

DISASTEROUS FIRE

Metropolitan Steamship Pier is Destroyed

ESTIMATED LOSS A MILLION

Two Lives Are Lost and Several Vessels Burned—The Reports Differ as to How the Blaze Started—Hundreds of Thousands Witness the Spectacular Catastrophe.

New York, July 17.—Four hundred thousand spectators witnessed yesterday afternoon the most spectacular pier fire since the Hoboken disaster ten years ago, in which 160 lives were lost.

Structure Cost \$200,000. Pier 14 of the Metropolitan Steamship Line on the Hudson river at the foot of Hudson street was completely destroyed. The structure cost \$200,000.

The freight steamer H. P. Dimock of the same line which was lying alongside the pier caught fire and drifted blazing out into the river where it was completely destroyed.

Six barges lying between pier 14 and 15 were destroyed and the passenger steamer Harvard of the Metropolitan line was badly scorched.

Entire Front in Danger. For a time it was feared that the entire water front north of Fulton street was in danger.

As the flames swept through the pier to the close-lying barges the crews were forced to leap into the water. They were all rescued. Chief Croker said that the fire was one of the hottest he had ever handled.

Sparks flew to the Delawares, Lackawanna and Western ferryboats beyond, igniting the cribs several times and suspending ferry service.

Accounts of how the fire caught vary. A falling case of matches on the pier caused the blaze was one report, while, according to another witness, the fire first started on the steamer Dimmock and communicated to the pier.

FINEST MACKEREL FISHING OF THE SEASON

Morhead City, July 15. Thursday, Mr. Brooks Parham, of Henderson, made the largest catch of mackerel that has been made this year.

Several other large catches of mackerel were made the same day, and the fishermen say the run of mackerel is the largest they have seen in years.

Mr. W. L. Kennedy also made an unusual catch this week. After being out only a part of the day, he

came in with 90 sheephead. These fish were of unusual size.

And while fishing is still proving one of the many attractions at Morhead, sailing and surf parties are still very popular with the young people.

Friday afternoon Mr. Smith will give a delightful surf party complimentary to Miss Eloise Erwin, of Morganton. Miss Erwin will also have sails given her both Friday and Saturday nights after the regatta.

The Japanese german to be given Saturday night will prove one of the greatest successes of the season. The couples will form in the halls, and the grand march and May-pole figures will be led by Mr. William H. Home, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.

During these figures only the lights from the lanterns carried by the couples will be seen in the ball-room. After this month a very few lights covered with Japanese lanterns will be used for the other figures.

The costumes of the ladies will be Japanese kimonos, and the gentlemen will wear white trousers and shirts with red jackets. Seventy couples will take part in the grand march.

The second regatta will reach Morhead Tuesday. The Atlantic hotel is rushed with guests for the week-end, and this month has been most successful.

Colonel Weston has had a very fine season, and the prospects are that the house will be filled to the almost during August.

ENGAGEMENT

Company G Ready for Its Annual Encampment.

The military boys are today making their final preparations for the annual encampment at Camp Glenn, Morehead City. The company leaves tonight, under the command of Capt. Cowell and Lieuts. Ross and McDowell, on a N. S. special at 3 o'clock.

The company will be composed of 50 enlisted men in addition to the three officers. As is the custom of the company, they attended divine services at the Episcopal Church yesterday morning, when a special sermon was preached to them by the chaplain of the regiment, Rev. N. Harding.

The Second Infantry is composed of 45 officers and about 750 men, consisting of 12 companies, a 35-piece band and transport corps of 24, and hospital detachment of 2 officers and 10 men.

On one day next week the regiment will go to New Bern and take part in the Bi-centennial celebration there.

MARRIAGE AT PANTEGO.

Mr. B. T. House and Miss Nannie Spencer, both of Belhaven, this county, were happily married at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Thos. Green, at Pantego Sunday afternoon, July 17. Quite a number of friends of the contracting party witnessed the ceremony.

A COMMUNICATION.

Editor Daily News: I notice in your publication Saturday, July 9, an article signed Democrat, making the several county officers name the amount they receive from their respective offices per annum.

I desire to say as a matter of information for your readers, that several years ago the Board of Education of Beaufort county put our treasurer, Mr. J. F. Taylor, on a salary of \$500 a year for handling of the county's general school fund.

This met with Mr. Taylor's approval and endorsement, and was more than satisfactory to the Board of Education, as we would like to know exactly what the running expenses are.

Respectfully, W. M. BUTT, Member Board Education.

\$300,000 FOR FLIGHT

Conditions for New York to St. Louis Race Announced

NEWSPAPER OFFER PRIZE

The New York World and St. Louis Dispatch Will Give Above Amount to First Aviator Who Flies From New York to St. Louis Within One Hundred Consecutive Hours.

New York, July 17.—Official conditions governing the proposed airplane flight between New York and St. Louis were made public here today. They follow:

"The New York World and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will give \$300,000 to the first aviator who between August 15, 1910, and January 1, 1911, flies from New York to St. Louis within one hundred consecutive hours using the same airplane from start to finish.

The only condition attached to the offer is that at least three days' notice of intention to start for this prize must be given to either the New York World or to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in order that announcement may be made of the actual starting and finishing points, the actual route and other details as agreed upon."

The distance between the two cities is 200 miles as the crow flies, and 1,043 miles as the mails go. On account of the physical configuration of the land it is extremely unlikely that any aviator will attempt to lay out his route in a straight line. The actual distance he will fly, therefore, remains guesswork and will only be determined by his performance itself.

Given 100 hours in which to cover an estimated 1,000 miles, the aviator would have to fly with a little more than 290 miles a day for a little less than five days.

The aviator may define for himself what constitutes a landing, but that, in fact, after a 50 or a 100-mile trial that he is not properly equipped he may return for a fresh start.

MAYOR'S COURT

Drunk, Disorderly Conduct, etc., Occupied the Attention of the Mayor this Morning.

Several cases were disposed of before Mayor Sterling at the City Hall this morning:

State vs. William Slade, drunk; not guilty.

State vs. James Blount, disorderly conduct; fined \$1 and costs.

State vs. Nelson Moore, disorderly conduct; fined \$1 and costs.

State vs. J. A. Phillips drunk; fined \$1 and costs.

State vs. M. C. Cutler and Thomas Bailey, disorderly conduct; both fined \$2 each.

TO ATTEND WEDDING.

Misses Carrie, Rebecca and Elizabeth Simmons and Master Enoch Simmons left this morning on the Atlantic Coast Line for McCullers, to attend the Simmons-McCullers nuptials next Wednesday. Messrs. Norwood L. Simmons, R. S. Neal, J. F. Taylor and C. R. Bright expect to leave tonight and Mr. W. L. Vaughan and Dr. A. G. Hoyt will leave tomorrow for McCullers to attend the wedding. The ceremony will be performed in the First Baptist Church of that place. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will make a tour of northern cities.

FEAST OF GOOD THINGS.

Large congregations greeted Rev. A. McCullers, presiding elder of the Washington district, at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. Both discourses were highly enjoyed. Mr. McCullers is a speaker of magnetism and never fails to hold the attention of his audience. The music on yesterday was a special feature. Prof. H. H. Freeman, of Washington City, who gave the opening recital on the new organ Friday evening, presided at the organ and rendered several choice and high-class selections. The singing was also much complimented. Sunday evening on account of the rainstorm the congregation were invited to remain and Prof. Freeman played a number of pieces, also several old hymns were sung by the choir and congregation. The entire day was a feast of good things.

FEATURE PROGRAM

Three Reels at the Gem Tonight. The benefit to have been given at the Gem tonight for the Washington Concert Band has been postponed on account of rain. It will be given later on. An unusually strong program will be presented tonight. The following pictures are to be shown: "A Child of the Sea," a dramatic picture telling the full of picturesque scenes which contain all the elements of dramatic interest.

CONDITION BETTER.

The condition of Mrs. Weeks, mother of Miss Mattie Weeks, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is reported improved today. This will

TERRIBLE DAMAGE

Wreck to Property is Estimated at \$2,000,000

CLOUDBURST IN KENTUCKY

Practically All the Low Lands Are Under Water and Considerable Damage Has Been the Outcome. The Loss in Two Counties Alone Estimated \$200,000.

PUBLIC BUILDING

Work to Start on Public Building the 1st of Next January.

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen met at the City Hall this morning at 10 o'clock in response to an invitation from Congressman John H. Small, Mr. Small has just received several pictures of public buildings throughout the United States from the supervising architect of the government, and the citizens were asked to inspect them, the object being to intimate to the government the style of structure our people would desire. Three of the cuts were much admired, and no doubt the style of one of the three Mr. Small submitted will be accepted. Either one of the buildings, if followed by the supervising architect, in drawing plans for the structure here, will be a beauty and give to Washington one of the most imposing edifices in North Carolina. Mr. Small told those present that Washington should be congratulated on securing such a large appropriation for its public building, as the amount appropriated was the full limit for towns of this size.

While the citizens cannot make suggestions as to the interior finish of the building, our people could have a say so as to the exterior. The public building for Washington will probably be constructed of limestone and sand-moulded brick, costing \$125,000. Several of the ladies present suggested to Mr. Small that he request of the government to construct the building out of North Carolina granite. The supervising architect is now ready to begin drawing the preliminary plans of Washington's proposed public building. He will be ready to receive bids on or about October 10, and the work of construction will begin about January 1. The building will be completed in about one year and three months, making the date of its completion March, 1912.

Washington, N. C., July 18, '10. Editor News: A meeting was held at the City Hall this morning composed of representatives of the city government, the Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Betterment Association, for the purpose of obtaining expressions of opinion regarding the general exterior of the public building to be used for United States courthouse and postoffice. Several prospective drawings of public buildings throughout the country were exhibited to those present and their views obtained. I have left those drawings at the drug store of Dr. E. M. Brown, where they will be on exhibit for the next two days, and our citizens are earnestly requested to call and inspect them. I suggest that all who call write an expression of their choice as to the exterior of the building, and indicate the same in a checkbook, which will be left for that purpose. The ladies of the city are particularly requested to view these drawings, and to leave an expression of their choice.

I may say that the supervising architect of the treasury department is now ready to make the preliminary sketches of our building, and will be glad to defer to the wishes of citizens as to the general exterior of the proposed building.

Very respectfully, J. H. SMALL.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Ina May, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dudley, was conducted from the residence on Harvey street Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Crowell, of the Payne Memorial Church (Presbyterian). The burial was in Oakdale cemetery.

CAR OF GLASS.

The J. H. Harris Plumbing and Supply Company today received a solid car load of plate glass, which is to be used in their mammoth new building. This is the largest consignment of glass ever brought to Washington.

BARACA OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected Sunday afternoon by the Baraca class of the M. E. Sunday school: President, J. T. Lewis; vice-president, Samuel Pegram; secretary, N. L. Holton; treasurer, Z. N. Leggett; librarians, W. E. Adams and A. R. Strayton; teacher, W. K. Jacobson; assistant teachers, Rev. M. T. Myler and Capt. James H. Harris. The election is for the ensuing 12 months.

TO PLAY FOR DANCE.

The Washington Concert Band has been engaged to play for the opening dance of the Bi-Centennial at New Bern, which begins next Monday and lasts all through the week. The opening dance, which promises to be the swiftest of the week, will take place Monday evening. This is quite a compliment to our boys, and we congratulate New Bern on securing them. The people of that place will hear some fine music.

GOOD COMEDY AT THE GAIETY.

The Gaiety offers a good comedy bill tonight, including two strong dramas. The first is entitled "The Unlabeled Letter," which is a picture of surprising strength, and a story with a great moral.

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Decrees have been issued by Leopold Montenegro, the military governor in the west, providing that ill-conditioned Nicaraguans should not continue to disturb the social order without regard to law.

People are restricted from leaving the city without passports and can not leave at night unless written permission is given by the authorities. Friendly gatherings in private homes and public establishments are prohibited after 9 o'clock without permission under penalty of a fine of from 50 to 200 pesos.

That the German government was singled out for criticism for having recognized the Madriz government of Nicaragua in direct opposition to the position of the United States is regarded as somewhat peculiar, in view of the statement just issued to the effect that the Austrian, Danish, French, Norwegian, Belgian, Swiss, Chilean and Argentine governments recognized Madriz as the valid president of Nicaragua before the Kaiser wrote his now famous "great and good friend" letter.

NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS.

Passed Muster With Others at Chattanooga Yesterday. Chattanooga, Tenn., July 17.—This has been a notable day at Chickamauga Park, where troops of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia and the regular army are maneuvering.

Governor Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia; Brig.-Gen. Albert L. Mills, commander-in-chief of the department of the gulf, and Lieut.-Col. Bartlett, chief of staff, reviewed the troops some 12,000 strong, this a. m.

After that the Georgia troops passed muster and those of the Carolinas later in the day.

TO CELEBRATE MASS.

Father Gallagher, of New Bern, will celebrate low mass at the home of Dr. J. M. Gallagher next Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

FILLS PULPIT.

After an absence of several weeks Rev. Robt. Hope filled his pulpit at the Christian Church yesterday to the delight of the members.

U. S. TO INTERFERE

Nicaraguan Government will be Dealt With

BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS

This Decision Grew Out of Conference Between Taft and Dickinson on Complaints Made by Consul in Central American Republic—Madriz Must Stop.

Washington, July 17.—President Taft is growing restless under continuous reports of the ill-treatment of American citizens in Nicaragua and is moving for the adoption of sterner methods with the Central American republic.

The appeals made to him by relatives of William Pittman, the Boston man held in prison in Managua by Madriz, and half starved, led to a conference by the President with Secretary Knox over the telephone at the latter's home at Valley Forge, Pa., with orders today from the secretary to the State Department to take steps to relieve Pittman.

The department telegraphed also to Consul Moffat, at Bluefields, to ascertain whether Dr. Lawrence Burghelm, an American citizen, is held a prisoner by the Madriz forces. Dr. Burghelm is said to have been sanitary officer for the Estrada forces, and was captured and forced by Madriz to treat the wounded of his army.

There is perplexity over the Pittman case. As a prisoner of war he may be held by the Madriz forces but the Nicaraguan government has no right to inflict unnecessary hardships or cruelties on him. To prevent this the department will interfere.

There is a report here that the State Department is preparing to issue to the world a statement justifying its forcible interference in Nicaragua unless conditions there are speedily bettered. Among these reasons are:

shows the laughable adventures of a love-lorn youth who finds it impossible to seek relief by any means this earthly life. The scenes of this series are carefully chosen in the beautiful hill country of France.

The second, entitled "Tin Wedding Presents," is an exceedingly funny comedy story, which reflects in a way the moral: "If you want a thing done well, do it yourself." This is a rattling good comedy that makes you laugh. The third is entitled, "Where is Mulahy?"—an uproariously funny farce comedy that will start a real cyclone of laughter. The story is a very humorous one.

This entire program is one you will enjoy. So be on time at the Gaiety tonight.

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Washington was visited last night by one of the severest rain and electrical storms in years. The water fell in torrents, and in consequence the streets were flooded. People going home from church had to wade, the ladies actually resorting to it on East Main street. In some places the water was a foot deep on the sidewalk.

The residence of Mayor C. H. Sterling was struck by lightning, igniting the electric light wires and bursting the gas pipes. The ceiling of the residence caught on fire, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

The tower at the United States weather bureau station was struck, but no damage was the outcome. Heavy rain is reported from the country. Mr. S. F. Froehman says water at least three feet deep, was standing on his farm this morning.

Mr. Edward Jackson, who resides on the Washington and Williamston roads, had his barn struck, causing it to be entirely consumed. All the feed was also burned. He succeeded in saving his horse; but was unfortunate enough to have his cow killed. Mr. Henry Sprull, who resides on the same road, had his kitchen blown down.

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REMEMBER THE EXCURSION.

Remember there will be a moonlight excursion on the steamer Hatteras tomorrow night for the benefit of the Volunteer Hose Company No. 1. Refreshments will be served on board and a most pleasant evening is anticipated. The fare for the round trip will be 25c. The Washington Concert Band will furnish the music. The Hatteras will leave the A. C. L. wharf at 8.30 o'clock sharp.

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NEW SHIPMENT WIDE PAT-ENT LEATHER BELTS in Black and Red, Price 25 and 50c.

Stetson \$5.50 Shoes at \$4.25

Those \$1.25 Umbrellas will remain at 84 cents

James E. Clark Co.