

## THE RECORDER STANDS PAT AND GAMBLERS LEAVE

The Fakirs at the Fair Grounds Did not Open Their Games of Chance To-day. Recorder's Edict Carried Out to the Very Letter.

Mayor McNinch Issued a Signed Statement This Afternoon in Defense of His Position. He Took Yesterday. The Class of Authority is Interesting.

The talk of the town today has been confined almost exclusively to the conflict of authority between Recorder Shannonhouse and Mayor McNinch, concerning certain fakirs who wish to ply their trade at the fair grounds.

It is said that certain fair directors took Mayor McNinch down the midway yesterday and he personally passed on the numerous games the fakirs wished to run. In one or two instances he expressed the opinion that certain games could not run. He set the ban of his approval on the majority and the fakirs at once started in to catch "suckers."

About 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, just about the time the shower came up, Recorder Shannonhouse appeared at the fair grounds, paid his entrance fee, and went down the line to see what was on tap. He found a number of games of chance in operation and he, at once, set about to put the police to work. He ordered several fakirs to close their places when "men behind the wheels," informed him that the mayor of the city of Charlotte had passed that way and had said they could do business.

Dispute the fact the edicts of the Recorder went on the wings of the wind and several promoters of games of chance, folded their tents and the sign "Nothing Doing," was hung out.

Later in the afternoon the clash between the Mayor and the Recorder waxed warmer. There were some who felt safe, because of what the Mayor had said and done; there were others who were the least bit suspicious and, in order to steer clear of the courts, decided to close up shop.

This feeling of unrest, because of the unsettled conditions, prevailed the entire midway and there was not the animation had this clash of authority not taken place.

But, as darkness came on and the electric lights began to flicker, the spite of the midway fakir could again be heard and but for the downpour, there might have been something going along the midway last night.

The trouble that has been caused on account of the difference of opinion between the Mayor and the Recorder, has been a fruitful subject today. Over at the law building the members of the legal fraternity have been grouped about discussing the conflict of authority. The consensus of opinion is that Mayor McNinch has no right, either morally or legally to pass upon anything that might lead up to crime. Especially do the lawyers agree that the Mayor had no right to give his consent for gamblers to ply their trade.

As to the jurisdiction of the Recorder the lawyers agree that the Recorder should have first waited and if the gamblers attempted to ply their trade, then warrants should have been issued and those violating the law should have been brought before the Recorder and given a hearing.

In short this is the opinion of a number of lawyers who have followed the little controversy as far as it has gone.

Statement by the Mayor.

In a signed statement given out today Mayor McNinch says: "I try to avoid newspapers on such matters, but since you insist, you may say that I have upheld the Recorder since I have been Mayor. I have not always been able to say that I was sure that he was right, but I felt that knowing all the facts, I could not properly criticize."

## SIX BODIES TAKEN FROM FIRE RUINS

Railroad Hotel Ruined by Fire. Two Bodies Were Charred Beyond Recognition. List of Dead. Exploding Lamp Supposed to be Cause.

By Associated Press. Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 26.—Six bodies were taken from the ruins of the railroad hotel at the corner of Elm and Olive streets gutted by fire. Two were unidentified, being charred beyond recognition. The dead are: Harry Bradley, waiter; Edward Snyder, porter; Mrs. Mack, musician; A. L. Mann, railroad conductor, believed to be from Denver; two unknown men. There may be other bodies in the ruins. The hotel was a two story frame building containing 30 rooms, all but one of which was occupied by from one to four persons.

"The authorities will bear me out in saying that I have given them full contentment. But when it comes to the Recorder acting as an executive and giving orders to the police, other than such as comes from a good faith warrant, then I feel that my self-respect demands that I assert my prerogatives. Whenever I cannot do this, I will give up the ship."

"The position of Mayor requires time, which I cannot properly spare from my business, but I do so, loving the cause of prohibition above everything else, and hoping to help our city and advance all of her interests. This is the summum bonum. There is no politics in it worth while."

Statement by City Attorney. In a signed statement this afternoon Mr. Hugh Harris, city attorney, says: "I regret to have been drawn into a controversy between the Mayor and the Recorder, but as the report of my opinion yesterday concerning their conflict of authority at the fair grounds may make a wrong impression, I desire to state briefly what I did say on the question."

"In giving my opinion I did not say that the Recorder should not interfere with the games at the fair grounds, even if it were ascertained that they were fraudulent. That would be an encouragement of gambling games; and it is certainly unnecessary for me to state that I would not do or say anything to encourage gambling."

"The question presented to me was simply one of jurisdiction, as between the Mayor and the Recorder, in giving instructions to the policemen on duty at the fair grounds. My opinion was and still is that the Mayor, as chairman of the Police, Fire and Health Commission, has control of the policemen, subject to the approval and rules of the Police Commission, and that the Recorder has no power to issue instructions to them, except through the process of his court duly issued."

Manager Orr Warned. The following correspondence has passed between Recorder Shannonhouse and Mr. W. S. Orr, general manager of the Mecklenburg Fair Association:

Police Department, Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 19. Mr. W. S. Orr, Secy., Mecklenburg Fair Assn. Co. Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:— I thank you for the complimentary admission card for myself and wife to the fair to be held Oct. 27, 1905, but in conformity with my rule to accept no gratuities, or passes I herewith return same. I wish I could accept it in the spirit it is tendered me.

I will call your attention to the numerous gambling games and devices on the Midway last year, and I take this opportunity to notify your Association that no gambling or games of chance of any kind will be permitted this year, and I hope you will permit none. I would dislike very much to do anything which would interfere with the success of the fair. I do not believe that its success depends in any degree upon the permissible violation of the laws against gambling. On the contrary, I feel that the great number of young boys who attend the fair and visit the Midway should be protected against the robber gamblers and fakirs usually found at such places.

Respectfully, F. M. SHANNONHOUSE, Recorder.

Police Department, Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 25, 1905. Mr. W. S. Orr, Mgr. Mecklenburg Fair Assn., Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:— I desire to notify you that when I visited the Midway at 2:30 p. m. today, I found everything wide open, gambling tables of various kinds in full operation. I want to again call your attention to the notice I gave you some days ago—that no gambling would be permitted.

If it is permitted again, I shall issue warrants and put under arrest every person engaged in their operation, and also the members of your Association permitting and deriving a profit from it. I appeal to you as a citizen and an officer of this city to notify your Midway purchasers that the law must be obeyed.

Truly, F. M. SHANNONHOUSE, Recorder.

Gambling Games Cease. At the fair grounds this morning the "skin" games, upon which Recorder Shannonhouse has put his ban of disapproval do not seem to be doing business. About the only things running now which bear any semblance to gambling, are the "Gibbons" or "Jingle-Boards," and the "Bowl-Chance."

The first consists of a number of coins of various denominations distributed over a board. The "sucker" buys a number of rings and takes chances on "ringing" a coin. This game seems to be played on the square, but technically considered, it certainly has some of the earmarks of gambling. The "Bowl-Chance" game consists of the "sucker" tossing his good money in a bowl. If it sticks, he gets twice the amount back; if not, he loses his coin.

If getting something for nothing, by chance, or losing something, by chance, for which there is no return, is gambling, this certainly looks like the real thing.

But as regards the games he ordered closed yesterday, Recorder Shannonhouse seems to hold the winning hand.

Chief Orr, Secretary and Manager Fair Association, states that he received this morning, a note from the Recorder declaring that he would arrest any fair officials allowing those games to be re-opened or deriving any benefit from them, and the games are not being played. The whole thing seems now to be up to Mayor McNinch, who gave the fakirs permission to ply their trade. This seems to be the state of affairs at this writing.

## FEVER INFECTED CITY OPENS WIDE DOORS TO PRES.

Gratitude for the Immeasurable Service Rendered by President is Key Note of His Reception. New Orleans Opens Wide Her Doors to Chief Executive.

All Party Differences and Former Antagonisms are Forgotten. All Night President Travels Through Mississippi. Is Given Welcome by Veterans.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Oct. 26.—The President arrived at Stuyvesant docks at 9 o'clock and was given an enthusiastic reception. The weather is cool and cloudy. The President and party made a tour of the harbor on the steamer Comus.

Upon the return of the Comus a parade got under way. Confederate veterans held the right of line, followed by the sons of veterans and the Spanish-American veterans.

Gratitude for the immeasurable service rendered in the successful struggle against the yellow fever epidemic was the dominant note in the splendid welcome extended the President.

All political differences were effaced and past antagonisms forgotten in the spontaneous demonstration of popular appreciation of the President's unflinching sympathy and practical help throughout the period of the fever's visitation.

The President traversed through the night the whole length of the State of Mississippi. He entered it after darkness had fallen and left it before day had dawned, so that there was no opportunity for any friendly demonstration by the citizens of Governor Vandaman's state.

## FREEDOM BESTOWED.

Desires Check Rather Than Usual Cask Address.

By Associated Press. London, Oct. 26.—Freedom of the City of London, bestowed on General Booth of the Salvation Army who accepted it as a recognition of the world wide work of the Army. Instead of the usual gold casket address enclosed in an oak leaf, the balance of the money voted by municipal council is being, at the request of General Booth, given in the shape of a check towards the funds of the organization.

## IN FEDERAL AND SUPERIOR COURT

Old Nick Williams Case Makes Slow Progress. Many Witnesses Testify. Several Cases Handed in Against Railway. Suit Brought Against Railway.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 26.—In the Federal Court yesterday the Old Nick Williams case made slow progress. The whole of the morning session was consumed in completing the examination of Deputy Collector Chandler, custodian of records in Collector Harkins' office, identifying reports sent in of operations as required by law of liquor distillers and rectifiers.

But three jury cases have so far been tried in the Superior Court now in session here, two of them being damage suits, both about elevators, and verdicts were obtained for damages in both. The first case was where a man had his foot permanently injured by the fall of an elevator in the Vandevanter Carpet Factory where he was employed. The jury gave him four hundred dollars. The next case was a claim of Miss Annie Glenn Hardin, a school girl for \$2,000 damages against the City of Greensboro and S. A. Scholch lessee of the opera house for injuries received in falling in the shaft of an unprotected elevator in the opera house last year. Judge Ward ordered a non-suit as to the city, and the jury last night returned a verdict of \$500.45. It has also been a notable court case for compromises and getting knotty cases off the docket without trials.

Among the most important of these were the consent judgment in the Fisher-Southern Loan and Trust Company case; The Osborn-Leach-News and Observer Libel case, and the libel case of John Barker against E. P. Wharton, the latter being withdrawn entirely.

A suit has been brought by Mayor T. J. Murphy as attorney for Mrs. Jellie H. Cox administratrix of Cyrus E. Cox, deceased, against the High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company for \$50,000 damages. Cox of Asheboro, a railway postal clerk was injured in a wreck on the road last March, and it is alleged that his subsequent death was due to the injuries then sustained.

## CHARTERS GRANTED TO GREAT NUMBER OF COMPANIES

Charters are issued to Companies at Roxboro, Marion, Spray and Washington. McNeil and Brown Leave for Winston to Investigate Car Famine.

Corporation Commission Considers Trouble at Winston-Salem In Supreme Court. Reward Offered for Murderer. Appointment of Private Secretary Considered.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 26.—Charters were issued to the Morris Telephone Co. of Roxboro, capital authorized being \$100,000, subscribed \$10,000, by T. H. Stewart, Dr. R. J. Teague and others.

Also to the McDowell Land & Trust Co. of Marion, at \$50,000 authorized, \$5,000 subscribed by W. T. Morgan and others.

Charters were also issued to the Imperial Co. of Spray, Rockingham county, to cultivate cotton, deal in live stock and operate cotton mills, capital being \$125,000 authorized, \$20,000 subscribed by T. G. McAllister, B. K. Terry and others. Also to the Washington Investment Co. of Washington, N. C., at \$6,000 capital, subscribed by J. B. Wheaton, L. Mayo and others.

Chairman Franklin McNeil, chief clerk, and H. C. Brown will leave tonight for Winston-Salem to investigate the complaint that comes from the company, that of the freight shipment made by the manufacturers there against the Southern Railway.

Governor Glenn announces he will not name the successor to his brother, Gen. J. D. Glenn, as private secretary until November 1. The name had been expected today.

The Corporation Commission held a lengthy conference last evening regarding the complaint that comes from Winston-Salem as to the congested condition of the freight shipments there and a member of the Commission will go at once to the Twin-City to investigate. It is contended that the situation cannot be improved without more tracks and the enlargement of the Southern freight yards.

The body of George Smith, the fair flower, who was killed here Saturday afternoon, was brought back here this morning from Petersburg where it had been carried for interment, and physicians set to work under the direction of the county coroner, to cut out the bullet and trace its course through the body. The man's brother has arrived from Washington, and is taking an active interest in the thorough investigation of the killing.

The supreme court has made an order setting the appeal in the case of Pace vs. the City of Raleigh for the foot of the tenth district docket next week. This is the appeal from the mandamus issued by Judge Justice recently requiring the aldermen of Raleigh to call an election on the question of "open saloons" or "dispensary."

Governor Glenn offers a reward of \$150 for the apprehension of John A. Huffman wanted in Wilkes county for the brutal murder of his wife some months ago. He came home and attacked his wife, beating her with chairs and other articles of furniture. He was arrested and later made his escape. His whereabouts now is not known.

Governor Glenn was to have announced the appointment of a successor to his brother, Gen. J. D. Glenn, as private secretary. Mr. A. H. Arrington, now teller in the State Treasury, is thought to stand the best chance of securing the appointment. His father, the late Capt. John Arrington, was one of Governor Glenn's most staunch supporters during the last campaign. Mr. Watts, of Reidsville, is also being prominently mentioned. In fact it is understood that the place has been offered to him, but that he will probably not accept.

## CONFESSES TO THEFT.

His Confession Covers Larceny of \$101,000.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Oct. 26.—Cunliffe, the party to two charges of larceny, representing the theft of \$101,000. The sentence was suspended until Saturday. Cunliffe's action caused much surprise, as neither the Adams express nor the Pinkerton agency was represented in the court. He has no counsel and the belief is growing that Cunliffe is mentally unbalanced.

## TRUE AMERICAN.

Randleman, N. C., October 25, 1905.

Times Democrat, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find \$1 in payment for your paper up to September 4, 1906. Please receipt for the same and oblige, Very truly, J. N. CAUDLE.

P. S.—I like your paper very much and the doctrines it advocates are true American.

## STRIKE SITUATION GROWING BLACKER ALL OVER RUSSIA

St. Petersburg is Almost Isolated From Rest of Russia. Most Terrible State of Suffering and Blood Shed. Collisions are Frequent.

Strike Contagion Spreading. Industrial Life at Standstill. Almost All Trains Stopped. Question of Food Growing Serious. 70,000, Mill Workmen Join.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—Russia is practically isolated from the rest of the continent of Europe, as the international train service has virtually ceased. The disruption in the interior is more complete than yesterday. Only trains are running operated by railroad battalions.

The strike contagion is spreading. All classes of working men are organizing sympathetic strikes and the industrial life in the country is coming to a standstill.

The situation cannot long continue. Either the workmen will soon be starved into submission, or pillage with military interference and bloodshed on a large scale is bound to follow.

In many cities, especially at Moscow, the question of food is becoming extremely serious.

Collisions between troops and strikers are reported at several places. At Ekaterinoslav a regular pitched battle between the soldiers and the strikers was fought and the city was left in darkness. But as a rule the revolutionary leaders are keeping their men in hand.

The situation has grown much worse over night. Ranks of 40,000 workmen from the mills and factories who join were fought and the city was left in creased by 20,000 more this morning. All the employees of the port, 4,000, walked out and 12,000 other men from the steel works left work in a body.

The inhabitants of St. Petersburg awoke to find the capital resembling a beleaguered city.

Except in the heart of the city, women and children are afraid to venture out.

The general appearance of the town is menacing.

Pieces of food have gone up and the supply of loaf is only sufficient for three days, but there are ample supplies of wheat and rye for two months.

The Emperor and court at Potoshof are supplied by a warship from St. Petersburg. The suffering falls heaviest on the poor, who live from hand to mouth.

All the bakers sold out their bread before noon. Meat dealers have been ordered by the revolutionists not to deliver meat to troops under pain of death, consequently the soldiers are living on canned food.

General Treppoff Chechen. By an imperial order the garrison of St. Petersburg here has been placed under the command of General Treppoff, assistant minister of the interior, and the troops distributed to various parts of the city, but martial law with its accompanying hardships has not been proclaimed. The ministers are deliberating on an enlarged law of the assembly.

Alarm increased. During the afternoon alarm in St. markets were raided by anxious purchasers and all the oil and candles were sold out.

Troops took possession of the water, gas and electric light works and a strong guard was placed around the treasury.

The jewelers hurriedly sent their stocks to places of safe keeping and shop-keepers continued the work of boarding up their windows.

During the afternoon the striking workmen began marching into the outlying districts and inviting their comrades to join them. During the day the pharmacists formally struck. The police are becoming frightened and many of them are offering their resignations. Reports from the interior say that the strikers are tearing up the tracks in some places.

## MANY OF CREW ARRESTED.

On Account of Mutiny on Board 400 of Crew Reported to Be Arrested.

By Associated Press. London, Oct. 26.—A despatch from Odessa says a mutiny occurred on the Russian battleship Catherine II, at Sebastopol and 400 of her crew were arrested.

## BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

Escaped Prisoner Assaults White Woman—Is Hunted With Hounds.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 26.—A white woman was assaulted in the northern portion of the city by a negro who has escaped. Blood hounds are on his trail.

## MUST GO TO PRISON.

Also Pay Heavy Damages for Killing Girl With Automobile.

By Associated Press. Paris, Oct. 26.—Elliott Fitch Shepard, son of the late Elliott F. Shepard, of New York, and grandson of the late W. H. Vanderbilt was sentenced to three months imprisonment and \$120 and is to pay \$4,000 damages to the parents of Madeline Marneul, killed by Shepard's automobile at Stouen, on April 24. The imprisonment part of the sentence will not be carried out while waiting the future course of procedure.

## MR. C. M. CUTTING HURT.

Injured in a Runaway Accident at Petersburg, Va.

The News learns in a special from Asheville that Mr. Charles M. Cutting, formerly of this place has been seriously injured in a runaway accident at Petersburg, Va. The telegram states that he is not expected to live.

Mr. Cutting has many friends here who will regret to hear of his injury. While here, Mr. Cutting was in the employ of The News. He also worked at one time for the Chronicle.

## MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED.

Were Found in Ruins of Their Shanty—Foul Play Suspected.

By Associated Press. Ashbury Park, N. J., Oct. 26.—The bodies of Isabella Sivey, colored, aged 34 and three children, Marie Louise, aged 10, Gladys, 7, and the baby aged 3, were found in the burned ruins of their shanty. The authorities suspect that the two little girls had been killed before the fire started.

## WILD DASH OF CAR FOR 1000 FEET

Brakes Will not Work While Going Down Steep Grade and Car Dashes Into Another Full of People. Many are Injured. Two Seriously.

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 21.—A runaway of a street car on the new Williamsport suspension bridge across East river, caused the injury of 25 persons two probably fatally. For one thousand feet down the incline on the Manhattan approach to the bridge the Christopher street car ran with brakes off of order until it hit and demolished a standing Fourteenth street car in which were 75 passengers. In the latter car most of the injuries occurred.

It was ten minutes before the broken roof, sides and floor of this car could be taken off from the last passenger who was buried under the wreckage.

John Holden, motorman of the Christopher street car and George Bryld, an employee of the Western Electric Company, suffered fractured skulls and are not expected to live.

Several Have Been Relieved of Their Cash and Valuables. Yesterday The News sounded a warning—that pickpockets were in the city.

Several parties have been relieved of their money but in each instance the money was withheld because it is the wish of those who have been "touched."

One single exception to the rule is Editor Wade H. Harris, of the Evening Chronicle. Mr. Harris went out to the fair grounds yesterday afternoon and was very promptly relieved of his pocketbook which contained \$18 in cash, a number of receipts and other papers of more or less value. The thief extracted Mr. Harris' wallet in purely professional style and is now enjoying the proceeds of his thieving game.

Another well-known gentleman who says he is really ashamed to have it known that he is such "easy fruit," lost his pocketbook and \$65 in cash. He also lost a mileage book on the Southern Railway, but luckily the book had been nearly used up.

There are others who fell victims to the nimble fingered thieves but they are keeping their secrets.

Down in Columbia yesterday afternoon four pickpockets were arrested as they were robbing the passengers getting on and off the electric cars. The names of the men arrested are: Joseph Shultz, Joe Beckwith, alias A. J. Kavanaugh and John Parker.

The arrests were made just as the time when the fair grounds gates were being closed and the crowds were surging to the cars. The officers anticipated that crooks would get in their dirty work in such a crush, surrounded the place and spotted their men. The crooks would board the cars in the thickest of the rush for seats and they were reaping a harvest, to judge by the number of pocketbooks recovered from them and the fact that nearly \$5000 was taken off their persons.

One of them was found in the act of going through the pockets of a passenger and after being arrested attempted to escape by vaulting the wire enclosure. He was caught by an officer and hauled back. He tried to get rid of the pocketbook in his hand by throwing it over the fence but he was seen to do so and it was recovered.

On Sunday, November the 5th, the fall Rally Day of the Second Presbyterian Sunday school will be held. All the members of the church are asked to be present at these exercises. All visitors are welcome.

## TWENTY-FIVE HORSES AND MULES PERISHED IN FIRE

The Destruction of the Cochran and Hoover Stables Yesterday Afternoon Brought Death to Many Fine Animals. List of the Owners of Horses.

The Fire Loss Will Amount to \$20,000 and the Insurance will Figure Up About \$15,000. Cause of the Conflagration not Known.

Twenty-five horses and mules burned and property valued at \$20,000, destroyed were the results of the big fire that caused so much excitement in Charlotte yesterday.

The News yesterday afternoon gave a complete list of the buildings burned and stated that the fire was under control.

It was impossible to ascertain the number of horses and mules burned on account of the smoke and steam which completely filled the burned buildings.

This morning after the smoke had cleared away, the charred carcasses of 25 horses and mules could be seen lying in the stalls.

All, or at least very near all of the burned animals were owned by parties from the country.

Mr. J. A. Bennett, of Matthews, lost a beautiful grey mare. It was not only a beautiful horse but a very valuable one.

Mr. J. W. Auten, who lives about four miles from Charlotte, lost two fine horses.

Mr. J. H. Fisher, of Croft, lost a horse, Mr. "Key" Jordan, of Crab Orchard, lost a horse and mule. The Little-Long Co., lost a horse, Mr. A. F. Messick lost a horse and mule. Mr. James Query, of Harrisburg, lost a horse. Mr. W. S. Pharr, lost a horse. Mr. T. J. Hunter, of Derita, lost a mule and hack. Mr. Thomas S. Timmons, lost a mule. Mr. W. J. Schully, lost a horse. Mr. J. Y. Yoder, of Newton, lost seven head of horses and mules. Among the number burned was a very fine stallion. The animal before he gave up to the flames, tore away the sides to his stall and there were other evidences that the poor animal did all in his power to escape the flames.

Col. Robert Wallace, of Eastfield, lost a mule and Mr. Frank Short, of Providence, lost a very valuable horse. Mr. J. S. Plyer, of Washaw, lost a horse. Mrs. Blackney Morris, a horse. Mr. Geo. W. Smith, of Hickory Grove, lost a horse. Several others lost horses, but as there are so many running at large, it is almost impossible to ascertain whose horses are at large and the ones burned.

The carcasses will be taken to the crematory where they will be reduced to ashes.

The buildings burned were owned by Mr. P. M. Brown, Mr. Thomas Shaw and Mr. Zeke Johnston.

Bishop Lomax, the well known colored minister owned the stable occupied by Mr. T. B. Hoover.

Mr. J. C. Cochran, the liveryman, this morning stated that his loss would amount to about \$1,500. None of his horses were burned but he lost several buggies, carriages and carts. In addition to these he lost nearly all of his harness.

Mr. Cochran carried no insurance. Mr. T. B. Hoover lost about 25 buggies and as many sets of harness. He carried a small amount of insurance, not near enough to cover his loss.

The store rooms occupied by Mr. Edward Campbell, J. R. Hemphill, F. M. Hoover and those adjoining, were badly damaged by fire and water.

It is learned this afternoon that the insurance on the burned buildings will amount to \$15,000. This amount is distributed among the companies represented by Capt. T. H. Houghton, Mr. C. M. Carson, Mr. R. E. Cochran and C. N. G. Butt & Co.

## MAN AND WIFE BOTH KILLED BY TRAIN

James Pyatt and Wife of Marion Found Dead on Track Near Nebo. Bodies Terribly Mangled. Horace Nichols has Both Legs Cut Off.

Special to The News. Marion, N. C., Oct. 26.—An aged couple, James Pyatt and wife, he a shoemaker of Marion, were both killed at Nebo last night by a freight train. They had gone down on No. 12. Their mangled remains were found about 9 o'clock scattered along the track. They had no children.

Horace Nichols had both legs cut off, perhaps by the same train 3 miles west of Old Fort last night and is dead. He had been drinking and was to sleep on the track. He leaves a wife and child.