# DESPERATE FIGHT

Whole Possee Held At Bay By One

### KILLS TWO MEN INSTANTLY AND

Wounds Seven Others of the Possee Severely - Finally Shot to Death and Burned,

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special. In a desperate battle, fought near this place Sunday between a sheriff's posse and Will Reynolds, a negro desperado, two members of the posse were killed and seven wounded by the deadly fusilade of the negro, who afterward was killed and his body thrown into a burning building. The dead are: Hugh Jones; Bob Wallace and Will Reynolds (colored.) The wounded are: Sheriff Gassaway, mortally; Will Gassaway, mortally; P. A. Prout, fatally; J. K. Payne, seriously; Jessie Devis, Jim Finney and Robert Pat-

Early in the day, accompanied by Will Gassaway, a deputy, Sheriff Gassaway went to a negro settlement "Knardtown," to arrest Will Reynolds, on a charge of obtaining goods main false protoness The negro was barricaded in a house and opened fire with a Winchester, mortally wounded Sheriff Gassaway and Will Gassaway, who was about 200 yards distant.

As soon as the news of the encounter reached town, a posse left for the scene. Owing to the location, none of the officers could venture within the open space. Dynamite was procured and the house in which the aegro had fortified himself was fired spon, but to no effect. At 1 o'clock Eimpson, of the Wheeler Rifles, arrived with 12 guns and 1,000 car:ridges, which were distributed among 12 picked men. This company was stationed around the house and riddled it, but the negro had taken refuge in the cellar and returned the fire killing Jones and wounding Finney. Coal oil was then procuped and after four hours of hard work the adjoining houses to that in which the negro was were fired. At 8 o'clock house in which the negro was located was fired by the Wheeler Biffes, who had arrived on the scene The negro fied to a shed and reopened fire killing Wallace and wounding Davis, but felt in the next volley from the posse and militiamen. The crowd, numbertize 1,000 neiged the riddled body and threw it in the

burning building. Wallace, who was killed, was adcancing on the negro, who through the body. His body foil in the burning debyts, but was recovered Davis, Wallace and Falkner were men who fired the building. Belie seekers badly mutilated the body Three houses were burned in the efforts to reach the negro and several horses were killed in the battle. It is reported that the sheriff and his brother have no chance to live. So deadly was the negro's aim that it was possibly an hour before the body of Prout could be recovered. Not a shot was fired by Reynolds that did not tell when those whom he was firing on could be seen. The excitement was intense. Fally 2,000 people from Florence and Sheffield were here and every surgeon in the town was pressed into service. No fear of an uprising theong the negroes is anticipated.

## 1 The Philippine Cable.

San Francisco, Special.—George G. Ward, of New York, vice president of the Commercial Cable Company, here, to select a landing place for the projected cable between this coast and the Philippines. Ward is accompanied by Charles Cur tisa, the company's chief electrician, While here, Mr. Ward will comsult with John W. Mackay, president of the company. Mr. Ward said:

"We are going to build the cable irrespicative of congressional action, The first link between San Francisco and Honolulu will be completed by the end of next October. The cable will be shipped from England next July. It has not yet been decided where we will land on this coast. It will either be at Monterey, or this city, probably the latter."

## Mission to Move.

Kroonstad, Orange River Colony, By Cable.-Owing to the great distance separating the members of the Transvaal mission here, from Mr. Steyn, the former president of the Orange Free State, and General Delarcy, the negotiations between the Boer leaders in South Africa lookingto the conclusion of the war make little prosserg.plNEw( ambramb ma little progress. It is expected, however, that Mr. Schalkburger and his collegues on the mission will shortly leave here for a more convenient centre from which to conduct the negetlations.

## For Rellef of Boer Women.

Chicago, Specia! .- A certified check for \$5,000, drawn to the order of President Roosevelt, was forwarded to the concentration camps of South Africa | chairman of the fund committee.

### SIMMUNS OPPOSES MULLEN.

### Senator Makes a Fight Against Charlotte Postmaster.

Washington, Special.-Senator Simmons has placed himself squarely and emphatically in opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Mullen as postmaster at Charlotte, N. C., at a meeting of the postoffice committee. He referred back to the committee the papers in which the President had renominated Mr. Mullen in these words: "I decline to submit the report on this nomination on my own responsibility. Personally I shall oppose the confirmation on the ground that I am unwilling to advocate the nomination of a man to such an Important office, when his conduct was such as I understand his to have been." Mr. Simmons followed this declaration with the suggestion, that the secretary of the committee should he instructed to procure copies of the report made by the inspector with reference to the charges against the Charlotte postmaster, which suggestion was promptly agreed to. Before leaving the subject Senator Simmons recited some of the facts which had led the President to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Mullen after the agreement to re-appoint him. The chairman of the committee, Senator Mason, of Illinois, directed the secretary of the committee to secure the papers in the case without unnecessary delay.

### Spoke for Good Roads.

Charlotteville, Va., Special.-Senator Hanna, ex-Secretary of the Interior Bliss, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham, Congressmen Tongue, Davis Littlefield, Prince, Bowersock and McCreary, together with 80 other guests, arrived on a special train from Washington, over the Southern Railway, to attend the Good Roads Convenfion, now in session here. A hard rain kent the attendance down this morning. Hon. W. L. Dickerson, of Springfield, Mass., spoke on "Improvement of Our Highways;" Col. Chas. E. Harrison, government expert of New Jersey. spoke on "Practical Rout Construction;" Hop. P. H. Hanes, of North

### Many Deaths From Cholera.

Manila, Special.--- Up to noon Thurs day 117 cases of cholera had been reported and 72 deaths from the disease had occurred. The health hourd, since the establishment of the detenmy has been having much difficulty in finding the whereabouts of they either send the sick person out of the house or flee themselves. Major Maus, the insular health commissioner, has written to the bishop object. forming the people that no cases of cholera have occurred; that only cases of cholerine have been discovered and that the sanitary precautions are only taken to annoy the peo-

## New York to Charleston.

New York, Special .- At Friday's meeting of the Merchants' Association of this city, a letter from Mayor Low was read, saying that April 23 had been inggested as New York Day at the Charlesion Exposition. The mayor said he thought it desirable that New York should take advantage of this suggestion to show the Southern people the city's interest in their commercial advancement. The mayor requested the association to take charge of all assessary arrangements and a resolution was adopted to this effect.

# Suf "rage Plan Adopted.

Richmond, Special. The constitutional convention adopted the suffrage plan by a large majority. Then cam up the rescinding resolutions and all were considered and rejected, except those relating to change in the holdover Senate question and the election of Supreme Court judges by the people A resolution to adjourn Friday afternoon until May 22 was adopted by a large majority.

## The Atlantic City Fire.

Atlantic City, N. J., Special.-On Thursday a diastrous fire wrecked many of the palatial hotels of Atlantic City, doing a damage of over \$1,000,000. No adequate fire protection was available. One life was lost.

Thirteen hotels and more than 70 buildings had been destroyed or severely damaged. The effect of the fire has been to give the city a new charter, providing for building laws, the bill for the same having been signed by Gov. Murphy when he heard the fire was razing. Already the city is planning to rise, strengthened, from its financial loss of \$1,000,000.

# \$100,000 for College.

Lexington, Va., Special.-A telegram received here from President Denny, of Washington and Lee University, who is Fresident on March 28th by the com- in New York, announces the completion mittee of citizens which Governor of the Wm. L. Wilson memorial fund Yates appointed, in December last, of \$100,000 to found the Wilson memoto raise funds for the relief of Boer rial of economics at the University. women and children, sufferers in the Former President Grover Cleveland is

# FIRE AT ARP'S HOUSE wh's flood, but the flood of Deucalion, way back in the gres. He was a god

The Alarm Made Bill Get a Move On

### CHIMNEY SOOT CAUGHT ON FIRE

Water Poured on Soon Put Out Blaze In Kitchen-Arp Gives Some Fire

Fire and water and air. The three things that cost the least and are the most necessary to our existence are the dangerous when unrestrained. Last Sabbath evening my wife and I walked down to Jessie's house to comfort her in her sick bed, and play with the little girls and belp nurse the little haby boy. Suddenly the fire bell gave an clarm and my wife walked out on the veranda to find out where the fire was. in a moment she came hurrying back and almost screamed, "It's our houset's our house; run quick. Oh! mercy. I threw the baby down on the floor ao, P didn't either-and departed thos coasts with salacrity. Firemen and people were hurrying that way. I struck a fox trot for awhile, but soon relaxed into a fast walk, and then a slow pull up the hill, for I felt my palpitation coming on. Before I reached the mansion I met some of the advance guard returning, who said the are was out. So I sat down on the front steps to blow for a minute. When I went through the hall to the kitchen where the commotion was, I found our daughters and some good friends still frenching the smoking walls and pouring water down the flue up in the garret. The accumulated soot of twenty years had caught on fire and somehow got to the lathing and then to the beiling and dropped down to the floor. Nobody was at home. The cook was i her cabin asleep. Her little boy was sitting on the back steps and when our firls arrived he very quietly painted to the kitchen and said: "Dar's a fire in Then they heard the cracking dames and saw smoke pouring through a broken pane. On opening the door they were astounded, for the whole room seemed ablaze. One ran to the ent door and sereamed "Fire, fire, and the other went to the telephone and then they flew to the water Carolina, also spoke on road construc-tion; fauert and neighbors gathered in and filled the buckets and went to work. They were just in time, for a delay of ten minutes would have causad the loss of the house and all of our time-honored furniture and pictores and books and my wife's fine clothes and golden wedding presents. When I left Jessie's house my wife halled me on the run and said sage something, but I am not certain whether it was her fine dresses in the wardrobe or her siverware in the dark closet or cases of cholera. As soon as the allible, I reckon it was the Rible that members of a household find a case she has read a chapter in every night for all these long years. I had a good old Baptist aunt in Rome and when her house caught on fire away in the night and the firemen came running ing to the action of the priests in in- begged them to save her Christian Index. She had a stock of them and treasured them more than anything else. Our good old professor, Charles F.

F. McCoy, of Franklin college, used to lecture to us students, and his favorite subject was 'The Regularity of Irregular things," and he satisfied me that the fonger my house escaped a fire the more I was liable to have one. The chances against me increased as the cars rolled on, and so Thave been excaling a fire. The insurance companies understand this and base all their culations and rates upon it. il tell you what is the average life of derelling a store, a gin, a planing or a church. The professor, illusted with a dies bax and said if you the dice a dozen times the six n might come up three or four times n sacression and the ace several lines, but if you caset the dice a thousand times, each number from one to six would show up about an equal numer of times. That is according to the calculation of chances and proves the regularity of trregular things. So it is with the rainfail which, however uncertain in its coming, amounts about the same every year, Since 1883 the losses by fire in the United States. have averaged \$105,000,000 a year, the lowest being \$100,000,000 and the highest \$110,000,000, and yet in 1871 the loss in Chleago alone was \$200,000,000.

But where did fire come from and who gave it and when. mention of fire in the Mosaic account of the creation nor for two thousand years after it. Until after the flood there was not much need of fire. the people were not permitted to eat meat. Their food was the fruit of the earth. But I reckon they did have fire and blacksmith shops and made ham mers and hoes and nails, etc. could not have built the ark without tools and nails. The presumption is that the Creator supplied Adam with tools to dress the garden and Abel with knives to sacrifice the firstlings of his flock, but there are Indian tribes in our day and negroes in Africa and Esquinmux in the Arctic regions who have no knowledge of iron or its uses. A thousand years before Christ, Homer wrote that Jupiter only possessed the element that we call fire and when man was created from he refused to give him fire. But Prometheus stole some from heaven and gave it to man and it made Jupiter so mad that he chained him to a rock and sent eagles to eat his liver out and as fast as they eat it by day the liver grew again by night, but finally be was unchained and the eagles driven away. It seems that Prometheus was a friend to mankind, and by the command of Jupiter actually created man out of the mud that was laft after the flood-not No-

# nway back in the tres. He was a good nearly as powerful as Jupiter and was

always in a quarrel with him. He taught mankind architecture, astronomy, figures, medicine, navigation and all the arts that adorn life. At Athens and other ancient cities, temples we: built to his honor. They believed that the very fire that be brought down from heaven was still preserved and Atlanta, says that he found the stockwas always burning on an altar in the temple of Vesta. It is called the sacred fire-the Vestal fire-the fire of the hearthstone and must not be allowed to go out. If it floes go out from accident even the family who loses it must

go to the temple of Vesta and get a new supply.

Of course all these stories about the gods are superstitious, but they are very fascinating ones and old Homer stands as the greatest poet, and ranks as the equal of Shakespeare or Milton. That reverence for sacred fire is not yet extinguished, and it is said that the Roman Catholic priesthood burn candles in their cathedrals day and night because the custom was handed down from the ancient churches and those churches probably got it from Grecian and Roman mythology Anyhow, we know that the Jews had great reverence for fire, for they had to use it in their sacrifices, and God anpeared to Moses in a burning bush and descended on Mt. Sinai in fire and the Israelites were guided through the wilderness by a pllar of fire by night, and fire came down from heaven and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and many other important events were marked by fire. In our young days when there were no matches it was no sure or certain thing to find fire on the hearthstone every cold morning that came. Some times the live chunk that was buried in the ashes at bed time went out or was burned up, and then one of the boys had to go to a neighbor's and borrow fire. It was always called borrowing fire, for it was reasonably expected that the neighbor would sometimes find himself in the same condition. The Cherokee Indians made fire by rubbing two hard dry sticks together with great rapidity. I have seen little Indian boys do it very

quickly, and I tried to imitate them, but I failed. But if the good pure vestal fire came from heaven I reckon old Satafi got some of it when he fell and took it down below. That's the kind that conerns us most. The old preacher who used to so around preaching about the 'Mountains of Hepidam where the lion roareth and the whangdoodle mourneth for its first born, and he played on a harp of thousand strings-specuts just men made perfect," also had a few broken remarks about fire. "My impertinent hearers, there are several kinds of fire. There are fox fire and camp fire and fire and fall back; but the kind that consarns you most are the fire that is not squenched and la catled hell fire for short."-Bill Apr in Atlanta Constitu-

## Sargeant Appointed.

Washington, Special.-Frank Sargent, president of the Brotherhood of Locometive Firemen, saw the President Friday, and was tendered the position of Commissioner General of Immigration. Mr. Sergeant accepted the offer. It is understood that the resignations of Messers. Powderly and Me-Sweney have been requested, or will be at once. Jos. Murray will succeed the latter and Wm. Williams will be nomnated soon to succeed Commissioner of Immigration Fitchie, at New York;

Chamber Meets. Johannesburg, By Cable.-A mee: ing of the chamber of miners, the first since the beginning of the wahas been held here. The provident of the chamber said in an affiress that was greatly due to General Soths. that much wanton descriction has been avoided, as he had hald the conmandant of the town personally to anonaible for the destruction of any property which might queue. president also said it was highly probable that by next July half of the mining industry would be in opera tion and that before many months full working would be resumed.

## Defends Baker University.

The Kansas City Journal indignantly refutes a charge "that religious and metaphysical studies have alto gether displaced utilitarian branches at Baker University, in Kansas, It points out that the leading literary society of the institution debated the other day the following important proposition: "Resolved, That a halfgrown, Langshang rooster can roost better on a smooth pine roost than en a square rough roost."

## Heavy Flood Damage.

Chattanooga, Special.-The damage in Shelbyville and Bedford counties, Tenn, is estimated from one and a half to two million dollars. Relief committees are doing every thing possible. There is much suffering. The only deaths reported are three negro children. Only one bridge across Duck river remains standing in the county. Duck river is now within its banks. The damage to the town is estimated at \$200,000.

High winds lowered the water our leet in the harbor at Foledo, O.

Russian engineers are going to raise the level of the Sea of Azof fourteen feet and eight inches by building a dars nine miles long at Kertch. There will be great seagates for the passage of ships. The cost is estimated at

# SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

#### Confidence in the South

Mr. M. H. Atkinson, of Atlanta, Ga.,

who recently returned from the North after conferring with the stockholders of various public service companies of holders much encouraged over conditions, in that city. They apparently had great faith in their investments in the South, and believed they had done well to invest there. Furthermore, they would not dispose of their holdings. Centinuig, Mr. Atklason said he had spent three weeks in the North. and that during the entire time he has been living in the South, making occasional visits to the North, he had never seen business men of the latter section so thoroughly imbued with the idea that the South is the place for investments. "They are," he added, "going to do much for this section in the future, and the results of the present feeling will soon be felt generally."

To Double a Big Mill. Mention was made recently of the fact that the Belton Mills, of Belton, S. C., had in contemplation the erection of a duplicate plant. The proposition was given consideration at a meeting of the directors on March 20. and decided affirmatively. This company now has an equipment of 27,090 spinnies and 3 cordingly be duplicated. The construction of the required additional buildings will be commenced at once, and contracts for the machinery will be awarded soon. Formal action to ratify the directors' decision will be taken in April by the stockholders. Capitalization is \$400,000, and probably \$300,000 will be the investment for the new mill. F. A. Smythe is president,

#### A Denim Mill Rumored.

Messrs, Moses H. Cone and Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, N. C., are negotiating the purchase of a water-nower property near Roanoke Rapids, N. C. the power said to be obtained being 10,000 horse-power. It is rumored that if the property is purchased it will be developed to its utmost, and that a cotton denim mill of 2,000 looms and complement of spindles will be erected to utilize the power. The Messrs Cone control the Proximity Manufacturing Co. at Greenshoro, N. C., which sperates 18,000 spindles and 1,000 looms in the manufacture of cotton denims.

## Textile Notes.

(From the Manufacturers'-Record.) Co. of Caarlotte, N. C., and Rock HIII. to be operated in connection with Mill No. 2 at Rock Hill. It is proposed to and equipment of the addition. Doubtless this is a step toward adding a ginnery and fertilizer factory, and thus the company would be enabled to manufacture from cotton all its marketable products.

Pledmont Manufacturing Co., Portsmouth, Va., states that its proposed equipment, lately mentioned, will be of sufficient capacity to produce 400 dozen germents of ribbed underwear daily. employing 125 hands when in full oper-The building completed is a two-story structure 40x80 feet, with a 30x30-foot ell. Capital is \$25,000. Rapid progress is being made with the

construction of the Globe Cotton Mills at Augusta, Ga., and the plant will be in operation in the near future. The old building bas been remodeled and rebuilt, and will hold \$600 spindles. The new loomhouse is built of brick, 149x156 feet, and will hold 400 looms. A new wheelpit will be built, and new squipment of water-wheels will be itt-

R. M. Oates of Charlotte, N. C., is bout to purchase the Green river shoals property near Hendersonville. N. C., with the intention of developing the property and erecting at the site a large cotton mill. Mr. Oates also has under consideration removing to the site a Charlotte mill, instead of erecting new plant. The Charlotte mill has 15,500 spindles and 300 looms,

Messrs, W. C. Kimball & Co. of Tallapoosa, Ga., stated that their knitting plant, reported recently, will require an investment of \$2,000. The two-story building, 25x80 feet in size, is now being erected to hold the ten machines for producing hosiery.

Ellawhite Cotton Mills of Uniontown Ala., contracted for a 500-spindle addition, not a 3500-spindle addition as stated last week. All contracts have been awarded. Work has begun on the erection of the required buildings. Roberdel Manufacturing Co., Rock-

ingham, N. C., states that plans have not been formulated as yet for its No. mill. Announcement of the decision to build this addition was made at length last week. Richmond Hosiery Mills of Rossville

Ga., has increased capital \$10,000. This action is taken to provide funds for improvements and additional machinery especially in the dyeing department. Messrs, M. C. Migel & Co., of Asto-

ria, N. Y., manufacturers of broad and dress silks, will establish a branch plant at Fayette and Greene streets Baltimore, Md., employing 100 opera-

L. Vaughn has purchased the Twin City Knitting Mills at Winston-Salem, N. C., from F. H. Fries, receiv-The plant produces ladies' underwear; it was capitalized at \$12,000.

Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Laurinburg, S. C., is in communication with a capitalist who is sirking site for a \$100,000 cotton mill. | and an inquest will be held.

### NEGRO LYNCHED IN ROME, GA.

ie Attacked a Young Lady and Was Hanged to an Electric Light Pole and 1,000 Bullets Fired Into His

Rome, Ga., Specia.-Walter Allen, & tegro, charged with attempting to asfault Blossom Adamson, a 15-yearild girl in this city, was taken from the jail by 4,000 people, who battered the prison doors down and hanged aim to an electric light pole in the principal portion of this city. A voley was fired afterward and full a housand bullets entered the negro's jody. Miss Adamson was on her way to a dressmaker's late Monday when the was met by Allen, who told her that a dressmaker at a designated resisdence was walting to see her. The soung girl went to the house mentioned by the negro, who followed her into the house, which Miss Adamson found was vacant. A lady on a nearby porch, attracted by the noise of the struggle,, succeeded in forcing Allen away and be escaped. Late Tuesday afternoon, he was captured and brought to this city and placed in fail. As soon as the news of his capture was learned a mob formed and mrached to the jall, - demanding the negro. The sheriff refused to deliver the keys and pleaded that the law should be allowed to take its tourse. Upon the sheriff's refusal to doliver the keys the jail doors were forceed open with sledge hammers and the steel cage of Allen's cell broken into. The negro was carried a square and a half away and allowed to make a statement. Allen declared that he was innocent and prayed that the guilty party would be found.

All the men who took part in the hanging were unmasked. Miss Adamson belongs to one of the most prominent families in Rome.

### Newport, Va., Burned.

Rosnoke, Va., Special .- At an early hour Tuesday morning the small town of Newport, in Giles county, was destroyed by are. Every store in the place was destroyed. Two hotels, and the best residences were leveled to the ground. The fire originated from an unknown cause as a shed back of Dunklee & Martin's big store. The wind was blowing a gale and the flames spread quickly from the shed to the store, which was also a mass flame in a few minutes. From Dungles & Martin's store the wind scattered the fire in every direction. Before the inhabitants realized the danger nearly The Highland Park Manufacturing every house in the immediate neighborhood was in flames. The loss is es-C., will build a cotton-seed oil mill | timated to be over \$100,000 with very little insurance. Some of the heaviest losers are: McPhearson's four-story expend about \$100,000 for the erection hardware establishment and a \$25,000 stock of goods; Dunklee & Martin's store with \$20,000 stock of general merchandise; Miller & Son's store, and \$15,000 stock of general merchandise; Hunter's Hotel; Smith's Hotel and Mrs. Martha Prince's handsome residence. The town is five miles from a railroad and the facilities for fighting fire are

## Young Lady Sulcides.

Waterleo, S. C .- Our community received a severe shock when the anneuncement was made that Miss Lizzie Madden had committed suicide. She was a charming young lady 22 years old. Within a very short time two sisters and a brother have died with consumption. Last fall Miss Madden contracted a cold that rapidly developed into consumption. She at once became despondent and continued so and sulcide was the culmination. Her mother attended the Easter exercises at the church and dined with a friend in town Miss Madden and a brother were at home. The brother was in an adjoining room and he heard the report of a gun. On entering his sister's room he found her sitting in a chair. Her head had fallen to one side. On the bed the breech of a shot gun was resting; in her lap was the muzzle of the gun and her left hand clasped around the barrel; in her right hand she held a stick that she had pressed hard against the trigger which discharged the fatal shot. The entire load penetrated the heart at such close range that her clothing caught fire.

Miss Madden was a consistent member of the Waterloo Baptist church and was prominent in all church societies.

## Russian Troops Go to Port Arthur.

Pekin, By Cable.-The Manchurian convention, the main conditions which were recently agreed upon by Paul Lesser, Russla's minister to China, and Prince Ching, president of the Chinese Foreign Office, permits China to maintain whatever forces he thinks necessary in Manchuria after the evacuation of that territory. Official reports received here from Nin Chwang say the Russians are displaying great military activity there. Ten thousand troops have been recently moved to Port Arthur and new drafts are arriving. An extensive and permanent telegraph system is being constructed.

## Found Dead in His Buggy.

Pittsboro, N. C., Special.-Lucian Tripp, 40 years old, was found dead in his buggy about twelve miles north of Pittsboro. He had been drinking heavily and was returning from a still He was in company with a negro, who says he left the buggy for a short time and when he returned found Tripp dead., The coroner has been notified