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24 hours in Nebraska street between New Jersey and East streets, and the colored residents have complained to the police that the white people in the vicinity are trying to burn them out. On each occasion combustible materials were piled against the houses it was sought to set on fire. The purpose was so plainly incendiary that it is certain that the fires were not accidental. A number of negroes are living in this street and whites are near by. The former claim that they have been asked to leave the neighborhood and threatened with bodily harm if they refuse to go.

Washington, May 7.—Special—A new postoffice has been established at Map, Irell county, with R. H. Leonard as postmaster.

Walter M. Brice, of Shelby, has been granted a pension of \$4.

J. B. Parker has been appointed a rural free delivery letter carrier at Smithfield.

These postmasters have been appointed: H. V. Spruill, at Columbia, Tyrrell county, vice Maynard Davis, removed; L. L. Stanley, at East Arcadia, Bladen county, vice Maynard Davis, removed; Keith, at Keyser, Moore county, vice Paul Clark, resigned; T. L. Penny at Lemay, Wake county, vice G. B. Bridges, resigned; S. J. Clark, at Lowland, Pamlico county, vice R. L. Hopkins, resigned; C. W. Suggs, at Old Dock, Columbus county, vice G. E. Coleman, resigned; H. C. Jackson, at Jamesville, Martin county, vice S. H. Spruill, removed; R. B. Johnson, at Hyles Landing, Cumberland county, vice Frank Wade, resigned; R. E. Haynes, at Ferry, Rutherford county, vice R. R. Hayes, resigned; W. T. Keener, at Joe, Madison county, vice S. J. Yates, removed.

The Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore has been approved as reserve agent of the First National Bank of Weldon.

The proposition of A. G. Brady to fit up new premises for the post office and to lease the same for five years from date of occupancy at \$500 a year, to include complete equipment, fuel, lights and fire and burglar proof safe, etc., has been accepted for Fayetteville.

Philadelphia, May 7.—A special dispatch from New York to The North American says:

J. J. Hill, the great railway magnate, has expressed his views on the present boom in stocks. "The general conditions of the country," he said, "are healthy, and the nation's prosperity is grounded on solid foundations. The only danger that I can see, if it can be called that, is the speculative fever which seems to have seized upon so many people. I do not like to see wild speculation on the margins, and I am not blind to the possibilities of over-excitement on that account. This may be one of the unavoidable features incidental to popular discovery and appreciation of the great progress making in the development of the nation's resources, but I would like to see the masses take the situation in a cooler spirit and with sober judgment."

Continuing, the great railway magnate said:

"It is not well when the millers in Wisconsin or the blacksmiths and wagon-makers in Iowa or the cattle herders in Nebraska put the money they have saved, and the money they can borrow into stock speculation on margins. It is a business they know nothing about, and their investments cannot be based on an understanding of the properties in which they are putting their money. I would like to see that feature eliminated, because I fear no good can come from it in the long run. Profits which may be taken out of the stock market that way are lost again, as a rule. Eliminate this one feature, or reduce the excitement to reasonable limits, and I see nothing whatever in the future to shake confidence or to militate against absolute fair in a long continuance of substantial prosperity."

THE SULTAN'S DEMAND

Foreign Post Offices Objectionable to the Porte

Constanople, via Philippopolis, May 7.—After the detention and violation of the international mail bags, the porte Sunday sent a note to the various embassies demanding the abolition of the foreign post offices, declaring that they had no treaty basis and that the postal service was a state monopoly. The abolition of the foreign post offices is a long-standing desire of the porte, and the embassies some time ago promised to consider the question; but the arbitrary action of the government in seizing the mail bags has stiffened the foreign signers, who are now expected to insist upon the maintenance of the post offices.

RELIEF FOR DISTRESS

Work Will Be Given to All Who Are Able

Jacksonville, May 7.—An employment bureau was established today near the government building. Work at clearing up the ruins will be given to all who can handle a pick or shovel. The relief association believes that to be the better way of aiding those men who are at present dependent on public charity. Those who will not work, though able, will be deported at once.

The ladies' committee report great destitution among well-nurtured women who shrink from asking food of the relief association.

Mayor Boden has been criticised for his dispatch to Abram Hewitt of New York, saying that the wealthiest families of the city are pauperized. It is claimed that this is not only untrue, but calculated to injure the credit of the city.

VALET JONES STARVING

He Does Not Want to Live and Refuses to Eat

New York, May 7.—Charles F. Jones, the valet who smothered William M. Rice, the aged Texas millionaire, with a napkin soaked in chloroform, is in a dying condition in the house of detention. The district attorney fears that he will not live to tell his story in court when Albert P. Patrick, the accused attorney, is placed on trial for the murder of the wealthy Texan.

Jones is a victim of starvation. He has taken no solid food for five days and today he is too weak to raise his head from the pillow. He was kept alive last night by the use of stimulants and the administration of liquid food artificially. He will be moved, if his strength will permit, to Bellevue Hospital or to some private institution, where he will have more cheerful surroundings and where he can receive the best possible medical attention.

Jones may not be trying to starve himself to death, but he admits that he does not care to live, and since his attempt at suicide in the Tombs he has been closely watched and has had no chance to do injury to himself except by refusing to eat.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne is greatly worried over the illness of Jones and he will see that the former valet receives the best possible medical attention.

Dr. Williams, the coroner's physician, visited the house of detention last night at the request of the district attorney's office and prescribed for Jones. No ante-mortem statement was taken, though it was admitted that the condition of Jones was critical. Should he die, the affidavits that he has already made can be used against Patrick in his trial for murder.

WHO WILL SUCCEED CONGER?

Washington, May 7.—There was some discussion at the State Department today as to the probable successor of E. H. Conger as minister to China. It is now understood that Mr. Conger's resignation will be accepted when his sixty days' leave of absence has expired.

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WIRE WORKING COMBINE

Boston, May 7.—From reliable sources of information it is learned that an extensive consolidation of telephone and telegraph interests is near.

Plans now being prepared embrace a consolidation of the Western Union and American Telephone Company (the Bell) and probably the Postal Telegraph Company. What is known of the tentative arrangements includes the Western Union and the Bell and indicates that the Postal also will be included.

BABY FARMING IN SWEDEN

Christiana, May 7.—A judicial inquiry in regard to baby-farming sensation has led to a charge being made against three women named Olsen, Johansson and Andersen, of having killed twenty-seven children since last summer. Many of the children were suffocated while others were starved to death. The mother belong to all classes of Society. Some of them appeared to have known the fate that awaited their children.

TOOL FACTORY BURNED

Lowell, Mass., May 7.—Fire early this morning destroyed the buildings and contents of the Fifield Tool Company's plant. The plant was one of the best in the United States for the making of large lathes and employed one hundred workmen, all of whom lost their tools. The fire extended to adjoining houses owned by Charles J. Glidden, which were considerably damaged. A train of freight cars near by was enveloped in flames before it could be moved.

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FIRE AS AN ARGUMENT

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