

STUBBORN FIRE THREATENS HALF OF ENTIRE BLOCK

Stables of C. Cochrane & Bro. and F. M. Hoover, on North College Street Completely Gutted By the Flames Caught in Rear of Cochrane's Stable.

Several Horses and Mules are Said to Have Perished in the Flames Contents of Buildings Scattered Over Two Streets, Estimated Loss \$20,000.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, fire broke out in the rear of J. C. Cochrane & Bros' livery and feed stable, at No. 15 North College street.

From the Hoover stable, the flames quickly appeared in the adjoining building occupied by Mr. Ed. Campbell as a grocery store.

In Cochrane's and Hoover's stables, were a large number of horses and mules, owned by country people, who came in to attend the fair.

While the blaze was at its height and before a drop of water had been thrown, a fine stream dashed out into the lot in rear of the fire department.

Out on College street a throng of white and blacks were working like trojans, taking the horses and mules, carriages, wagons and buggies, from the burning building.

College street from Trade to Sixth street was lined with vehicles of every description and harness was scattered along the curb stone.

At 2:45 o'clock the first was under control and the loss is estimated at \$20,000.

As far as can be ascertained five or six horses and mules have been burned. Two others were burned so badly they will have to be killed.

It was said this afternoon that a negro woman displayed unusual courage in rushing to a room in the building corner Fifth and College and saving the life of a little white child that was sleeping peacefully while the building was in a bright blaze.

Mr. Friday's Brother Dead. Mr. W. J. Friday this morning received a telephone message from Gasconia announcing the death of his only brother, who resides near Stanley Creek.

CUT HIS NOSE AND EAR OFF.

Revenge, Wreaked by Father of Wronged Girl of Fourteen.

Freeland, Pa., Oct. 25.—Gaetano Fierro this morning cut off the nose and ears of Joseph Bardi with a razor and otherwise so mutilated him that it is doubtful if he will live.

This morning Fierro's only daughter confessed to him that she was in a delicate condition and that Bardi was the father.

When the infuriated Fierro was taken from the prostrate man it was seen that the fleshy part of his nose was gone, both ears hung from shreds of flesh, and the skillful surgery, should he live, cannot restore the semblance of his former self.

Only One Death. By Associated Press. New Orleans, Oct. 25.—The census bulletin shows cotton ginned to October 18th at 4,940,728 bales.

BIG DISTILLING CASES ARE TRIED

Cases of U. S. Against Glenn Williams, Kenedy and Old Nick Williams Distilling Company in Progress at Federal Court at Greensboro.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Oct. 25.—The noted case of the United States against N. Glenn Williams, D. E. Kenedy and the Old Nick Williams Distilling Company, were taken up in the Federal Court yesterday morning.

When court re-convened at three o'clock, both sides without ado announced their readiness for trial, and the jury was secured with but little delay.

District Attorney Holton then read the bill of indictment which contains fifteen counts each one containing some charge of fraud against the government in the various grades of obligation of a distiller, rectifier, etc., including a charge of giving false notice of ownership of property.

A great mass of papers and books from the Collectors office were brought in and placed on two large tables. These were grouped into thirteen separate bundles and contained the originals of reports required by law to be furnished the department of persons engaged in the business rectifying, wholesaling, and buying liquor, and related to the daily operations of the Old Nick Williams Distilling Company from the time of its re-organization in 1903 up to April 1905.

Judge Boyd overruled each objection and the exception was granted in each case. When the last paper was introduced, which was the form required to keep for "wholesalers," the objection made was that defendants were not indicted for alleged fraud as wholesalers.

After cautioning the jury not to talk about the case even among themselves, Judge Boyd placed them in charge of Deputy Marshal Millikan, and said to the defendants counsel, "You gentlemen have noticed no doubt the composition of the jury do you object to two of them being provided for separately to eat and sleep."

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REV. C. G. VARDELL IS GIVING MEMBERS OF SYNOD BIG TIME

Rev. Vardell, President of Southern Presbyterian College Entertaining Synod. A. L. Phillips Delivers Address at Afternoon Session.

Young Ladies Have Graciously Turned Over Their Rooms to Members of the Synod. Moderator Announced the Standing Committees.

Special to The News. Red Springs, N. C., Oct. 25.—The Synod of North Carolina is now enjoying one of the greatest pleasures of her life.

The afternoon session was a short one. Rev. A. L. Phillips, the assembly's secretary of Sabbath Schools, addressed the Synod upon the great improvement and growth of the Sabbath schools throughout the Southern General Assembly, and of the vast amount of other kinds of literature at the Publication House at Richmond, Va.

After the address of Dr. Phillips, the Synod was addressed by Rev. T. H. Law, of the Synod of South Carolina on the work of the American Bible Society. Over 428,000 copies of the Bible were distributed last year in China, also 176,000 in Japan, and yet the demands of the field have not been met.

The moderator announced this afternoon the standing committees. The Synod will meet next year in Statesville.

HALF OF RUSSIA IS IN STRIKE'S GRIP

Striking Railroad Men Have Over Half of European Russia in Their Clutches. Social Democrats Believe Gov. is in Their Power.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—Over half of European Russia is in the grip of the striking railroad men and the strike continues to spread rapidly in all directions.

This is all the more serious as bloody collisions already have been reported at various places and the dangerous agrarian movement has again broken out in the government of Samara.

Numbers Killed. Ekaterinoslav, Russia.—Two bloody conflicts occurred between the troops and the demonstrators. Numbers were killed or wounded by volleys fired by the soldiers.

Enormous Extension. This afternoon reports show an enormous extension of the strike. All the Poland lines are tied up and the strike is begun on the great Southwestern system, covering a territory southward from Kiev toward Odessa.

POPE RECEIVES AMERICANS.

Slightly Indisposed, But in the Best of Spirits.

Rome, Oct. 25.—The Pope today received in private audience Bishop J. J. Hartley, of Columbus, Ohio, to whom he gave a large photograph of himself, autographed and appropriately inscribed.

Notwithstanding the slight indisposition caused by a cold, the Pope was in good spirits. Speaking in Italian, he entertained his visitors for over half an hour.

ANXIOUS TO SEE PRESIDENT. Louisiana and Mississippi Practically Reopened on Account of People's Anxiety to See President.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—Showers are predicted with probability of cooler weather tomorrow. The outlook for a successful reception to the President anxiety to see the President has resulted in re-opening practically the whole Louisiana and Mississippi with a consequent revival of business activity.

THE PICKPOCKETS HERE IN NUMBERS

The Nimble-Handed Thieves Come to Ply Their Trade. Visitors and Home Folks Should Keep a Sharp Lookout for Them at all Crowded Points.

The sign "Look Out for Pickpockets," should be displayed in all the public places in Charlotte this week. These nimble-handed strangers are here and if our people don't keep a sharp eye on their pockets, they will emerge from some crowded position minus their money or other valuables.

These thieves usually appear at the square or out at the fair grounds, where the cars are loading or unloading. They select these points because there is usually a big crowd struggling to board the cars.

It will Hardly Come to Trial Before the January Term. The suit for \$50,000 damages brought by Dr. A. J. McKelway against the Observer Publishing Company, will hardly be heard at the November term of the superior court.

Death of Mr. Shaughnessy Sr. Mr. John W. Shaughnessy Sr., of Allegheny, Pa., father of Mr. J. W. Shaughnessy Jr. of this city, was killed in a yarn mill Monday.

CONDITION OF MARKET. Sensational Fluctuations Caused by Census Bureau Report. New York, Oct. 25.—The Census Bureau report caused sensational fluctuations in the late session of the cotton market.

PRICES SOAR. With Reading of Census Report Prices Rush Up. New Orleans, Oct. 25.—When the Census Bureau report was read, prices shot up 44 to 63 points higher than the lowest of the day.

CHARTER GRANTED TO WOOD WORKING CO. OF SALISBURY

New Garfield Wood Working Company for Salisbury and Garfield. Capital \$20,000. Death of Mrs. C. T. Bailey, Postmaster of Raleigh.

Report Issued by Department of Agriculture on "Handling The Apple Crop." N. C. May be Connected With Coal Fields of W. Va. In Supreme Court

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 25.—Mrs. C. T. Bailey, wife of the postmaster of Raleigh, died early this morning of erysipelas, after a critical illness of only a few days.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture issues their September bulletin devoted to "Handling the Apple Crop," the leading article being by State Horticulturist Harold Hume.

It is set out in the article that the defective handling of the apple crop of western North Carolina practically debars them from the market, and that the growers must wake up to the fact that if the industry is ever to come to the prominence it merits, the apples must be put up in first-class shape.

It is believed here that the incorporation of the Spring Hope-Roxboro Railroad of yesterday means that the Atlantic Coast Line will thereby establish direct connection through this State to the big coal fields of West Virginia, being a part of the great plan under way for the development of the east Carolina section.

LITTLE ROCK GIVES CORDIAL WELCOME

Governor Davis and Judge Treiber Welcome President. Had "Blue and Gray" Mounted Escort of 24 Veterans, 12 Union, 12 Confederate.

By Associated Press. Little Rock, Oct. 25.—The President and party arrived at Argenta, the northern suburb, promptly on the schedule time. At nine o'clock the train was pulled to Big Rock, where the President alighted. He was escorted to Fort Logan by H. Roots where he reviewed the troops.

THE WORLD-WIDE BARACA. Messrs. J. F. Flowers and S. H. Tatum Will Speak on Movement Next Sunday. Chicago, Oct. 25.—The annual session of the National Convention of Negro Baptists opened with 3,000 delegates.

INCREASED DIVIDENDS. Semi-Annual Dividends on Common Stock Raised 2 Per Cent. Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—The board of directors of the Norfolk & Western increased their semi-annual dividend on common stock to 2 per cent, thereby placing the stock on a four per cent basis.

GINNERS' ASSOCIATION. Make Estimate to October 18—Estimate Crop Under 10,000,000 Bales. Dallas, Oct. 25.—The report of the National Ginner's Association estimates the amount of cotton ginned to October 15 at between 4,400,000 and 4,550,000 bales.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

By Portsmouth Church Regarding Mr. and Mrs. Shaw's Departure.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Portsmouth, Va., having accepted a call to the Tenth Avenue church, Charlotte, N. C., asked his congregation to concur with him in a request to the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Resolved, That this church loses in the Rev. A. R. Shaw a man of acknowledged piety, ability and earnestness, and in a wife a consecrated co-worker, both of whom are justly beloved and respected by this church and by the community irrespective of denominations; that while we feel our loss deeply, we believe our pastor has acted under divine guidance, and we follow him with our prayers for God's richest blessings upon him in his new work.

Resolved, That in his request, we unite with him in asking Norfolk Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations between himself and this church. That these resolutions be spread upon the church records and a copy be sent to Mr. Shaw.

The Presbytery of Norfolk met last Monday and dissolved the pastoral relation. "One of the commissioners from the Portsmouth church stated to the Presbytery that he desired to testify to the great help Mrs. Shaw has been to her husband in his work.

NAT. CONVENTION OF NEGRO BAPTISTS

Opened with 3000 Delegates-- Session Was Devoted to Addresses of Welcome and Responses. Mayor Dunne Welcomes Delegates.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Oct. 25.—The annual session of the National Convention of Negro Baptists opened with 3,000 delegates. The session was devoted to addresses of welcome and responses.

Both these young men are much interested in the Baraca movement and have been closely identified with it since its inception. Mr. Flowers has given largely of his time and his means for its success, not only in his own Sunday school but in the other schools.

Both these young men come back from the international convention with renewed enthusiasm, with new ideas and new thoughts and new hopes and aspirations for the movement and have taken up the local work with a greater ardor than ever.

Van Horne, Kernan and Redfield Were Nominated to Fill Vacancies. By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 25.—At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Equitable, Sir William Van Horne, of Montreal, J. D. Kernan, of Utica and William C. Redfield, of Brooklyn, were nominated to fill the vacancies.

ABDUCTED BY TRAMP. Richmond Boy Had a Harrowing Experience in Delaware. Wilmington, Del., Oct. 25.—Harvey Page, aged 14 years, of No. 1911 West Main street, Richmond, Va., who has been held as a runaway in the New Castle workhouse by Agent Stout of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, since October 15, will be returned to his home tomorrow.

While in a barn the tramp threatened to kill him with a razor. The lad then escaped. "Jersey" was arrested and today in the Wilmington municipal court he was sentenced to one year in the county workhouse.

"CHARLOTTE DAY" WAS BIG SUCCESS 15,000 PRESENT

Though the Weather Has Been Threatening the People Have Been Coming From Far and Near to Make This the "Biggest" Day of the Fair.

The Exhibits in Floral Hall have Attracted Much Attention. These Are Said to be the Best in the History of the Fair Association.

"Charlotte Day" has been a great success. It is the general opinion of all that never before in the history of the Fair Association has there been a larger attendance, and certainly the crowd this morning is most gratifying to the management.

The people are all in good humor and enjoying themselves to the utmost. While a great number find amusement and fun on the midway, Floral Hall seems to be the centre of attraction. The Hall is beautifully decorated and attractive with handsome exhibits, every available space being used by out-of-town merchants for the display of their respective wares.

Besides this, which alone is most interesting and well worth the price of admission, the fine music furnished by the Richardson band is being greatly enjoyed by hundreds of people. The band occupies a neatly arranged space in the center of the Hall where all can see and hear.

The judges are busy awarding premiums in every department—fancy work, pantry supplies, art, field and garden products, horticulture, manufacturing, saddle horses and others. A great deal of interest was manifested on the part of those interested in the exhibit of cattle and horses and all eagerly watched the disposition of the ribbons.

The program for this afternoon has been arranged for the satisfaction of all. The entries for saddle horse contest which was pulled off in this afternoon comprises eight well known Charlotte horses. The horses and owners are given below:

"Sandy," entered by C. M. Patterson of Charlotte; "Major," entered by John E. Ross of Charlotte; "Fox Squirrel," entered by Dr. A. D. Hardin, of Charlotte; "Joe," entered by L. V. Humphry, of Charlotte; "Admiral Dewey," entered by C. M. Patterson, of Charlotte; "Dixie," entered by W. E. Harris, of Charlotte; "Gracie," entered by A. G. and Chas. Brenizer, of Charlotte; "Maud," entered by A. M. McDonald, of Charlotte.

The races yesterday afternoon were not well attended though two very interesting ones were pulled off. In the 2:35 class trot the three best heats in five, for a purse of \$200, the race was won by Mollie Nutwood, owned by G. W. Haight, of Whiteplains, N. Y. The time of the heats being 2:29 1/4; 2:23 1/4; and 2:36 1/4. The second money was won by Conductor, T. F. Jamieson, Roanoke, Va., owner. The third money was taken by Prince Vaster Rhyme, of Mt. Holly, owner; and the fourth money was awarded to Nutter, Geo. J. Dyer, of Roanoke Va., owner. The purse of \$200 was distributed as follows: \$100 to Mollie Nutwood; \$50 to Conductor; \$30 to Prince and \$20 to Nutter. The running race was won by Avocation, Bert Derring, owner; in the time of 54 seconds, the distance being 4 1/2 furlongs. The purse was \$100.

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