

Mr. M'NINCH TO MAKE RACE; CAPT. FRANKLIN DECLINES

TWO INTERESTING EVENTS IN COMING MAYORALTY RACE

Mr. S. S. McNinch Today Announces That He is a Candidate for Mayor of Charlotte, Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primary.

Capt. Thomas S. Franklin in a Card Today States His Reason For Not Entering the Race. Looks Now as if Mr. McNinch Will Have a Clear Field.



CAPT. THOMAS S. FRANKLIN, Who Declines to Make the Race for Mayor.

will come in the nature of a surprise to many for it is still the rumor on the streets that he has not only entered the race but that his friends are actively at work for him in the four wards of the city.

The News man called on Mr. McNinch this morning and asked for an interview. While this gentleman was free to discuss matters with the News man, he did not think the time was opportune for a public statement.

So far none have come out in the open to oppose Mr. McNinch. It is freely predicted that he will have a clear field with none to stand in the way of his election.

Ninch the campaign for mayor of Charlotte may be today on. The News learns that several of the Brown aldermen will decline to stand for re-election. In this connection it is stated positively by the friends of Mr. D. W. Oates, the present chairman of the finance committee, that he will not be a candidate for alderman from the Fourth Ward.

As to the other eleven aldermen The News has not been able to ascertain their views as to whether they will again be in the race. The supposition is that many of them will.

Woman Telegrapher in Georgia Has Queer Experience. General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, March 14.

Chief Prosecuting Witness in Winz Trial. Milwaukee, Wis., March 14.—John Howard, 80 years old, was the chief prosecuting witness at the trial of Captain Wirz, the officer in charge of the Andersonville prison, is dead.

RAILWAY RATE HEARING. Investigation of Subject Will Commence on April 17th. Washington, March 14.—Chairman Elkins, of the Senate committee on interstate commerce, announced that the committee will begin hearings on the railway rate subject Monday, April 17.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MARINES. The President Has Sent the Names of Three Southerners to the Senate. Washington, March 14.—The President has sent the Senate the following nominations: Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

COTTAGERS TAXED \$5,000,000. New Port Assessors Decide to Collect All That New York Loses. Newport, March 14.—The tax assessors have added five millions of dollars in personal and real estate taxes, quite a portion being secured from the taxes sworn off in New York, which were not entered here.

Insane Man at Throttle. Chicago, March 14.—Climbing stealthily aboard a switch engine on the Illinois Central railroad near 91st street an insane man opened the throttle and ran the engine at full speed to Parkside, several miles away. Reversing the lever, he leaped from the locomotive which flew back over the route which had just been traversed and crashed into another switch engine near the starting point.

Both engines were thrown from the track and badly damaged. The engine man of the second locomotive, having warning of the approach of the runaway, leaped in time and escaped.

CONTINUE THE WAR DECISION REACHED BY THE COUNCIL

Question of Continuing the War Discussed in the Affirmative Today. Kuropatkin's Successor Has Not Been Named. Other Matters Left Open.

Russian Commander in Manchuria Complaining of Miscarrying of Plans of the Battle. Retreating Army Continues Demoralized. Many Surrender.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The war council held at Tsarke-Selo is understood to have decided the question of continuing the war in the affirmative. Ways and means were discussed, but decision on some points it is understood, was reserved.

According to information received by the War Office the remnants of Kuropatkin's army have made good their retreat and are now out of immediate danger of the new turn in the movement north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are reported to be completely exhausted and compelled to rest.

Hungry and Disheartened. General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, March 14.—The country is swarming with hungry, disheartened Russians, who are surrendering in squads to any pursuing Japanese who may chance to meet.

PURSUEING REMNANT ENEMY. Many Russian Officers and Men Are Surrendering to the Japs. Tokyo, March 14.—A telegram received from headquarters in the field says: "In the direction of Sing Ching our forces have been dislodging the enemy from Yingpan, eighteen miles east of Fushun, and on March 11 occupied that place.

UNION COPPER'S NEW PLANT. Stockholders of Mine at Gold Hill Ask For Contributions. New York, March 14.—The Union Copper Mining Co. of Gold Hill, N. C., has issued a circular to its stockholders announcing that a plan has been formulated providing for the voluntary contribution by stockholders of 20 per cent of their holdings in stock or 20 per cent cash a share of their entire holdings, as they may choose.

SEIZE CABLE PROPERTY. President Castro Orders Count to Annul French Cable Co.'s Contract. Willemstad, Island of Curacao, March 14.—Advisers received here from Curacao say that President Castro has ordered the Court to annul the contract of the French Cable Company and has authorized the seizure of the Cable Company's property.

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MANY PEOPLE PERISH IN DEADLY FIRE TRAP

COUNCIL OF STATE MEETS.

Proposition Will Be Considered to Settle the Steamer Lilly, of Fusion Fame. Raleigh, March 14.—The Council of State is in session at 3 o'clock considering the proposition which Governor Glenn has received to sell the steamer Lilly of the State oyster fleet. This is the vessel which gained such notoriety during fusion days when it was charged that the vessel was used as a private yacht by Oyster Commissioners Theophilus White and other State officials.

THE MARQUIS OF ANGLESEY DEAD. He Was Reconciled With Wife on His Deathbed—Estate Exempt From Creditors. Monte Carlo, March 14.—The Marquis of Anglesey died here today. The Marquis was notable through his personal and financial eccentricities. His wife arrived two days ago and was reconciled with her husband at his death bed.

STRIKE SPIRIT BEING CRUSHED. Traffic Conditions on the New York Railway Lines Are Improving. New York, March 14.—The traffic conditions on the elevated railroads and subway were slightly improved today. All strikers whose wages had been previously advanced because of the length of their service, secured re-employment only at the sacrifice of what-advance in wages they had obtained. So crushed was the strike spirit that men accepted the reduction without a protest.

\$300,000.00 BLAZE IN CHICAGO TODAY. Fire Destroys the Extensive Plant of the Grand Crossing Tack Company, at Seventy-Ninth St. and Chicago Ave. Fully Covered by Insurance.

TWO DEAD FROM ASPHYXIATION. And Another Dying as the Result of an Accident to Gas Plant in Chicago. Chicago, March 14.—Fire has destroyed the printing and box department of the Grand crossing tack company's plant at Seventy-ninth street and South Chicago avenue. The loss is \$300,000, fully insured.

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THE WOODMEN ARE IN CONSULTATION. Delegates From South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Georgia are Holding Bi-Ennial Convention in Savannah. May Create New Jurisdiction.

Francis B. Loomis. Kentucky Official Charged With Complicity in Murder Case. Lexington, Ky., March 14.—Edward Callahan, sheriff of Breathitt county, indicted with Hargis on the charge of conspiracy to kill James Cockrell, of whose case the court recently gave Fayette county jurisdiction, surrendered today.

DEATH OF CAPT. SWIFT.

Prominent Resident of Goldsboro Succumbs to An Attack of Pneumonia. Goldsboro, N. C., March 14.—Capt. Wesley C. Swift, of Kinston, died last night, death resulting from an attack of pneumonia. He had been sick but one week, and the last moments of the suffering man were attended with terrible struggling for breath. The death of Capt. Swift being so sudden, and for many other reasons, is very sad, and has cast a gloom over the entire city of Kinston. He was a member of the Elks Royal Arch and Blue Lodge of Masons, Odd Fellows, Hoo Hoos, Woodmen, Mystic Circle and Knights of Harmony Families Protective Union.

WRECKED ON FRYING PAN.

Yacht of New York Millionaire Meets Disaster in Storm. Wilmington, March 14.—Harry L. Powers, son of Jesse Powers, a New York millionaire, arrived in the city, bringing the story of the wreck of his yacht off Frying Pan shoals during a recent storm while on his way to Palm Beach. Powers and members of the crew clung to the vessel two days, expecting her to go to pieces.

THE EXTRADITION OF GAYNOR-GREENE. Hearing in the Case Has Been Postponed Until March 22nd, When, it is Said, It Will Positively be Taken Up. Motion by Counsel of Defense.

FUNERAL SERMON OVER 'PHONE. Man Sick in Hospital Hears Services Over Wife's Remains. Pittsburg, March 14.—Lying on a cot in the Allegheny General Hospital, Benjamin P. Walsh, an Allegheny druggist, had a telephone receiver adjusted to his ears this afternoon and listened to the funeral sermon preached over his dead wife at his home, two miles away. In the room filled with mourners a telephone transmitter had been arranged, so the Rev. Thomas Park could address the sick man as well as the friends near the coffin.

MAJOR BULLIE WILL GO OUT WITH RANK OF GENERAL. Washington, March 14.—Major John L. Bullie will be promoted and retired as a Brigadier-General next month, and is the first paymaster to be so honored.

HEROES DEVELOPED AND MADE BRAVE AND THRILLING RESCUES. Men and women on fire escapes were roasted to death before the eyes of the horror-stricken crowd. Now and then one of those on the rubbish choked escapes would jump to the ground with a scream. After the fire was under control the street was filled with half-dressed, weeping people, seeking relatives, imploring firemen and policemen to go into the burning building and rescue loved ones whom they believed were perishing there.

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FRANCIS B. LOOMIS. Announced That He Will Be Appointed Ambassador to Mexico. Washington, March 14.—Francis B. Loomis, first assistant Secretary of State, will be appointed, it is planned now, ambassador to Mexico in succession to Edwin E. Conger, when the latter shall retire next summer to become a candidate for Governor of Iowa.

NORTH CAROLINA POSTMASTER. Washington, March 14.—Anderson Williams is appointed fourth-class postmaster at Norfolk, N. C.



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