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Pensacola, Florida In Grip Of Flames-Much Damage Done

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., March 16.—Reports over long distance telephone at noon today indicate that a fire which started at 10 o'clock this morning is threatening to destroy Pensacola, Fla. Information is that the fire has gained headway in 10 city blocks and is now being fanned by a stiff northwest wind. Ten buildings already have been burned, situated in eight different blocks. The fire started near the Union depot and is burning toward Garden street. Several buildings are now burning on West Romana street.

Nine Buildings Burned.

Mobile, Ala., March 16.—At 1 p. m. the fire was under control. The loss will reach $150,000. Nine buildings, including the Southern hotel, were burned.

The Latest Report.

A fire which started in the Mount Zion colored church, on Alcanizst, at 9 o'clock this morning, destroyed the church, the Southern Hotel and eight frame buildings and for a time threatened the business district of Pensacola. At noon o'clock the fire was reported under control and the monetary loss placed at more than $80,000. Most of the buildings burned were residences.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad shops suspended operations and 100 men with several engines were detailed to help the volunteers and firemen fight the flames. Cinders and burning brands were picked up by a high northwest wind and blown for blocks and ignited several roofs. The flames were checked at Garden street, after thoroughfare. This is probably all that saved the city from widespread disaster.

Campus News From Trinity

Special to The News.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., March 16.—Trinity College is now a scene of busy activities. Insurance on buildings and furniture destroyed January 4, having been received, work was begun the following week on the tower and the repairs to the old main building which is now standing.

The new east dormitory is rapidly nearing completion. This building is three stories high, 208 feet in length and will accommodate 124 men. The name of Bishop Kilgo is mentioned for the building. It will probably be ready for occupancy before commencement.

Some of the faculty of Trinity have been appointed to committees of the board. This committee consists of Professors Flowers, Brooks, and Roper. Mr. Roper of the class of 1911 of Trinity College, has been appointed clerk of the ways and means committee of congress. Mr. Roper's father, Mr. J. H. Roper, is a member of this year's freshman class at Trinity.

Henry Whittle Arrested.

By Associated Press.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 16.—While he was translating dispatches printed in an American newspaper concerning the insurrection in Mexico, Henry Whittle was arrested in the railroad shops at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, across the Rio Grande from this city, yesterday and will be held in communicado for seventy-two hours, according to the Mexican authorities. The specific charge against Whittle is carrying messages between insurrectos in the United States and Mexico. W. H. Muller, of this city, a relative of Whittle, declares he will appeal to the state department at Washington, because American Consul Luther Ellsworth declined to attempt to intercede in behalf of Whittle.

MUCH INTEREST IN TRIAL OF LOUIS WEST

Special to The News.

Wilson, N. C., March 16.—The evidence for the state was practically concluded at the morning session of the court and at 2:30 o'clock prisoners are in consultation with their attorneys. Whether the defense will introduce testimony is not at this hour known, but it is quite probable that the case will go to the jury this afternoon. The evidence seems clear as to West, and several testified today that he shot Deputy Mumford after he was wounded. The evidence against Stetson is strong, but not so direct.

Fruit Crop Damaged.

Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—From reports from all over the state it seems that the fruit crop in Tennessee was greatly damaged last night. Peaches and strawberries, it is said, suffered most. At 6 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 20 degrees above zero.

Real Estate Transfers

Mr. John A. Gibson has sold to Mr. B. L. Droane a desirable and well located lot at the intersection of the Providence and Kinston avenue extension. The price paid was $3,000.

Mr. E. B. Grasham, of Habersham county, Georgia, has sold to Mr. R. A. Dunn and Mr. P. M. Brown a valuable piece of real estate on Cedar street. The lot fronts on Cedar street 149 feet and has a depth of 50. The consideration was $15,000.

F. C. Abbott & Co. today sold to Mrs. G. W. Norman, the beautiful J. J. Convers' residence in Elizabeth avenue. The consideration was $8,000. Mrs. Norman recenntly sold her home in Mint street, along with many others.

Practically all of those who sold their homes along Mint street have since purchased in different parts of the city.

Squire Hilton, who sold his Mint street residence and later bought a home in South Tryon street, today purchased the large lot adjoining the new home, Mr. Abbott engineering the deal. The lot was owned by Mr. Flint, of Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly here with the American Machine Co.

Cold Wave Does Damage

New York, March 16.—A cold snap of unusual severity for this section of the year holds practically the entire Eastern section of the country tightly gripped today with small probability of its grasp being loosened before tomorrow. Ther was a drop of 36 degrees in temperature to a minimum of 16 degrees in this city during the night.

It was 4 above the zero mark in Pittsburg this morning, and 14 degrees in Washington, D. C., the latter a remarkably low figure for this time of the year in the capital.

It already is warming up west of the Mississippi river, but low temperatures prevail over the Ohio valley and the lake region.

Won't Damage Peaches.

Augusta, Ga., March 16.—L. A. Berckmans, of the Fruitland Nurseries, stated this morning that because of the dry condition of the atmosphere at this time he did not apprehend any material damage to the peach crop. Mr. Berckmans said that because the wind blew all of yesterday and last night that there was practically no moisture and a much colder spell will be required to kill the fruit than otherwise would. He said that a temperature as low as 26 would probably cause some damage in the low orchard lands, but that it would have to be much colder than that to be of damage to the peach crop as a whole.

Cold in Macon.

Macon, Ga., March 16.—There was a decided drop in temperature here last night, the government termometer registering 32 degrees at an early hour today. Fruit men here are alarmed over the situation and are fearful of the killing frost that is predicted for tonight. Precautionary measures are advised by the weather bureau for people who have tender vegetation growing.

REFORMS FOR THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 16.—The sudden departure from New York of Senor Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, after a week of conferences and negotiations, the precise nature of which has not hitherto been clear, is now explained by the understanding that he has succeeded in effecting a tentative plan by which substantial reforms are expected to be immediately put into force by the Mexican government and the leading insurrectionists being satisfied, are to aid in restoring peace.

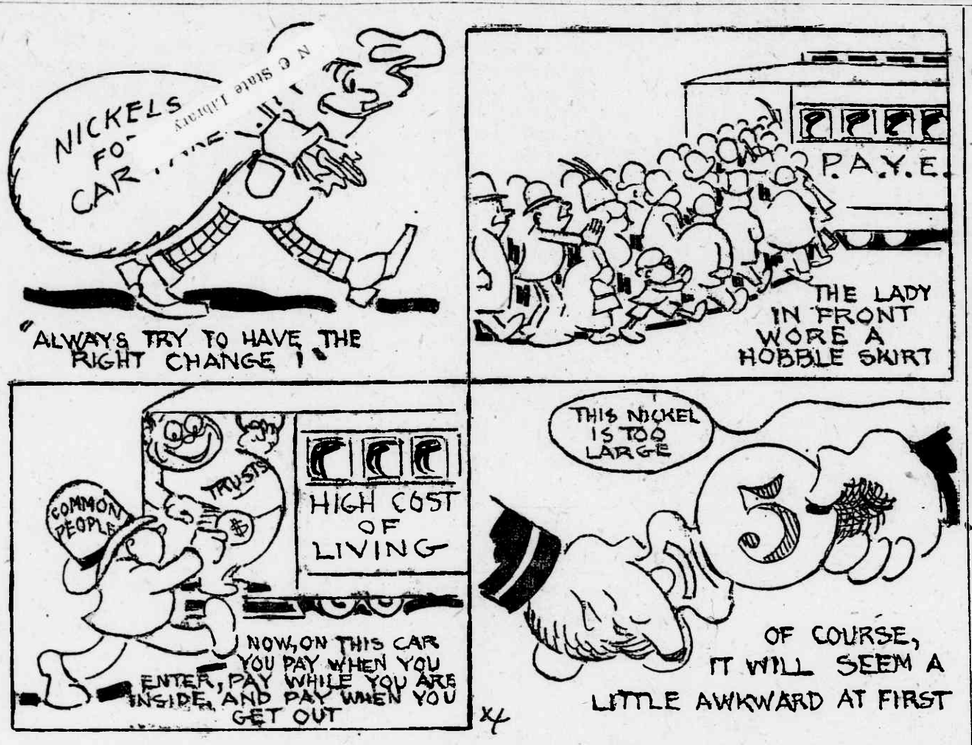
The presence here at the Hotel Astor of Senor Madero, the father of the provisional president, together with his three sons (brothers of the provisional president); the fact that Limantour has been through three generations the confidential advisor of the Madero family, and the fact that Limantour and the senior Madero have been in conference, while important messages have been going back and forth from the finance minister to Mexico City, added significance to the situation.

While in Paris, before he left for New York, limantour declared, through an Associated Press interview, his belief in the need of a number of reforms to meet the just wishes of the insurrectos. When leaving here yesterday he said:

"Mistakes have been made, perhaps some of them serious; but this fact is not peculiar to Mexico. Many reforms have been brought about in recent years. Others of even greater importance are under way, and may be made public in the near future."

Simultaneously a dispatch from Mexico announced that President Diaz, in a conference with a number of citizens of Metztitlan, assured them that he was adopting certain of Limantour's suggestions of reform.

Senor Limantour bears with him a full exposition of the demands of the insurrectionists, which, it is hoped, will be acceptable to the Mexican government and made the basis of peace.



WE'LL GET USED TO 'EM IN TIME!

To Investigate Trade Opportunities For U. S. In Japan

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—On board the steamship Minnsota, now moored at Seattle, Wash., the ships orchestra has gone into heavy training so that it may be prepared for the demands that will be made upon it when the 200 members of the Chicago Association of Commerce and families, who leave here tomorrow for a three months' Japanese junket, embark on March 20th. This tour of the Orient by the Association of Commerce is a happy combination of business and pleasure. The business object will be an investigation of trade conditions of Japan, and the pleasure will be furnished by the salubrious breezes of the Southern Pacific, numerous entertainments in the Land of the Rising Sun—and the ship's band.

The trip was originally planned to start on Friday, the 13th, but as certain members of the party were fast developing sailormen's superstitions, along with the completion of their yachting costumes, the date was set back to the 16th, that no possible cloud of ill-luck might hover over the excursion. Their special train leaves here today, under the convoy of George W. Sheldon, chairman of the committee in charge, and H. S. Hotz, vice-chairman, and to proceed to the coast by way of the scenic grades and curves of the Great Northern. Arriving in Seattle, they will embark for the Orient, where hospitality programs will be extended by the authorities of Honolulu, Manila and the Japanse cities they visit.

Following is the time table of the commercial crusaders after sailing from Seattle at noon on March 20th:

Arrive Honolulu March 28th, leave Honolulu March 30th.

Arrive Yokohama, April 11th, leave Yokohama, April 15th.

Arrive Kobe, April 15th; leave Kobe April 17th.

Arrive Nagasaki, April 19; leave Nagasaki, April 20th.

Arrive Manila, April 25th; leave Manila, April 27th.

Arrive Hongkong, April 29th; leave Hongkong, May 6th.

Arrive Nagasaki May 10th; leave Nagasaki, May 11th.

Arrive Kobe, May 13th; leave Kobe, May 16th.

Arrive Yokohama, May 17th; leave Yokohama, May 20th.

Arrive Seattle, June 3rd; arrive St. Paul, June 6th; arrive Chicago, June 6th.

The passenger list as thu far made public includes Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Durand, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Matthiessen, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Pelouse, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hotz, Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bremmer, G. B. Saw, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus D. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Spicer, E. T. Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Weller, D. W. Shipp, Dr. David Monash, Mr. and Mrs. W. Adolphus, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spofford, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Root, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dessaner, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoefield, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Buttolph, J. H. Press, and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fuller.

The state dpartment has instructed United States consuls at the foreign ports to be visited by the party to prepare for the comfort and enjoyment of the junketers.

NO HOPE FOR MEN ENTOMED UNDER WALLS

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—While the searchers are busy at the J. H. Fall building, the walls of which collapsed yesterday during a high wind, killing 12 negroes and one white man and injuring 14, all hope of taking any other workmen out alive has been abandoned. It is believed that probably eight or ten bodies will be recovered. It is claimed that half a dozen negro workmen were observed near the center of the building where the debris is thicketst, just a few minutes before the crash came. It is also understood that probably several idlers and onlookers who usually hang about such places talking to the workmen, were caught by the walls.

TRIAL OF MRS. MELBER NEARS THE END.

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., March 16.—The trial of Mrs. Edith Melber, who killed her 4-year-old son, may end today.

There is no dispute over the fact that Mrs. Melber killed her child with carbolic acid. I f the jury sustains the contention of the defense that the woman was mentally irresponsible when the act was committed, the utmost penalty that can be imposed is incarceration in a state institution for the criminally insane. The defense does not ask for an acquittal.

The prosecution on the other hand contends that the woman was sane and should be convicted of murder in the first degree with its statutory penalty of death.

LADY WINS IN FITZGERALD DIVORCE CASE

By Associated Press.

Uniontown, Pa., March 16.—According to the opinion announced today by Judge Robert E. Umbel, Mrs. Eleanor Fitzgerald is given all she asked in her suit against her former husband, Gen. Purcell Fitzgerald, a wealthy resident of Ireland with extensive interests in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is to be paid alimony at the rate of $15,000 a year until a fund shall have been accumulated from Fitzgerald's coal and coke properties in Pennsylvania amounting to $300,000, the income from half of which she is to have and the remainder is to be placed in the hands of trustees for Fitzgerald's children.

FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE MEETS.

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 16.—The situation in Mexico was discussed last night by the Franco-American committee under the presidency of Prince Roland Bonaparte, president of the French Government Society. The prince recalled the intervention of Napoleon III in Mexico which was based, he said, upon a desire to maintain the equilibrium of America and expressed the hope that Mexicans themselves should assure the balance of their country in the present crisis and not succumb to the temptest in the north.

First Maneuver of Troops In Camp

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, March 16.—The first maneuvers of the troops in camp were on the program today. It was proposed to send out a company of infantry several miles to seek cover and for the aeroplanes to look for them.

Southern Pacific officials today waited to see if the Mexican insurrectos would make good their threat to blow up all bridges entering their country. Business in the state of Chihuahua already has been greatly curtailed and her food supply threatend. A complete rupture of communications from this side would be very serious.

There is a serio-comic side to running trains across the border. A railroad man said yesterday that colored portrs invariably decline to make a second trip and hence new men are constantly being sent out.

There are now 10 cars of reserve ammunition here. They have not been unloaded and may have some other point as their dunstaion.

Await Artillery Troops.

Galveston, Tex., March 16.—The army maneuvers are awaiting the arrival of the 3,000 coast artillery troops from Hampton Roads. Gen. Mills hopes to have his entire brigade in camp at Fort Crocket by the end of the week. The transports are expected to arrive, according to latest advices from them, sime time tomorrow.

Winfield Jewell, the soldier who was stabbed in the tenderloin district Saturday night, starting the race riot, continues to improve and will be out of the hospital in a few days. Patrolman Reagan has withdrawn his charges of assault against Private August Burkhalter, who is alleged to have stabbed him during the melee and will later be dealt with by the civil authorities.

A provost guard of 12 men has been detailed to assist the police in preserving order.

MEN HURT IN FIREMAN RIOT

By Associated Press.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 16.—A special to the Sentinel from Glen Mary, Tenn., says:

Two white men and one negro have been shot as a result of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific firemen's strike. One white man from Cincinnati was thought to be seriously wounded and was removed from here to the hospital as Somerset. Another white man was wounded in the face and left the engine and made his escape.

EXPLOSION OF OIL CAUSES HEAVY LOSS IN 'FRISCO TODAY.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, March 16.—An explosion of fuel oil caused a fire early today in the middle of a block of automobile stores. Five buildings and their contents were practically destroyed. Loss about $100,000.

SIXTY PEOPLE FACING DEATH ON OLD SHIP

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 16.—Sixty men are in peril today aboard the stranded British steamer Manchuria, ashore on the Virginia coast, thirty miles south of Cape Henry. The Little Island life saving station has reported to the United States Life Saving Service here that an intense northwest storm is raging and the vessel is in danger momentarily of going to pieces.

Juarez Spent A Sleepless Night After Attack

DRAMATIC SCENES DURING TRIAL OF CAMORRISTS

By Associated Press.

Viterbo, Italy, March 16.—The rules for criminal procedure in Italy make possible frequent dramatic incidents and it was due to this that today's session of the trial of the Cammorists for murder held the lively interest of the crowd that occupied very available square foot in the old church of San Francesco.

When court opened the clerk resumed recital, however, being broken by inthe prisoners and this took up the whole forenoon, the monotony of the recital, howevr, being broken by interruptions from the prisoners cage or by others in the room whose interests were in some manner involved.

When the clerk read the passage referring to the priest, Cirovitozzi, the aged prisoner was visibly affected and at the words, "Although never condemned, Vitozzi is a criminal," he raised his eyes to heaven and murmured:

"I offer my suffering to relieve souls in purgatory."

During the description of the murder of Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife, Maria, "the beautiful Sorentina," Mariana de Gennaro, who is charged with being one of the actual assassins, rose from his seat in the steel pen, greatly agitated. The reading clerk paused a moment and the prisoner, placing his hand over his heart, and addressing his wife, who was among the spectators said: "I swear to you I am innocent."

"I swear to you I am innocent." With these words he burst into tears.

On another occasion de Angelis and Amodeo protested their innocence and demanded redress for having been falsely involved by the Priest Vitozzi. Their arrest was due to a declaration to the police by the priest and in aid of Erricone, the alleged brains of the Camorra.

When Erricone was first arrested Vitozzi, who is his godfather, went to the authorities and with a great show of secrecy confided to them that he knew Erricone to be innocent, for the reason that another, one Ascrittore, had confessed to him that he had committed the double murder.

Ascrittore was found to be a member of the Camorra and when pressed he denounced as the authors of the murders de Angelis and Amodeo, both criminals and then fugitives from justice. After a long search they were arrested.

De Angelis seemed more upset by the sensation than Amodeo did, as the former already had been condemned for crimes of blood, and it so happened that at the time of the murder of the Cuoccolos he had a fresh knife cut on the hand and at his home bloodstained garments were found. These three men were able to prove that the priest had sworn falsely and to establish their innocence of the Cuocculo crime, but were held as members of the Camorra.

In court they protested vehemently against having been detained all since their apprehension was due to assertions by a fellow prisoner, now known to have been false.

Erricone does not take kindly to newspaper artists. One of the latter snapped his picture today as the prisoners were being brought into court. When the bandit chief learned that the photo was for a paper hostile to the Camorra he spat in the face of the photographer and in a rage swore that he would kick the man "into the next world." Erricone's shackles prevented the execution of this threat.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY INSTITUTE BEGINS.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—The anual missionary institute of Vanderbilt University will begin today and continue through Saturday. This year the list of lecturers from the foreign mission fields includes Prof. A. Ousunana, of Mexico, Dr. E. F. Cook, also of the Mexican field; Dr. J. C. C. Newton, of Japan; Rev. C. G. Hounsell, of Korea; J. Lovell Murray, formerly of India; Bishop W. R. Lambuth, recently returned from Brazil, and Dr. W. W. Pinson, from Cuba.

Search for Missing Tug.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., March 16.—One fishing tug with a crew of seven is lost, and one other with a crew of three is missing as a result of the gale that swept down over the lakes yesterday and is still raging on Lake Erie today.

The Silver Spray, of Erie, Pa., operated by the Booth Fisheries Companies, went down off Cleveland harbor last night after battling with the heavy seas for twenty hours. The last seen of her was at 2 a. m. today when Captain Hansen, of the life saving station, sighted a vessel a few miles out, burning torches as signals of distress.

This morning the tug Buckeye, patrolling the breakwater, sighted what is believed to have the pilot house of the Silver Spray affoat in the lake, off East Fourteenth street. Two bodies, which Captain Cornelius believes belong to members of the Silver Spray's crew of 7, were lying on the breakwater. It was impossible for the tug to get near enough to take off the bodies.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Tex., March 16.—Colonel M. Tamborel, military commander of Juarez, stated this morning that the bomb thrown into the military barracks last night did no damage, and that nobody was captured. The shots of the sentries, he said, did not hit anybody.

J. A. McDaniels, an engineer on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, who arrived today on a hand car, reported that the road is cut to pieces from Juarez to its southern terminus at Pearson. He saw many insurrectos headed south but did not see Madero's army marching north toward Jaurez, as reported.

El Paso, Texas, March 16.—Juarez spent a sleepless night. The streets were patrolled by double forces of guards. Practically the entire garrison was under arms in front of the barracks and the headquarters of General Navarro and of Colonel Tamborel, the commandant. At daybreak sleepy guards posted on the house tops swept the country for signs of insurrectos but if they were in the vicinity they kept well under cover.

The coming of daylight materially lessened the anxiety aroused by last night's attack upon the barracks, when a small band of insurrectos who had managed to slip through the lines into the city, demolished a portion of the barracks with bombs and effected their escape with the loss of but two of their number who were injured and taken prisoners.

The authorities persist in their declaration that the federal troops suffered no loss in killed or wounded and gave repeated assurances that there was no cause for anxiety. Business has been resumed and most of those who had planned to take refuge on the American side changed their minds today.

It is not thought the insurrectors are near the city in any great number, the small band under Captain Oscar Creighton, the American, being the only one reported at all close at hand. Madero, with 1,000 men, is farther south, where he is said to be waiting to effect a juncture with Orozco's force of 800, after which, it is reported, the insurrecto leader will begin a march northward to the border.

HIS IDEA OF TARIFF REVISON.

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—That there should be revision of the tariff, a schedule at a time, and with one country at a time, was the doctrine advocated today by Senator Norris Brown at a luncheon given in his honor by the Lincoln Commercial Club. He declared that both stand-patters and progressives believe in the principle that duty charged by this country should be represented by the difference in the cost of production here and abroad.

"Reciprocity not only with Canada but also with all of the western world and eventually with the crowded peoples of the old world was the dream of James G. Blaine," said Senator Brown. "There can be little doubt but that the next decade will find amicable and reciprocal agreements in force among many nations of the two Americas."

Across Ocean Chase.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 16.—A cross-ocean race for two murder suspects, in which the wireless telegraph played as important a part as in the case of Dr. Crippen and Ethel Clare Leneve, was won today by Otto Busdorf, a German detective, who reached port on the liner St. Louis several hours ahead of the steamer Zieten from Bremen, bearing his quary.

Busdorf not only beat the objects of his chase into port, but reported that through the aid of the wireless he had already secured arrest on the Zieten of a young Russian named Zogolowski, who is charged with the murder of four persons in Mislowitz, Russia.

Noted Railroad Man Dead.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 16.—Frank Work, the multi-millionaire railroad man, died at his home here today of pneumonia. He was 92 years of age and leaves an estate amounting to $20,000,000.

Steamer Aground.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., March 16.—A dispatch from Cape Charles, Va., reports that an unknown steamer is aground on Chincotgue shoals. Her position

—Mr. J. Edward McIlwaine, general agent for the National Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Realty building, went to the Presbyterian Hospital yesterday for treatment.

May Kiss The Blarney Stone

Among the interesting things to be seen at the Irish Tea which the ladies of the March Circle of the Tryon Street Methodist church will give tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. O. Brown on Elizabeth avenue, will be a section of the famous "Blarney Stone." All visitors will be allowed to kiss it at least one time. As is well known, this will enable one to ever after "kape a staddy tongue in your head, with a ready answer on the tip of that same, for the cheering of the way."