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Southern.

Patriotism was the keynote struck by the Southern Division of the Ad Men's Club of America at its session in Atlanta. About two hundred men, interested in publicity, from the Rio Grande to the Atlantic coast, assembled for the meeting. They did not talk about themselves. They talked about what they had done, might do and would do for their particular city and section and gave their fellows the benefit of their advice. Thomas E. Basham of Louisville, Ky., declared that every city in the South should appropriate a fund for advertising itself and its resources. He held that every city in the South is worthy of advertising. Throughout the entire program the note resounded.

That he murdered Gov. William Goebel of Kentucky, in cold blood, at Frankfort in January, 1900, was the lying declaration of James Gilbert, ex-fugitive of Breathitt county, Kentucky, who was fatally wounded in a pistol fight with a bartender, at Helena, Ark. The name of James Gilbert did not appear in the proceedings who were in close touch with the Frank tragedy were not impressed with the Gilbert confession.

Mann Hamilton, a negro, identified by Mrs. John Bell as the man who attacked her at her home near Starkville, Miss., and her clubbing her about the head with an iron bar, threw her into a well, was hanged by a mob near Starkville. Mrs. Bell is probably fatally wounded. She was found in the well, which contained only several feet of water, by her 10-year-old son when he returned from school. Posses were immediately organized and Hamilton was captured.

Shorn of its "injunction feature," and delayed in taking effect, the Erkman-Osborne-Carlisle anti-railroad law was accepted by the house of representatives of the South Carolina legislature, and was ordered enrolled as an act, the senate having passed it in amended form. The bill now goes to the governor for approval. The fight on the racing bill eliminated the provision making violation of the law a common nuisance abatable by injunction proceedings.

The Rock Hill plan of cotton reduction was endorsed by the Southern Merchants' convention at their meeting in Atlanta. The convention deemed it unwise to encourage the production of a large crop in 1912, because another bumper crop would certainly sell for a very low price, which, in turn, would cause general and serious demoralization in business. Another 16,000,000-bale crop of cotton will bankrupt half the farmers in the state and hundreds of merchants, said a speaker.

General.

Twenty-five thousand dollars in currency was stolen from a taxicab in the heart of the New York business district by progressive highwaymen, who sprang into the vehicle and overpowered W. F. Smith and Frank Wardell, messengers of the East River National bank at 630 Broadway. Both messengers were badly injured and the robbers escaped with the money, \$15,000 in five dollar bills and \$10,000 in one hundred dollar bills.

The United States government arrested in cities from New York to Savannah to Denver at least forty-one, almost all of the fifty-four men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases. It took into custody within a few hours practically the entire official staff of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, including the chief officers, the members of the executive board and about twenty business agents and former business agents. These included Frank M. Ryan, the president; John T. Butler of Buffalo, N. Y., the first vice president, and Herbert S. Hookin, the second vice president, and successor to J. J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer.

For the first time in twenty-seven years Seneca Lake near Elmira, N. Y., is frozen over completely, the last gap of open water having been closed. People along the lake are feeding the wild ducks.

Andrew Carnegie is confined to his home in New York City with a severe cold.

Chicago Methodist preachers decided to appeal to President Taft to improve alleged vice conditions at Washington, D. C., after hearing an address by Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts. Doctor Crafts said conditions in Washington were a disgrace to the nation.

Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Clerical-Center party, who was elected president of the German Reichstag, gave notice that he would resign because he refuses to be associated with a Socialist vice president.

A verdict of acquittal was returned in the cases of railroad contractors tried for peonage at London, Ky.

Edward B. Alsop, 75 years old, a wealthy retired Pittsburg steel manufacturer, and Miss Effie Pope Hill, 19 years old, of Washington, Ga., were married in Trinity church, New York City, with the bridegroom's two grown sons, Harold and Edward Alsop, students at Harvard, as witnesses. The wedding was originally to have been on March 13, but the young bride herself decided to hasten the ceremony. Mr. Alsop met Miss Hill in Washington, D. C., about two years ago.

The Chinese national assembly unanimously elected Yuan Shi Kai president of the republic and then decided that the provision capital shall be Nanking. Dr. Sun Yat Sen's resignation of the presidency of the Chinese republic was accepted by the national assembly on condition that both he and the present cabinet hold office until the new president and cabinet take over their duties. The national assembly afterwards passed a resolution paying great tribute to Doctor Sun.

The fundamental cause of the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass., is the high cost of living, in the opinion of Governor Foss. In a letter to Representative Oscar W. Underwood, the Democratic leader of the Federal house of representatives, Governor Foss urges the immediate removal of the duties from foodstuffs and other necessities of life. The letter says, in part: "Back of whatever local causes there may be for this strike, the fundamental cause is the high cost of living."

Promising the new state a "golden rule" administration, George W. P. Hunt was inaugurated as governor of Arizona, accompanied by a number of newly elected state officials and a few close friends, Governor Hunt, who began life in Arizona 25 years ago as a waiter in a small dining camp restaurant, walked to the capitol, about a mile from the center of that city, where the ceremonies took place. Governor Hunt is a Missourian, and 50 years old.

Reduction of boll weevils in the cotton belt during 1911 undoubtedly had an important bearing on the production of the record cotton crop, in the opinion of W. D. Hunter of the bureau of entomology. In a report on the movement of the Mexican cotton boll weevil, Mr. Hunter says: "During 1911 the boll weevil was greatly reduced in numbers throughout its entire range. This resulted from a combination of climatic influences extending over a period of three years."

Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, firing an administration pre-emption campaign gun at Lansing, Mich., at the annual dinner of the Zach Chandler Republican club, where he was the guest of honor, came out flatly with the expressed belief that Col. Theodore Roosevelt "would not—and with his make-up could not—run against Taft," for the Republican presidential nomination this year. Secretary MacVeagh confined his confidence to the present contest.

Washington.

Adj. Gen. Fred C. Ainsworth, who was relieved of his office on charges assumed to be those of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, was placed on the retired list on his own application. This precludes the possibility of a court-martial. President Taft approved General Ainsworth's application because of the officer's thirty-seven years of service. "Foolish stories" about American intervention, circulated in Mexico, through erroneous press dispatches, have aroused so much feeling throughout the troubled southern republic and so endangered the safety of American residents there, that the state department issued a circular to its diplomatic and consular representatives in Mexico, denying all such stories and reiterating expressions of good will and sincerest friendship for Mexico.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray announced that he would strictly enforce the law which holds directors of national banks liable for losses sustained through loans in excess of legal amounts. He instructed national bank examiners, when such losses are discovered in future, to request the board of directors of the institution affected to pass a resolution setting for the names of the directors responsible for the excess loan.

Publication of the names and addresses of the 900,000 pensioners now on the Federal pension rolls, feeding on the bounty of the government, is provided for in a bill offered by Senator Bryan of Florida, and adopted by the senate pension committee as an amendment to the Smoot substitute for the dollar-a-day pension bill. A howl of protest will now go up from a large group of these pensioners. For years the demand that the list should be made public has been met with the most stubborn opposition.

Alleged political influence of Maj. Beecher B. Ray, the army paymaster, who is declared to have enjoyed frequent changes of station and immunity from various troubles because of the influence of President Taft, was again a subject of investigation before the house. Paymaster General Whipple testified that Major Ray has established a record in the service for frequent changes in station. In thirteen years he had been successively stationed at 18 points; whereas, the average assignment of a paymaster at any station is between three and four years.

TO ARGUE THE RATES AGAIN

MR. BICKETT HAS GONE TO WASHINGTON TO APPEAR FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

IS THE OLD MATTER AGAIN

State Wins Freight Rate Case Before Commissioners—It is a Matter That Especially Concerns Merchants of Winston and Durham.

Raleigh.—Attorney-General Thomas W. Bickett left for Washington where he appears before the Interstate Commerce Commission upon the celebrated freight rate reduction cases begun years ago against the Norfolk and Western particularly, the road that enters the state and affects the merchants of this state.

Since that warfare began, there has been registered a substantial reduction on a ton of coal, though it is only ten cents. Winston-Salem merchants and Durham men began the fight several years ago and had a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. That body also went against the road and it appealed to the higher courts. It comes back to the Commerce Commission again, the former action of the Norfolk and Western having been for annulment of the order of the commissions.

Mr. Bickett will represent North Carolina in this case. He was not attorney general when the case was started, but has since come into it and is making a great fight for the state and its dealers. The warfare against the rate is made upon a carriage from Cincinnati to Lynchburg and then to Durham in the one instance, and from Cincinnati to Roanoke, then to Winston-Salem in the other. The injustice of the whole thing has been shown to be the grossest.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were issued by the secretary of state: Theo. Buerbaum & Co. of Salisbury; general merchandise; authorized capital, \$50,000, with \$10,000 paid in by R. D. Eames, Theo. Buerbaum and M. D. Buerbaum. Standard Insurance Co. of Charlotte; to carry on the business of insuring against loss by fire, etc.; authorized capital, \$100,000, with \$50,000 paid in by George Stephens, W. H. Wood, Harvey Lambeth, P. C. Whitlock, A. P. Feltz, T. C. Guthrie, C. O. Kuester, Ernest Ellison, John W. Todd, J. E. Davis, E. V. Patterson and A. Jones. York People's capital, \$10,000, with \$9,000 paid in.

A Fatal Wreck Was Averted.

A probably serious, if not fatal, wreck was averted on the Glenwood trestle of the Norfolk Southern railroad when the train from Norfolk collided with a switch engine standing on the main track. As a result of this mishap many passengers were severely jolted and bruised, while the conductor, Captain P. E. Furr, suffered a wrenched neck. Mr. Furr and little child were more or less bruised, the extent of which is not known. Judge Whedbee was one of the passengers and he was badly shaken up and received several small cuts.

Serious Burns Prove Fatal.

Following the fatal burns sustained a few days ago, Margaret, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dorsett, died at their home on Rowan Avenue, in Spencer. It was found that the child had inhaled the flames, which burned its clothing off while playing in front of an open fire. The neck, chest and limbs were burned to a crisp to say nothing of internal burns. A severe shock also followed the accident.

Murderer Gets Twelve Years.

At Carthage, Clyde McDonald, colored, was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary for killing Sinclair, a negro, at Keyser last December.

Sues Street Car Company.

Damages in the sum of \$20,000 are asked from the Charlotte Electric Railway Company by Mrs. Annie McClure, who says she sustained serious injuries November 5, 1910, when the motorman started the car which she had boarded in Seversville, before she had taken her seat. She fell in the aisle, sustaining bruises on an arm and leg. No bones were broken. She contends that she has suffered permanent injury, and has suffered great mental and physical anguish to the extent of \$20,000.

A Bottle of Whiskey Explodes.

A near-serious explosion occurred in Spencer and a well-known young man had a narrow escape from being burned to death, a bottle of whiskey exploded in his pocket, while seated near an open fire, causing his clothing to ignite. All was serene until the whiskey became heated by the fire. The explosion caused consternation in the home for a short time and it required heroic efforts on the part of several friends to put out the flames before the clothing was burned from the body of the young man.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

A Number of Government Experts Talk to the Farmers of Wilson County About Farm Work.

Wilson.—Quite a number of intelligent farmers met in the mayor's court room to hear Messrs. C. R. Hudson, C. B. Williams and Prof. I. O. Schaub, who are in the employ of the government, discuss farming.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ome Parker, who was recently placed in charge of the farmers' co-operative work of Wilson county under the plan between the county and the United States governments—whereby the expense of carrying on the work is shared.

About fifty plats of ground in different sections will be put in cultivation and Mr. Parker will visit them often to see that the instructions as to cultivation are faithfully carried out.

The day was given over to discussion of raising of corn, the necessity of preparing a good seed bed, deep breaking of the land, etc.

Mr. Williams discussed seed selection and seed cultivation, and the necessity for improving the seed on the farms.

Mr. Schaub, in charge of the boys' corn growing contests explained that work, and also the "tomato clubs" for the girls, who contemplate putting up canned goods for the family.

Mr. Hudson gave a history of the work in the South for the past eight years and the good that it has accomplished. He talked of soil improvement, good seed and better methods in agriculture, rotation of crops, etc. He says that the Agricultural Department of the United States is spending annually \$25,000 in this state and that North Carolina is spending at least \$3,000 annually to advance farmers' co-operative work.

The Governor Pardons Two.

Charles Houston of Mecklenburg county received from Governor Kitchin a commutation of sentence so that his service of 4 years sentence from November 1910 for manslaughter terminated, this being on the recommendation of the solicitor and the attorney for the prosecution. A pardon is granted by Governor Kitchin for Charles Warren, who has been serving since August, 1910, on a 5-year sentence for attempted criminal assault. This action is taken on recommendation of the solicitor, judge, attorney for the prosecution and a large number of people, who have been convinced, especially by reason of developments as to the character of the prosecutrix, that Warren was not guilty of criminal assault.

Political Situation Warming Up.

The Mecklenburg county political situation continues to warm up and talk of different candidates for specific offices increases. The names of Messrs. R. Preston, W. C. Max and Plummer Stewart were mentioned here and there, as suitable men for the state senate in the event that Mr. H. N. Pharr, the incumbent, does not again make the race. The name of Mr. F. R. McNinch has already been placed before the public and while Mr. McNinch has not expressed himself on the subject it is believed that he will become a candidate if assured of support.

Another Railroad Is Planned.

It is learned on good authority that there is a possibility of a railroad being built from Littleton in the northern end of Halifax county to Hamilton, Marion county, touching Brinkleyville, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Palmyra. In conversation with Mr. A. Paul Kitchin, this writer was told that a gentleman was at Scotland Neck looking into the advisability of such a road. He told Mr. Kitchin that while he did not represent any of the big railroad systems, yet there was plenty of private promoters having built several short lines in Virginia last year.

Company In Shape To Mobilize.

Pursuant to general orders from the War Department Captain Sidney Chambers of the Durham military company, has his company in shape to mobilize at Fort Glenn, and thence to the Mexican frontier, should the War Department find this necessary.

Goes Forward Agriculturally.

Speakers from the national and state departments of agriculture will be in Forsyth county within the next two weeks and a decided interest is evinced in the interesting programs prepared for the meetings. This section has always been noted for its corn crops, but in recent years, along with the advent of scientific study of soil and general farming topics, Forsyth has leaped forward greatly. North Carolina farmers have never developed their corn fields to the fullest extent, generally speaking.

Little Girl Burned To Death.

The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John James, a prominent farmer of Durham county, was burned to death several days ago at the home near Greens mill. The little girl was playing in the fire with strips of paper and her dress became ignited. Her four-year-old brother, with extraordinary presence of mind for one so young, dashed a bucket of water over her. In spite of his brave efforts to extinguish the flames, the burns were so severe that death resulted a few hours afterwards.

SAVE OUR FORESTS

NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO SOON MEET IN RALEIGH.

THE PROGRAMME IN PART

Meeting is to Be An Important One and There Will Be Addresses Made By Men Thoroughly Informed on Forest Protection.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Forestry Association is to hold its second annual convention in Raleigh in a few days, the meetings to be probably held in the rooms of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Many prominent men have been invited to address the meeting on the various phases of forestry, this promising a most interesting and instructive session.

The following is the program in part: Opening Prayer—Rev. Charles E. Maddry.

Address of Welcome—Gov. W. W. Kitchin.

Response.

Address of the President—Dr. D. H. Hill.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Committees.

Co-operative Fire Protection for North Carolina—Mr. J. G. Peters, U. S. Forest Service.

Enforcing the Present Forest Fire Laws: Hon. J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

The Railroad's Part in Fire Prevention—Col. W. W. Finley, President Southern Railway.

What Improvements in the Forest Fire Laws Would be Advisable?—Attorney General T. W. Bickett.

The Value of Local Forestry Associations—Mr. M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent, Southern Railway.

The Southern Pine Beetle and Its Control—Dr. A. D. Hopkins, U. S. Bureau of Entomology.

Fire Protection in the Sand Hills—Mr. Leonard Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.

The State Charters New Railroad.

Raleigh.—The Yadkin River Railroad Company, with principal office at North Wilkesboro and with \$225,000 capital, was chartered for the construction of 45 miles of railroad from Boone in Watauga county to North Wilkesboro in Wilkes county. The directors named in the charter for the first year are: C. H. Cowles, Wilkesboro; W. J. and G. M. Gandin, of Pennsylvania; J. T. Henderson and H. C. London, of Lenoir, and T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro. The road will traverse Watauga and Wilkes counties, opening up a rich territory.

Will Be Candidate For Re-election.

Hamlet.—The term of office of Postmaster E. C. Terry, of this place expires the first of this month, and as usual with office holders he is a candidate for re-appointment. He is opposed by Lorenz Medlin, an attorney of Hamlet, and there are several other receptive candidates. Mr. Medlin has quite a long list of signers to his application for the appointment and Mr. Terry also has many friends. Mr. Terry has had the office for twelve years and feels that now the office has gotten into a class that will pay a good income that he should have a reappointment.

Urged To Diversify Crops.

Raleigh.—Mr. J. A. Brown, of Columbus county, spent a day here, conferring with the officers of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, urging these bodies adopt resolutions urging farmers of this section and throughout the state to diversify crops next season to a far greater degree than ever before and reduce cotton production. Both organizations will do this at once putting their stamp of approval on what has come to be known as the Rock Hill plan for reducing the cotton acreage and bringing up the acreage of other crops cultivated.

Held On Two Serious Charges.

Durham.—Luther Williams, a white employee of the Durham hosiery mills, was sent to jail without bail by Recorder Graham on the dual charge of burglary and criminal assault, the penalty for either of which is death in the electric chair. Williams broke into the home of A. S. Tyndall, a night watchman of the hosiery mills, on the night of February 3 and assaulted the 13-year-old daughter of the night watchman. Williams has a wife and several small children and lived next door to Mr. Tyndall.

Laymen's Convention Has Closed.

Winston-Salem.—The laymen's missionary convention which was held at Winston-Salem came to a close with addresses by the Rev. J. O. Revis, of Columbia, S. C., and J. Campbell White, of New York. Meetings for both men and women were held in the afternoon. At the morning session addresses were made by Dr. Paul Des Chwelnitz, Bethlehem, Pa., on low made missions interesting to men, W. E. Dougherty, of New York, on features of the educational policy of the laymen's movement.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

A Column of Short Paragraphs That Were Collected With Very Much Care by the Editor.

Murphy.—Deputy Collector R. F. Henry and Deputy Marshal T. V. Shoper destroyed two large illicit stills on Beaver Dam creek. The stills were running. The men made their escape.

Raleigh.—State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner left for Salisbury, where he met with the district superintendents of public instruction and the city superintendents. They discussed matters largely among themselves.

Reidsville.—The local tobacco market had another good week. Total sales were 217,139 pounds, bringing \$28,499.88, or an average of \$13.12. Prices are firm on all grades and sellers are highly pleased with returns.

Linville Falls.—The famous Grasslands farm, up the river four miles from Linville Falls, has been sold and will be divided up. This beautiful place, one of the show places of the mountains, has had a rather tragic history.

Lenoir.—Many new buildings are being erected in Lenoir at the present time and many more have recently been completed. Business conditions are looking upward in almost every line and the prospect for a busy year is evident on every hand.

Winston-Salem.—Fire completely gutted the fine two-story stone and brick department store of Rosenbacher & Bro., with a loss probably exceeding \$50,000. Firemen fought valiantly and prevented a spread of the flames to adjoining buildings. The origin of the blaze is not known.

Greensboro.—E. W. Tilley, a white man of Surry county, under sentence of 30 years for the murder of A. Jolly, was brought here by Sheriff Haynes of Surry and carried to Raleigh to begin the service of his long term. Tilley is a man of splendid physique and apparently will make a good man for the state.

Newbern.—With the ground covered with snow and the temperature only two degrees above zero, Newbern was visited by two fires. The water pressure was extremely low, as is usual in this city during cold weather and the firemen were handicapped in fighting the flames. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Kinston.—News was received in Kinston of the death of Mr. Bryant Parker of Jones county. While driving along the Trenton road Mr. Henry Gray of Jones county discovered the body of a man covered in snow by the roadside. After digging away the snow he discovered the body to be that of Mr. Bryant Parker, frozen stiff and lifeless.

Gastonia.—As successor to the late George A. Gray, Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, a large stockholder, was elected president of the Gray mill. Mr. Thomas L. Craig was elected vice-president, and Mr. J. H. Separk and J. L. Gray—the latter a son of the deceased—were re-elected secretary-treasurer and superintendent respectively.

Winston-Salem.—The friendly suit of the city of Winston vs. the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, wherein the plaintiff was suing to compel the defendant to comply with the contract to take \$160,000 of the city bonds recently voted, was decided in favor of the city after it had been argued before Judge Frank A. Daniels in the superior court.

Salisbury.—Jim Bradshaw, colored, was convicted of manslaughter in Rowan superior court and sentenced to 12 months on the county roads. Bradshaw shot and killed Mollie Hyde at a colored festival in western Rowan several weeks ago, the defendant's gun, which he had secured for an assault on another, was discharged in a scuffle, killing the woman.

Raleigh.—Commissions were issued for the officers of Troop A, North Carolina National Guard, the cavalry company just organized at Lincolnton, for which the War Department is to furnish the equipment, other than horses, at a cost of about \$6,000. The officers are: W. A. Fair, captain; J. O. Shuford, first, and R. S. Rhinehardt, Jr., second lieutenant. The equipment is expected to arrive about April 1.

Raleigh.—New uses are being constantly found for Raleigh's big Auditorium, and it is proving its right to be regarded as perhaps Raleigh's greatest feature for publicity, and its greatest paying asset. The latest call is for the use of the Auditorium as a banquet hall.

High Point.—The Hill brothers, whose trial for the shooting of their father on the 3rd inst., came off in the recorder's court, were bound over to superior court under a bond of \$2,000 each. In default of meeting their bond, they were taken to Greensboro jail by the local police.

Raleigh.—Detective Harvey Byrd, who was so seriously shot by accident in December, was here on his return from the Eastern section of the state where he has just finished a raid that resulted in catching eighteen tigers.

OFFERS AN INSULT TO THIS COUNTRY

GRAVE SITUATION PRECIPITATED IN BY ACTION OF COLOMBIAN MINISTER.

MAKES PROFOUND SENSATION

Smarting Under the Panama Canal Zone Differences the South American Republic's Representative Takes a Rash Step Toward United States.

Washington.—A grave diplomatic situation between the United States and Colombia has been precipitated by the publication of a letter which Senator Pedro Nel Ospina, the Colombian Minister, has written to Acting Secretary Huntington Wilson of the State Department suggesting that it might be "inopportune" for Secretary Knox to visit Colombia during his projected tour of Central America.

The Colombian minister, first drawing attention to the fact that the views are his own and not officially those of his government, seriously criticized the United States for not submitting to arbitration the differences with Colombia growing out of this government's acquisition of the Panama canal zone.

Inasmuch as the letter, admittedly, is the personal expression of the minister, written without having communicated with his government, it was received at the State Department in the nature of a personal insult to this government.

No action has been taken and no official would comment on it for the present, but the incident is known to have stirred officials of the United States to such an extent that the recall of the Colombian minister is expected as a matter of course. At present, however, the United States is disposed to wait until Senator Ospina receives the instructions he has asked for.

Mexico City.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, declared that he would accept the provisional presidency in case the rebels succeeded in forcing President Madero from the national palace. This declaration has gone far toward convincing unofficial residents of the capital that a general rebellion is in progress. Mexican officials, however, continue to characterize as local disorders every insurrection in the country. Although rebels now are operating in eighteen states the department of Interior continues to give out news denying trouble in a great part of these.

Lubricating Oils Prey to Flames. Philadelphia.—Half a million gallons of lubricating oils were destroyed by flames which raged for more than twelve hours in the works of the Atlantic Refining Company at Point Breeze in the southern section of this city. When the flames finally died out for lack of further fuel, the still house, receiving works and pump house, together with numerous buildings and large tanks, had been destroyed. Loss about \$50,000.

Situation in Manchuria Acute. Nanking.—The situation in Manchuria has become much more acute since Kang Yu West, leader of the reform movement in 1898 and grand head of the Empire Reform Association, has thrown his lot with the new regime. The latter, according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin, refuses to give up his office. The Manchuria Prince Su is financing a movement to establish a constitutional monarchy in Manchuria.

To Develop Potash Resources. Washington.—To develop more thoroughly the fertilizer and potash resources of the United States, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has ordered the establishment at Reno, Nev., of a government laboratory where natural material supposed to contain potash will be examined without cost. Those sending samples must prepay transportation charges, however.

A Jerseyite May Be Appointed. Washington.—Mablon Pitney Chancellor of the state of New Jersey, member of Congress for two terms, a lawyer and jurist of thirty years' practice, looms up as the man whom President Taft will appoint to the Supreme Court bench to succeed the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. Among friends of the President, it was reported as practically certain that Chancellor Pitney would be appointed and the nomination, according to excellent authority, will be sent to the Senate in the near future.

Pinchot Is Now For Roosevelt. Washington.—Gifford Pinchot, in a signed statement, made public, announces that he has withdrawn his support from Senator LaFollette's presidential candidacy and that he will hereafter advocate the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Pinchot declares that the events of the last month have made it apparent that Senator LaFollette's candidacy will neither hold the progressive Republicans together as a fighting force, nor prevent the nomination of a "reactionary Republican."