

TERROR OF THE HOUR

Wilmington Still at the Mercy of the Firebug.

TAR AND TURPENTINE IN A BLAZE

UNAPPRECIATED AID AT FIRES BY THE TUG MARION.

Endeavor to Start Another Fire—Talk of a Vigilance Committee—The City is Under Great Excitement.

Wilmington, N. C., March 3.—Of course, we have had another fire—fires in Wilmington are becoming as numerous as office-seekers under a new administration—and there is no doubt that it was started by some pyromaniac or hellish firebug.

It broke out at 2:15 this morning on the wharf, between Ann and Nun streets, next to the site of the second fire last Friday night. Over a thousand barrels of rosin and spirits were destroyed in addition to the sheds and other wharf property. The rosin was the property of Messrs. Williams & Murchison and the spirits and other property were owned by Mr. William Calder. The damage is roughly estimated at \$7,500, covered by insurance.

The fire department responded promptly, and with the aid of the steam tug Marion, had the fire well in hand by 4 o'clock. At 5:30 the fire was out. A high southern wind was blowing at the time, but owing to the fire being on a considerably lower level than the surrounding property, the fire—fierce as it was—had little opportunity to spread, though sparks fell several blocks away. About 500 people witnessed the conflagration.

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CHARLOTTE IN A BAD HUMOR

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ARBOR DAY.

Celebrated at Trinity College and 300 Trees Planted.

Durham, N. C., March 3.—Trinity College celebrated "Arbor Day" yesterday by planting about 300 trees in the college grounds. The first tree planted was in honor of Dr. Craven, the founder of the institution. Next there was a planting in honor of Washington Duke, and another for J. S. Carr. The Hesperian and Columbian Societies planted groves, each named after their order.

W. D. Wise, one of the employees of the Durham Bull factory, died here yesterday evening from the effects of the grippe. He has been a resident here for eleven years and was well and popularly known. The deceased was aged 52, and leaves a wife and two daughters.

L. J. Steed, late foreman in the Wortham Wooden Mills here, has accepted a position in the mechanical department of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and moved there with his family. Co. J. S. Carr went North yesterday on business.

Tobacco receipts today are fairly large, and prices well maintained. A. H.

GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

Other Important Matters Disposed of by the Senate.

Washington, March 2.—At the night session the Senate passed the House bill imposing heavier penalties for mutilating coins. It increases the penalty from two to five years' imprisonment and makes unlawful the attempt to pass, the importation of and the possession of mutilated domestic and foreign coin with intent to defraud—as well as the mere act of mutilation.

Of the 192 amendments made by the Senate the conferees disposed of 114, recommending that those agree to amendments amounting to \$461,735, and that the Senate recede from amendments amounting to \$208,849. The House subsequently voted to accept the Senate amendment making payment for claims for sugar bounty under the McKinley law amounting to \$1,085,000.

The general deficiency bill was next taken up and passed. The provision for the payment to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of \$1,310,427 was amended so as to provide that the money be retained in the Treasury until the final adjustment of the debts of the Pacific railroads.

Naval Officers Retired. Washington, March 2.—Orders were issued the Navy Department today directing Rear Admiral John G. Walker from the light-house board March 20th and placing him on the retired list the same date. He will be succeeded on the board by Captain Winfield S. Schley, who is detached from command of the Flagship New York for that purpose March 18th, when he will be relieved by Captain Silas Casey, now commanding the frigate at New York. Captain Merrill Miller succeeds to the command of the Vermont.

Sultan Wants Them Called off. Constantinople, March 2.—The Porte has appealed to the Powers to compel Greece to recall her ships and troops from Crete. A note from the Powers was presented to the Porte today, but its contents are not known precisely.

Quarries to Resume Work. Richmond, Va., March 2.—A meeting of the Virginia State Granite Company has decided to resume work in the quarries of the company, the quarries either to be leased or to be run by the company.

Most men haven't much use for themselves just after a howling spree, but the way William J. Bryan puts himself in evidence proves him to be an exception to the rule.

Let the Sultan take heart. Poetaster Laureate Austin is writing an ode on the Cretan war. If that doesn't make the Greeks let up nothing will.

VETOES IMMIGRATION BILL

THE PRESIDENT FINDS NO MERIT IN ANY FEATURE OF THE BILL.

Should not Make Illiteracy an Excuse for Exclusion—Ignorance Preferable to Unruly Agitators.

Washington, March 2.—The President today sent to the House a message vetoing the Immigration bill entitled "An act to amend the immigration laws of the United States," upon the general ground that the provisions are unnecessarily harsh and oppressive, and that its defects in construction would cause vexation, and its operation would result in harm to our citizens.

The message is the longest of the kind that President Cleveland has written. He takes up the different provisions of the bill in detail, finds objections to each of them and repeats the arguments that have been advanced from time to time by the advocates of the bill. He gives greater space to objections to the educational clause than to any other. Of it, he says: "In my opinion, it is infinitely more safe to admit a hundred thousand immigrants, who, though unable to read and write, seek among us only a honest opportunity to work, than to admit one of those unruly agitators and enemies of governmental control, who cannot only read and write, but delights in arousing by inflammatory speech the illiterate and peacefully inclined to disorder do not originate with illiterate laborers. They are rather the victims of the educated agitators. The ability to read and write as required in this bill, and of itself, affords in my opinion a misleading test of contented industry and supplies unsatisfactory evidence of desirable citizenship or a proper appreciation of the benefits of our institutions. If any particular element of our illiterate immigration is to be feared for other causes than illiteracy, these causes should be dealt with directly instead of making illiteracy the pretext for exclusion, to the detriment of other illiterate immigrants against whom the real cause of complaint cannot be alleged."

The President does not find merit in any feature of the bill, and characterizes it as a whole as a radical departure from our national policy, relating to immigration.

Why doesn't Mrs. Tingley or Mrs. Besant or some one of the other latter-day Theosophists come out with the statement that King George, of Greece, is the reincarnation of Marco Bozzaris? They are letting slip a great opportunity.

Trout, tongue, salmon, white fish or chubs taken in payment for subscriptions at this office.—Ashland (Me.) Headlight.

That's pretty liberal. The Yellow Journal of the metropolis takes in only suckers.

Nowadays, when an official shows the Nation that he has an indication of a backbone, the Administration says he is "indiscreet." Well, a little more of such indiscretion wouldn't hurt the country.

It is a distinctly Christian irony that the Powers opened fire on the Greeks on a Sunday.

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