five days before their

FIRT BUGS CAUSED ASTORIA'S BIG LOSS

Mayor and Police Chief Attribute Twelve Million Dollar Blaze to Incendiarism-Radicals Active in That Section-Work of Relief Begun Along with Appeals for Help.

Be the Associated Press.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 9 .- Incendiarism was responsible for the big fire yesterday, in the opinion of Mayor Brimner and Chief of Police Carlson, Local radicals are under suspicion, authori-

Investigation indicated that the fire began in two separate places, according to Chief Carlson.

Astoria today surveyed its losses from the \$12,000,000 fire, which yestenlay razed 24 blocks of the city's business section, and set on foot to aid the 2,000 persons rendered homeless by the fire.

dering ruins, plans for rebuilding were nebulous, but it was the general sentiment that reconstruction on a larger immediate needs were supplied. Handreds of telegrams offering aid were day institutions in Hickory. received and the relief committee annamed urgent need of funds.

Word came from Portland that a be sent today.

APPROVES JOINT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RELATION

y the Associated Press. Tokio, Nov. 17.—Discussing relaons between Japan and America beore the college of Commerce of the operial University Dr. David Starr dan, President Emeritus of Leland Stanford University, approved the plan suggested by Viscount Shibusawa or the appointment of a joint commission to discuss the matters. "Such commission could not settle the points a issue which muct go to the courts but it would serve to dispel misunderstandings on both sides, a matter of the highest importance," he said.

"The Washington Conference was agreat triumph of common sense and mmon decency. Its main achievement was to prick the monstrous and both sides of the Pacific.

"Japan and America will be neighbers for the next thousand years, and als to be enighborly."

EASTERN CAROLINA TO DO SOME ADVERTISING

By the Associated Press. Wilson, N. C., Dec. 9,-Planss for the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Comnerce exposition here beginning March 9, 1923, are being completed by N 6. Bartlett, manager of the organi-

"This exposition is being promoted or the purpose of advertising this section of the state and its resources,' one of the officials stated. "Wilson nade the highest bid for the exhibi ion and was decided upon as the site The large tobacco warehouse here will be used to house the exhibits.

"A speech by Governor Cameron forrison will open the week of festititles and a parade will follow. There will be other addreses during the exosition by speakers of national repuation. Attendance prizes will be given and many events in conection with the exposition are being planned," it

MARSHALL GIVEN TEN YEARS PENALTY

her, D. G. Marshall, near Granite morning, however, Judge Ray re- follow. opened the case and charged the sen-

entered a plea of not guilty and the State atetmpted to get a conviction prisals. of first degree murder. Solicitor Huffman who went home when court adjourned for Thanksgiving, failed to return to take up the case, and J. F. Spainhour, an attorney of Morganian on, conducted the case for the State In the solicitor's absence. The evidence brought out showed that Marshall had been called from his home, lew hundred yards from the home of his father, by his mother. He adon the stand that he had ther in the back twice, and then as his father turned, shot him again. In all, he fired five the fired five the back twice, and then as for W. L. Coltrane, election judge, M. D. Wood, boyhood playmate of all, he fired five the fired five the back twice, and then again. In the back twice, and then as for W. L. Coltrane, election page, Miss Courses who for playmate of the fired five the back twice, and then again. loaded his gun and took it with him. By the Associated Press.

As a result of a conference today between Superintendent Carver and City Physician Hunsucker, approved by Mayor Yount, announcement was made that the public schools would With the heart of the city in smoul- reopen Monday morning. They have

been closed since Monday. Inasmuch as all public places have remained open and the activities of the citizens and children in other lines wale would start as soon as the more have not been interefered with in the least, it did not seem proper to continue closed the most important week-

The influenza situation was reportd as improved in this community. It has never been serious, although there have been many cases, unusually mild ones, reported by physicians. The town has pursued its various activities as if nothing had happened.

By resuming study on Monday, the schools will not be required to make up a month a t the end of the spring

By the Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 9 .- The docket of the dangerous bubble of war-scare assi- United States railroad labor board drougly inflated by evil-minded men on today bore no record of disputes between railroads and their employes,

decision yesterday cutting it's good business as well as good mor- \$1,500,000 from 11,000 telegraphers on 11 western roads having disposed of the final case. By that decision the board declared it corrected inequalitues caused by a provision in a former interpretation of a federal railroad administration leader and that the decision was not made with a view to reducing wages.

In railroad circles the board's decion with an appended resolution was taken to mean that there will be no more wage changes until the present economic condition changes.

The decision of yesterday becomes effective January 1,2 1923.

By the Associated Press.

gree before Judge J. Bis Ray last is expressed today by some of the Saturday for the slaying of his father, D. G. Marshall papers. These correspondents are confifteen years' imprisonment. Monday vinced that a train or repairs as will

The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent says there are at least 100 destence to ten years. Marshall was taken to Raleigh Monday and placed in the penitentiary by Officer R. G. perate men in the city who have no perate men in the city who will follow the penitentiary by Officer R. G. regard for their lives and who will fol-Marshall's trial began Friday. He low the advice of leaders bent on re-

all, he fired five shots from the 32-caliber pistol. Following Marshall's trar, of New Market township, Ran-testimony the design of the start of t testimony the defense agreed not to ask for acquital nor to fight the case, but to accept the compromise of second deep the compromise transfer to what to accept the compromise transfer to what to permit and who is held for the murder of Funderburk, seemed unconcerned in the county jail today. of second degree murder. Lenoir News. his ballot had not been issued from the county jail today. the federal offices here today. The He was more concerned last night

By the Associated Press.

fandom, which loyally has supported persons were injured, two seriously, weevil, five tests were in Scotland the Detroit Tigers whether they were when the second section of passenger county and one in Bladen. This work "up" or "down", has set its heart on train No. 80, Atlantic Coast Line, ran was under immediate supervision of an American league pennant for 1923. into local passenger train No. 52, durposition to third place in the 1922 race, are expected by the fans to be stronger in 1923 than they were this year, Frank Navin, president of the club, believes that such should be the case.

Poor pitching has been the downfall of the Tigers for several years, in the opinion of observers. Next season, Detroit will start with the best string ter, S. C., a traveling salesman, were of hurlers of which the local outfit the two most seriously injured. has boasted in a number of years. In peaking of his team's prospects Mr. Navin said:

"We should have the best pitching staff in this history of the club. "Rip" Collins, whom we obtained from Boston for Howard Ehmke and other players will give us help where we need it most. Sylvester Johnson, out nearly the entire season, due to injuries, undoubtedly will deliver. Herman Pillette, one of the leading pitchers in 1922, and who with Johnson was obtained from the Pacific Coast league, will, with Collins head our hurling taff. It is possible that we will make one or two deals this winter that will give us even greater strength in the

"The team will be strengthened at second base by the addition of Del asemen in the game and Rigney, with but one year in the majors, already is onsidered one of the best shortstops. At third, we have Haney and Jones. xcelient fielders. Jones, a left handd batsman, can alternate with Haney, righ hander.

"In Bassler, we have a great catcher and Woodall is close behind him. The bility of the Detroit outfield is too ell known to need comment.

"The club with an even break, should better next season than in 1922 hen we finished third."

CUBS LONG ON CHAMPIONS by the Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Chicago's nationil league baseball club is long on hampions. It claims to have the tallst and shortest men in the major agues and also the strongest player. Ernest Osborne, a pitcher, standing feet 5 1-2 inches in his stocking feet indoubtedly is the tallest player in the majors. Earl Adams, who came o the Cubs from Wichita Falls, Kan. s a second baseman, and measures only 5 feet 4 inches.

Lawrence "Hack" Miller, who came from the Pacific Coast league is said o be the strongest man in baseball He is the son of Sebastian Miller, who or years was known about Chicago and the middle west as the "strong nan," and whose tests of strength are well remembered by the old timers lack inherited much of his parent's make-up, but he prefers playing base-

all to touring the country. However, for the edification of his cammates, "Hack" has picked up horse shoe and taking hold of the reels of the iron shoe, straightened i out. He also will push a nail through London, Dec. 9 .- The expectation a two-inch plank with his thumb. He that yesterday's executions in Dublin is a hitter of the slugging type, his of guilty of murder in the second de- will be followed by further shootings blows having plenty of strength be-

FOR GEORGIA GIRI

By the Associated Press.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 9 .- Miss Olean Courson, who was shot Thursday night, was still in a dangerous condition at a local hospital today. Physicians said her chances for recovery were poor.

The body of Paul Funderburk, companion of Miss Courson in the automobile ride from a local hotel where she was employed to her home, will

The party that is out of power papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will likely be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few over a game of checkers than the papers will be served in a few ov part he played in the shooting.

By the Associated Press.

The Tigers, coming from the cellar ing a heavy fog at Harahan station, 12 miles from here at 7 o'clock this morning.

A number of the injured were brought to local hospitals after physicians, going out from here in automobiles had administered first aid.

Geore Scruggs, of Greenville, S. C., a mail clerk and Ike Epswick of Sum-

The local train left Charleston for Augusta and Greenville at 3 o'clock this morning and stopped at Harhan on account of a hot box.

The second section of No. 80 was running more than an hour late. The engineer, it is said, failed to see the signals placed by the local.

The local carried a steel pullman and this crashed into the seven day coachers, where most of the injured were found.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 9 .- The cotton market showed renewed steadiness prices were steady at an advance of five to six points on overnight buy- question of the straits upon the doc- nors, John W. Aiken, Cecil T. Bost, for operation in March. The Mountain Pratt. Blue is one of the best first ing orders. The advance met some realizing and southern selling on the

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	Open	Close
December	24.82	24.88
January	24.82	24.92
March	25.05	25.12
May	24.96	25.08
July	24.70	24.73
Hickory cotton	24 1-2 cents.	

TO PLAY VALDESE FOR NEW BERN RELIEF

The Hickory town team will -lahe Valdese athletic club in basketball at the armory Monday night. the proceeds going to New Bern relief.

NEWTON TEAM WINS

The Newton High school basket ball team outplayed the Hickory Highs here last night and won 21 to 17 in a thrilling game before a large

The Hickory girls were defeated by the Lenoir College girls.

Giant's Funeral



· A block and tackle was necessary to remove the ninc-foot coffin centaining the body of Captain George Auger, famous circus giant, from his late residence in New York. Auger, known to thousands of circus-goers, died from an attack of indigestion.



Detroit, Dec. 9.—Detroit baseball Charleston, S. C., Dec. 9.—Twenty tests were made with the condard dust poison method for contral of boll. Mr. W. B. Mabee, extension specialist in entomogoly.

The method followed is fully explained in Farmers' Builetin 1262 U. S. department of agriculture, and circular 124, N. C. extension service. These publications are obtainable from county agents, or by applying direct.

From 3 to 6 dustings were given, at night, and the results gave a net profit in every test. An average of all six tests shows that the dusted cotton vielded 328 pounds more seed cotton per acre than did the undusted cotton, and this was worth \$29.76, one of the tests being with long staple cotton; subtracting the average cost of dusting, \$4.88 per acre for the season, there is an average net profit of \$24.88 per acre from the operations. This proves that the dust-method was highy profitable.

A table is given showing names of armers whose fields were used, number of dustings, yield of dusted and undusted plats, gain, value of gain, cost, and net profit per acre, in each of the

six tests. The recently announced "Florida nethod" is under study and it is planned to try it in North Carolina dur-

MR. CHILD'S STATEMENT Springfield Republican.

In general Mr. Child, official observ er for the United States, bases his during today's early trading. First statement to the Lausanne conference trine of the open door. That serves Farl N. Carr, Lawrence Cline and Island plant, a much larger undertakagainst the neutralization of the Black retiring adjutant. sea is therefore otherwise based. No nation, he declares, is more ready than the United States to uphold the need of maintaining a naval force to act as police to protect American citizens, as was recently shown in the Near East.

Ships of war, he urges, are "not nec-essarily agents of destruction," and he adds "We want access to every free ody of water in the world, and the United States is not going to be satisied unless American warshiys are alowed to pursue their peaceful errands vherever American citizens and Amer can merchant ships may go." The cenevolent spirit shown by the United States navy in Near Eastern waters is beyond question, yet the general

er staggering breadth. All nations may send commercial vessels into the Great where America's declaration of inde-Lakes, from Ontario to Superior-is pendence was signed, urged that Amit to be inferred that where their citi- erica come back to Europe to help sent an investment of more than \$2,zens and their merchant ships may go bring independence there. they have an indisputable right to send ships of war for protection? Cermand that the Black sea should not be given a status similar to that of

the Great Lakes. Innocent as may be the errands of American warshiys, not all naval operations are so peaceful and humanitarian in character. It is stated in ondon that if Russia builds up its naval strength in the Black sea Great Britain will ask the United States to call another Washington conference to deal with this question. But to such a conference Russia would have to be invited, and if Russia should show that its naval plans resulted directly from the admission to the Black sea of the warships of all nations its logic might be difficult to meet. For it can hardly be contended that the main function of ships of war is rescuing refugees, or that the admission of sea power to a basin from which navies have long been excluded may not call for defensive measures by the riparian states. Mr Child in his statement may have committed the United States more deeply against the demilitarization of nearly landlocked seas than was quite prudent at this time.

The bishop of Western North Caroina, Rt. Rev. J. M. Horner, D. D., will be in Hickory tomorrow evening and will be the preacher at the evenng service at the Episcopal church. This is the first official visit the bishop has made to this parish since the new diocese was formed and the church people of Hickory as well as his many friends in the city will weicome him to the Ascension parish. The bishop, who must make at least one visit to each parish every year. has had an extra amount of work this fall due to having to be out of the diocese for so long at general conveition in Portland. attend all services, and especially to

this evening service tomorrow. funny how these singers are able to catch on to the heirs.—Manila Bullet-

SOUTHERN POWER CO. HAS LARGE PROGRAM Expect to Complete Sixteen Million Dollar De-

velopment During Coming Year-Biggest Ever Undertaken in South-Additions to Water and Steam Plants-More Demand For Power.

John W. Aiken will be commander of Hickory post No. 48, American which will add 200,00 horsepower to legion, for the coming year, his election the company's generating capacity; tion taking place at an interesting meeting last night. While there was discussion of other questions, no action was taken on them and the mempers confined their activities to the choosing of officers. Others elected last night were:

C. Lawrence Cline, vice-commander; Fred M. Hildebrand, adjutant; Cecil C., where 80,000 horsepower will be T. Bost, finance officer; Richard H. Shuford, service officer; Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, chaplain; Earl N. Carr, Great Falls, S. C., where 60,000 horsetrustee.

consists .. Lyerly, Bascom B. Blackweider, Dr. of the American attitude toward the J. H. Shuford and the board of gover- plant, it is anticipated, will be ready

passage of ships of war. His argument | commander and Laurie A. Deal the | August.

By the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.-Georges Clemenceau, speaking today in the city

tainly Mr. Child would not admit that; appeared on the platform of the Acadhe will have to explain therefore why emy of Music. The academy profusely Lookout Shoals, west of Statesville, the United States has a right to de- decorated with the Stars and Stripes to Winston-Salem, Greensboro and and the French tri-color was packed. High Point, a distance of more than

ACKNOWLEDGE CHECK OF HICKORY FIREMEN

The Hickory fire department has received appreciative letters from the New Bern fire department and chamberf of commerce for its check of \$25 for relief of the sufferers in that gity. The local irement were quick to put at the disposal o the New Bern department this sum.

CREATES NO FIGHT

By the Associated Press.

Perry, Fla., Dec. 9 .- Peace prevailed here early today with state and county authorities reporting no racial outburning at the stake of Charlie Wright, such, however, that the company albreaks during the night following the confession of the murder of Miss Ruby dares to sell against the two new hynegro, early last night after his alleged Hendry, a school teacher, here last Sat-

The police say that the mob which Wright's body had been burned.

The public is cordially invited to towards the close of the first session will a L. A. Sewall. of the conference of allied premiers here today is understood to have said Another millionaire has just mar- that France would consent to a two on Knight entitled Cahors. ried a musical comedy actress. It's years' moratorium for Germany if cer-

By the Associated Press.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9 .- A construction program, which involves an investment of approximately \$16,000,-000 and is said to be the largest ever attempted by any corporation in the south, will be completed by the Southern Power Company during the coming year, it was announced by officials here today.

This program includes the building of two hydro-electric power plants, additions to two steam-electric plants, the construction of 200 miles of transmission lines and a number of transormers and switching stations, accordng to the plans.

"The two hydro-electric plants are at Mountain Island, Gaston county, N. developed, and Dearborn Station, power will be established," it was committee stated. "Work upon both these plants was started a year ago. The Dearborn Joseph L. Murphy is the retiring ing, is scheduled for completion in

"The steam plant additions, accordng to the contracts, will be ready for operation by September 1, 1923, in time to supply the deficiency in hydroelectric power which usually occurs during September, October and Nomber as a result of low water in

"The steam plant additions will be at Mount Holly, where 40,000 horsepower capacity will be added, and at Eno, University Station, N. C., where 20,000 hersepower will be added. The cost of these additions will be approxi-

mately \$2,000,000. "The 200 miles of new transmission lines, which not including substation and switching equipment, will repre-000,000 and will be completed during He was given a long evation as he the early summer. The longest and most important of these lines is from 75 miles.

"Three lines will radiate from the new power station at Mountain Island, extending respectively to Salisbury, Gastonia and Mount Holly. Other lines will be built between Hickory and Rhodhiss, and between Shelby and Caroleen, while one fifty-mile line is being built from Great Falls to Newberry, S. C.

"The new lines will give the Southrn Power Company a total of 2,400 miles of transmission and distribution lines in its system, making it one of the most extensive transmission sysems in the world.

"The construction program being out through at the present time is the largest ever undertaken in the history of the Southern Power Company, or any other power company in southern states," the statement continued. "The demand for power by the rapidly growing industries of the Carolinas is ready has sold all of the power it

dro-electric developments. "Further indicating the rate of industrial progress in North Carolina, gathered from the northern section of applications have been received since the state quietly dispersed after the company stopped selling power, for several thousand additional horsepower," it was stated.

SENATOR EDGE WEDS MISS CAMILLA SEWALL

ly the Associated Press.

Bath, Me., Dec. 9 .- Vice-President and Mrs. Collidge and many other notables in the national capital and the country were here today to attend the wedding of United States Senator Wal-London, Dec. 9 .- Premier Poincare for Edge of New Jersey to Miss Ca-

> President and Mrs. Harding sent as their gift an oil painting by Ash-

> One of the saddest sights of the age is a bobbed head half way back to normal.-Syracuse Post-Standard.