We will inform the people and the candidates. I hope we will succeed in fixing in the minds of the men who make up the counselor of the State Department to his offices for consultation and it is inferred that subsequent steps will be in accordance with Mr. Moore's suggestions.

Shively Sees President.

Acting Chairman Shively, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee senate Foreign Relations Committee today conferred with President Wil-son and then with Secretary Bryan about the Vergara case and said after-wards that little official information had been received. Incidentally, the President depled that the American government knew anything of a published report that Germany has warned Mexico that any injury to German subjects would meet with retaliation. The President told caller that Germany's attitude toward the position of the United States' in the Mexican situation had been satisfac-tory and friendly and that Germany had occupied a most dignified position throughout. He did not believe re-ports, he added, that Germany was

disposed to complicate the situate. Consul Letcher so far has made report to the State Department on the case of Snyman, the former Hoer. General and British ranch owner, who is asking protection for his property through the United States govern-Also it was said that nothing achievements that will keep North Carolina Democrats abreast of the great record President Wilson and Congress are making." had been heard of Gustav Bauch the American who disappeared Junrez several weeks ago. As for the commission charged to investigate the killing of the British subject, Benton, Secretary Bryan today said its statute Secretary Bryan today said its status

> WILL ASK INJUNCTION State of Louisiana Will Try to Block

Free Sugar. Washington, March 9,-The Su preme Court today granted the State of Louisians permission to file an-application for an injunction against Secretary McAdoo enforcing the re-duced sugar rates of the Underwood

tariff act.
The court fixed April 6, for the Sec. retary of the Treasury to show cause why the injunction should not be is-sued. Application for permission to file the suit was lodged by Attorney General Pleasant, March 3. He deof this city, who for the past eight years has served as national bank examiner for the State of North Carolina, last night authorized the announcement that he has tendered clared the State was engaged at its convict labor farms in production of sugar and, therefore, had a direct interest in rates on sugar. Reduced rates became effective on March 1 and

his resignation, effective immediately, took to the entire removal of duty to John Skelton Williams, comptroler of the currency. This announcement Federals Train at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg. Va., March 9 .- Menhas served with great satisfaction and the news of his retirement will be received with regret by his friends in banking circles throughout the State. He has not yet announced his plazs for the future.

While several names are being mentioned in connection with the appointment of a successor to Mr. Hull it is stated that at the present time the indications are that the position will stronger financially today than the constant strain of a long pennant race.

TRIO OF STATESMEN FROM WHICH

SUCCESSOR OF MOORE WILL BE CHOSEN



Washington. March 9.4 Consider | the president's adviser on the Mexican able speculation is induled in here situation, who is now in Vera Crust as to who will be the new corrector to the State Department, succeeding John Rockhill, who has represented this Rassett Moore who assumed the State Department of the Rockhill, who has represented this Bassett Moore, who resigned a few country in Turkey and China. The new days ago. Three men are now under counselor to the State. Department consideration by President Wilson and will have much to sio with the Mexi-Secretary Bryan. They are John Lind. can situation:

FOR GREENSBORD IN THREE STATES

1 JOHN LIND 2 W.W.ROCKHILL 3 HENRY WHITE

Waco, Tex., Terre Haute Ind., Theatre-Goers of Patriot Town and Buffalo, N. Y., Suffer Disastrous Blazes

To Get On The Keith Circuit -

5.000 BALES COTTON BURN TO SEAT NEARLY THOUSAND

Conflagration—In All Cases Flames Spread Rapidly and Soon Gain Control Over the Fighting Brigades

Sparks From Passing Engine Guilford Civil Court Began Yes-Given as Cause of Lone Star \ terday-Helping The Needy. Perritt Signs With Patriots. Many Building Permits; U.

Colours, but they have sold to Messrs.

special Term Next Week.

been supplied. He says the calls came largely from homes of widows, where

there were sick and in a few cases

where heads of the household were

Perritt in Right Field.

League batting averages last season Perritt was at the top with a per-

age of 362 for 17 games. February's Building Record.

criminal cases will convene.

Texas, March 9. Property Greensboro March 9 - Work will be commenced in a few days on the new days on the alued at a half million dollars was new playbouse that is to be erected by Messer W. C and C. B. Boren, on the lot adjoining the Farius-Klutz destroyed today in a fire which swept the plant of the Exporters' & Trad-ers' Warehouse and Compress Comdrug store and oposite the Guilford Hotel. This lot was recently pur-chasen by the Piedmont Amusement pany in East Waco.

The loss inculdes the \$100,000 plant, \$,000 bales of votion in storage and on wharf, eight box cars of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Rai oad and adjoining outhouses of the company. the laiter gentlemen to erect a build Losses were said to be nearly cov-ered by insurance. A big-brick ware-house containing more than 1,608 bales of cotton was closed and with-

metion pictures will be presented. It is hoped to have the show house open for business before the fail season. stood intense heat. - So rapidly did the flames spread that employes in the business office were forced to dee their desks, losing personal belongings. Sparks from a comotive was given as the cause of

Big Blaze At Terre Haute.

(By the Assettand Press) Terra Haute, Ind., March 9 - Fire that started in a basement of a wholemale drug house in the sbusiness dis-trict here tonight has spread to adjoining structures and is said to be beyond control. Thirty minutes after the fire was discovered it was es-timated that it had caused \$100,000 many calls have been made upon the organization by needy of the city durdamage to stock alone. ing the last three weeks of severe weather and that in ever case the actual needs of the applicants have

Big Loss At Buffalo.

willy the Assetated Press. Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.—The con-necting terminal elevator on Black-well canal is burning and probably ager H. H. Geesier of the Pittsbur will be a total loss. The elevator Federal League, after an inspection of contains about 1.000.000 bushels of facilities here today decided to bring grain.

San Jose Cal, March 9.—Arthur Shafer, third baseman of the New constant strain of a long pennant race, and was going into business with his afther at Los Aneles.

quired yesterday when her dress shight life from a store. Her right side received severe injuries but she is resting well and will soon be well. She is the marker of it. H. Indiutts, of Charlotte, and Sydner DeBatts, of this

Go to Grand Connell. # The degree team of the Greensboro suncil of the United Commercial Trayelets has accepted an invitation from the council of Greenville, S. C., to confer the initiation at the meeting of the grand council for the Carolinas in June. The invitation has been accepted. The local council is said to have the best organized team for degree work in the Carollinas.

A contrittee from the council is at work on a mogram for Memorial Day prefered to be held the first Sunday

in April. officers for the ansuing year: J. H. Boone, senior councillor, E. C. Caldwells juntor councillor, E. J. Davis, past councillor, F. J. Sparger, secre-lary-treasurer, H. V. Cobb, conduc-tor; F. J. Tinale, page, and A. V. Satterwhite, sentinel.

ROAD REPAIRER KHARD

George W. Babson Meets Death in Yards at New Bern.

Charlotte, March 9: Cleorge Wash-ucton Budson a Norfolk Southern could foreman, was crushed to death his afternoon while working on the Bern, says a special from that place is says a special from that place, ght. It seems that the engine, leving other cars, shunted the one orw hich habson was working; fling the foreman without sparning mangling his hody so that he died

OIL COMPANY FIRE.

and 100,000 Barrels Oil. Kiefer. Okla. March 9. Titets imitedings and approximatel the Prairie Oil and Gas Company were destroyed by fire here into to-day. The loss is estimate at \$200. tire originated in a row of

email buildings, spread rapidly, and spited the contents of three of

TRYING TO LOCATE

instead of this morning Judge Lane, who lives in Reidsville, did not come until noon, here the delay. There is a rather heavy calendar for Cole Carried Off By Her the week. The afternoon session to-day was taken up in the trial of divorce cases, of which there were several and all uncontested. Next Monday a special term for the trail of Aunt, Is Charge

Ospecial to The News and Observed.) Ameville, March 9 .- Local sheriff's the

Many Cases for Aid. Secretary E. J. Haron, of the In-ter-Church Association, says that eputies and E. C. Cole, father of Bettle Edna Cole, aged five, are trying to jocasse the child who is alleged to Speaker Cannon and is historic for its have been kidnapped by her aunt. Miss Carrie Tinsley, and Miss Bettle

Hotchinson last Friday, Tom Tinsley, Walter Tinsley and Bessic Reynolds were arrested today on warrants charging them with aid ing and abetting in kidnapping the child and warrants have been issued for the arrest of Miss Tinsley and Miss Hutchison on charges of kidnap-

Local fans are pleased at the an-nouncement that Perritt, who played It is said that Miss Tinsley has had with Greensboro ball club late last year, will be in a Patriot uniform again this season. He will be seen in right field. In the North Carolina charge of the child for some time and that when the father married a sec ond time she left with the little girl. The two women for whom warrants some point in the State of Washing-

The building permits for the year ending February 28, 1814, were 124 Some girls are shy about marrying tablish for dwellings and 274 for buildings men who are shy of ready money.

PROBE EXCHANGES

Will Ask That Experts Ascertrain Whether They Help or **Rob Farmers**

WANTS BACK SALARIES PAID

Senate Resolution Asks That Heirs of Officers of Union Army Who Joined Confederates Be Paid Sum Unpaid at Time of Change-Postoffice Trouble at Wake Forest

By W. E. YELVERTON

Washinton, D. C., March 9 .- Chairman Henry, of the House Rules Committee, will propose at a meeting of the Rules Committee Thursday morning that a joint committee of the two Houses of Conress make -- A thorouh ! investigation. during the present session of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges and of the Chicago Board of Trade. He said today that he deems the subject of the most importance that can come

of the most importance that can come before Congress.

Mr. Henry's idea is that the joint committee shall employ experts and take testimony on the question weather the grain and cotton exchanges, as organized and conducted, are or are not a scheme for rolling the farmer. He believes a cotton explange is a device for robbins. on exchange is a device for robbing

The Senate, at the initiation of Send or Overman, today passed a resolution authorising the L. S. Tressury to pay to the heirs of Confederate soldiers who served in the Union atmy and in the rolliers and new

the unpaid amounts due them up to the time they went to the South. The resolution has not been presented to the House,

Lee. Jackson, Longstreet. Pickett, and most of the other famous Con-federate generals were in the army service when the South seconded, and when they enlisted under rebel banners the treasury refused to pay them whatever amounts were due them for services rendered. More than 25 years ago the Supreme Court held that one Walter had a just claim, but this test does not seem to have been the basis of all the suits which would have recovered for the heirs. North Carolinians Affected.

Heirs of 22 North Carolinians will brofit by the resolution if it passes the House. Then ames and amounts

re as follows: Ceneral Geo. B. Anderson, \$657. General Geo. B. Anderson, \$667.
General Dewls A. Armistead, \$218.
General Lawrence S. Baker, \$720.
General Braxion Bragg, \$207.
General John H. Forney, \$657.
General Richard C. Gattin, \$1,490.
General Jeremy F. Gilmer, \$1,372.40
General Theophilis H. Holmes,

General James G. Murtin, \$1,314 General William D. Penger, \$511. General Grabriel J. Hains, \$1,490 General Stephen D.

General Robert Ramson, \$1739 General Cadmus M. Wilcox. Colonel Frank S. Armsteld, \$839.50. \$1,499

Colonel Frederick L. Childs, \$435 Colonel Matthew L. Davis, \$657 Colonel Robert C. Hill, \$435. Colonel William C. Robinson, \$219. Colonel Salomon Williams, \$839.50. Arendell at Morehead City.

Representive Falson today recoi mended W. L. Arendell for postmaster at Morehead City. Arendell having been successful in the primary there gram to Dr. Paison asked him to deby the recommendation until some papers could be fluid. This Dr. Pan has declined to do. He says the primary returns were signed by three of the two members of the precines. Democratic Executive Committee and C. T. To Greenville, S. C., In Oklahoma Destroys 32 Buildings, the spea no season why the nomina Dr. Potent Protests.

1, 1, Young, of Henderson, he here attempting to get rid of some post building leased to the government at Henderson. He will probably soil Henderson. He will probably sell them to the Wake Forest office when the government allows that office to be moved from the building it now occupies. Dr. W. L. Potent has protested vigorously against moving the office and says he has a site which he wants to submit. The postoffice department has even him until March 15th to submit the site. The office will certainly be moved from its pres-

ent quarters Ashebore, Edenton, North Wilkes Ashebore, Edenton. North Wilkesbore, and Louisburg will probably be advanced from third to second class offices by July 1st. Their receipts have shown a steady gain.

Representive Kitchin will amnounce tomorrow his recommendations for postmasters in the second district.

Pursued By Coincidences.

White head Kluttz, of Salisbury.

White head Kluttz, of Salisbury, the new secretary to the International Roundary Commission, is pursued by coincidental connections with former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon. L. White Busby, when Mr. Kluttz succeeded on the Boundary Commission, was for-merly secretary to Speaker Cannon many poker games and for the moml

entous conferences it has sheltered.

Postoffices Discontinued. The following postoffices in North Carolina have been ordered discon-tinued March Elst: Ida, Alleghany county, mail to Ana; Patrick, Cherokee county, mail to Hiawassee; Stepp. Henderson county, mail to Saconon, Henderson county, mail to Saconon, Taft, Buncombe county, mial to Brankton; Aulula, Graham county, mail to Topton; Wolk Creek, Cherokee county, mail to Grey; Byrdville, oClumbus county, mail to Belton, Taylor, Wilson county mail to Wilson.

Two Postoffice Appointments.

Annie Lassiter has been appointed postmaster at Bentonville, formerly Beasley, N. C.

Ernest L. Peram has been made postmaster at the new postoffice established at McLeed, Richmond county and the county of t