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CONGRESSMAN JAMES A.
D'ARMOND AND HIS
GRANDSON DIE IN FIREDistinguished Congressman
From Missouri Met Horrible
Death this MorningA LEADER IN
LOWER HOUSEOne of the Ablest Members of Congress
Loses Life in Fire Which
Destroys Home—Five Year Old
Grandson Who Was Sleeping With
Him Burned Also But All the Rest
of Household Escape—Congressman
DeArmond One of the Most
Brilliant Congressmen of Past Half
Century—Held Prominent Place
on House Judiciary.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Butler, Mo., Nov. 23—Congressman David A. DeArmond and his five-year-old grandson, David A. DeArmond, III, were burned to death this morning in a fire which destroyed the congressman's home in this city. They were sleeping out of doors on a front porch. The fire apparently caught in the house near where the two were sleeping and all that portion of the building was in flames when neighbors reached the scene.

Some charred bones have been found, believed to be all that remains of the two bodies.

A maid servant who slept in the rear of the house was awakened when the flames burst into her room. She escaped in her night clothes and ran to the front of the house. Her screams roused the neighborhood but no one could get near the front of the building because of the intense heat.

James A. DeArmond, a son of the congressman and father of the boy who was burned, was one of the first to arrive. It was with difficulty that he was restrained from rushing into the flames. The other members of the family escaped. Other occupants of the house at the time of the fire and who escaped were Mrs. DeArmond, James A. DeArmond, aged 35, a son of the congressman, and a daughter, aged 35.

The congressman and his grandson were close companions. Mr. DeArmond had been sleeping out of doors for two years and had found the plan very beneficial. He believed it a great aid to good health and was endeavoring to inure his grandson to the open air in winter.

Few men in congress in the last half century have had more spectacular or brilliant career than David Alpaugh DeArmond, of Missouri. He had served as representative from the sixth Missouri district continuously since 1891, previous to which he had won his political spurs in his home state as a lawyer, presidential elector, state senator, circuit judge and supreme court commissioner. He was born in Blair county, Pa., March 18, 1844, and went to Missouri as a young man.

In 1907, following a series of bitter differences with the democratic leader in the house, John Sharp Williams, culminating in a personal conflict on the floor, the Missourian consented to the use of his name for the democratic leadership in the sixtieth congress. However, nothing ever came of the movement and Mr. DeArmond kept his place in the floor ranks and continually added to his prestige as one of the quickest, most eloquent and when the need arose, biting speakers in either house of congress. His gage of battle was never lightly accepted.

One of his most characteristic efforts, perhaps, was made on the floor in March, 1908, when he proposed to protectionist republican colleagues a scheme to raise a domestic brand of titled suitors for the hands of American girls in the Philippines.

"It will be cheaper, it will be under our own contract and I think it would be in harmony with the protective policy to which our friends are devoted," he declared.

Washington, Nov. 23—The news received here of the burning to death of Representative DeArmond, this morning, at Butler, Mo., has caused sincere regret among the members of congress now assembling here for the next session and among department officials. The death of Mr. DeArmond will be a distinct loss to the house of representatives and a blow to the democratic party. He was a commanding figure in the democratic side of the house and was al-

ways put forward as speaker for the minority on constitutional questions. He held a prominent place on the house judiciary committee, and was frequently spoken of as a candidate for the speakership.

OLD AGE PENSIONS
DISCUSSED TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 23—Old age pensions today absorbed the attention of the distinguished delegates who are in New York from all over the country to attend the annual convention of the National Civic Federation. The systems of pensioning used by many private enterprises and by the British government were reviewed and the matter was regarded from every viewpoint, many of the delegates urging the general adoption of the system. Among those who participated in today's sessions were George W. Perkins, the financier; George A. Ranny, D. A. Tompkins, director of the National Manufacturers Association of Charlotte, N. C.; A. B. Garretson, Captain J. B. Murdock, U. S. N.; J. A. Holmes, labor commissioner John Williams; President H. R. Towne, of New York Merchants Association; Haley Fiske, of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, and John Hays Hammond, the mining expert.

At the same time that the main body of the Civic Federation was in session, the woman's department was meeting in executive session under the leadership of Mrs. Horace Krock.

The progress of the old age pensions movement in America and Europe was gone over in detail, the work of many large employers, individual and corporation, that have adopted systems for the protection of superannuated employees being given especial attention.

SOLDIERS GETTING READY.

To Move on Nicaragua From Panama.
Another Battleship on Scene.(By Cable to The Times)
Panama, Nov. 23—It is reported that orders have been received for the concentration at Panama and Colon of all the land forces in the canal zone, to be ready to leave for Nicaragua ports should the necessity arise there for more troops.

The marines here would in that case be sent to Atlantic and Pacific ports of Nicaragua to co-operate with the forces on the Vicksburg and the Des Moines if Corinto, on the Pacific side, and Bluefields, on the Atlantic, are occupied by United States troops. The United States protected cruiser Tacoma has arrived at Colon from Guantanamo. It is believed she is waiting orders to proceed to Nicaraguan ports.

Fire in Mill Town.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Providence, R. I., Nov. 23—After a fight of many hours, a fire that threatened to destroy all of Arctic Center, a big mill village near here, was put under control today. The damage done by the blaze will be fully \$50,000.

EDWARD S. FOWLER.



Colonel Edward S. Fowler, former collector of the port of New York, who is said to have lost his position through his war on the sugar trust.

FIRE STILL
BURNS IN ST.
PAUL MINEThree Miners Have Narrow
Escape From Death In
Hung CarFIRE IN NEW PLACES
SOME OF THE SCHEMESThree Miners Who Entered Mine Today
Had Narrow Escape When
Their Cages Became Fastened and
Held Them Prisoners for Hours—
Were Exhausted by Efforts and
Had to be Given Medical Attention—
Fire Breaks Out With Re-
newed Vigor in Some Sections of
the Mine—Men May Still be Alive
In Protected Sections of the Mine.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Cherry Hills, Nov. 23—Three miners who volunteered to enter the third vein of the burning St. Paul mine, narrowly escaped death early today, when the third vein cage on which they descended became pinned midway between the second and third veins, holding its occupants prisoners for three hours, while firemen fought flames in the shaft. The men were Barney James, Frank Rogers and Harry Scotland. Their comrades on the surface did not know whether they had met death or not. They knew that the cage was pinned by the warped wooden guides of the main shaft somewhere in the smoke-filled shaft. Working furiously, the men at the top, after a battle of four hours, lifted the cage to the second vein. The three men were exhausted from their efforts to release the cage in which they had been imprisoned. They were given medical attention.

The fire, which was believed to have been conquered, broke out with renewed vigor in the second vein today. The lives of the firemen were again imperiled in a midnight effort to subdue the flames.

Previous to the last and most dangerous fire outbreak a rescue party explored the gallery of the third vein to a distance of 120 feet. Everywhere it found that the atmosphere was clear of black damp but no men were found living or dead.

Back in the drifts it was discovered that water reached a depth of two feet. That men may still be alive in pockets of the third vein is evident.

Further exploration was for the time cut off when the men were warned that fire had broken out above in the second vein and might cut off their escape.

A rush was made to the surface and Chicago firemen made desperate efforts to control the new outbreak.

There are fifty Scotch miners in Cherry today on rescue work. They represent nearly every mine in the surrounding country for twenty miles. Barney McFadden and Tom McDougall, of the Granville mine, are among the men whose experience is depended on to aid materially in the rescue work today.

It was decided that nothing further could be done to rescue the imprisoned men remaining in the mine until the fire had been once more put under control.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

Jury Returns Verdict in Southbound
Railway Case in Which Six Men
Were Killed.

(Special to The Times)

Winston-Salem, Nov. 23—Coroner W. N. Dalton and his jury met yesterday afternoon to try to fix the blame, if any, in the killing of the six men at the Salem creek viaduct on the Southbound Railway, about a mile from this city, on November 16, but owing to the absence of the resident engineer, Mr. Currier, the jury adjourned till this morning, when the following verdict was rendered: That the men came to their death by suffocation in a cave-in while in the employ of H. J. Collier & Co.

A number of men employed by the contractors, H. J. Collier & Co., were put on the stand and all agreed that all necessary precautions had been taken. A cable tower upon the "fill" from which the dirt caved in upon the men who were excavating for one of the abutments, caused many people to believe that this tower caused the cave-in, but the men testified that there were no cracks or anything else to indicate that the tower had anything to do with it.

STANDARD OIL
HAS A STRONG
CARD TO PLAYMay Merge Subsidiary Com-
panies Abroad in Effort
to Thwart GovernmentSOME OF THE SCHEMES
RUN BY ELECTRICITYIf Decision of the Standard Oil Com-
pany Is Not Favorable to Trust it
May Move Its Head From the
United States—Such a Step May be
Taken Without Waiting For the
Court's Decision—Trust Already
Has Subsidiary Organizations in
Foreign Capitals That Could Take
Over the Business—Such a Plan
Would be Signal For Fight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Nov. 23—While the attorneys for the Standard Oil Company are preparing the appeal of the corporation of the United States supreme court from the dissolved decision of the United States circuit court, it became known today that the trust has a strong card up its sleeve which, if played, would thwart the prosecutors and embarrass the United States government. This is nothing less than putting the different oil corporations under the control of foreign holding companies.

At the same time, it is said that the oil interests may make each of the subsidiary companies nominally independent. The meeting of the heads of several of the minor corporations at Pittsburgh, according to dispatches received today is understood to have been marked by a consideration of this plan and the passing of secret orders from No. 26 Broadway.

It was stated today by persons in close touch with the sentiment of the oil leaders that if the appeal to the supreme court is not favorable to the company, and the fight on the Sherman anti-trust law does not develop results in conformance with the ideas of the oil magnates, the Standard will simply remove its head from the United States. Such a step without the delay of waiting for the decision of the highest court is not improbable, according to these same authorities.

For a long time the trust has had subsidiary organizations in foreign capitals—notably in London and Paris—which could at a moment's notice take up the gigantic system of the United States. The stock of the subsidiary oil companies, which the circuit court decision forbids the major company to vote or use in any way, could be absorbed by these dummy enterprises.

In the Ohio prosecution of the trust three years ago it was shown that one of these blinds controlled the Manhattan Oil Company, the leading branch of the trust in Ohio. The holding company was the General Industrial Development Company.

Such a plan adopted generally would probably be the signal for the most violent fight yet waged by the United States against the trust. The prosecutors might have recourse to an injunction, prohibiting the voting of the foreign held stock or the payment of dividends to the holding company abroad. Criminal suits would probably be as effective, or more so, than this, however, and the circuit court decision opens the way for such prosecutions. More drastic legislation than is now on the books might be needed, however, for the thwarting of such a plan.

There is a last move open to the trust, however, which would prove more effective than any of the others. That is the dissolution of the subsidiary companies, and their sale to foreign corporations. Then they could be merged abroad.

Maidens Want to Marry Coy.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Boston, Nov. 23—Captain Coy, whose wonderful kicking was the chief factor in the Yale victory over Harvard this year, is a most popular man with the ladies, whom he has never seen. All during the season he has received offers of marriage from admiring maidens in every part of the country. A Texas woman asked: "Won't you marry me, please; or anyhow send me two football tickets?" But the Yale captain is truly coy and has not answered any of the letters, turning them over to his mother.

COTTON MILL
WILL COVER
FIVE ACRESTremendous New Mill Which
Will Soon be in Operation
At West DurhamSOME OF THE SCHEMES
RUN BY ELECTRICITYBig Cotton Mill at West Durham Be-
ing Built by Erwins Almost Com-
plete—One of the Largest Single
roof Mills in the South—Some De-
tails of This Mammoth Enterprise
Death of Mrs. Emerson—Colored
Physician Goes to New York to
Watch Operations in City Hospital.
Growth of Lincoln Hospital—Re-
vival at Christian Church.

(Special to The Times)

Durham, Nov. 23—Machinery for the new mill at West Durham, Erwin Mill No. 4, has begun to arrive and will be put down immediately.

The main building of dimensions something like this: 826 feet in length, with widths of 200 and 300, is practically complete, and it is a wonder. It stands flat-footed on nearly five acres of land and is one of the largest single-roofed mills in the south. It has but one story and that, with the varying width of the spinning room, makes it necessary to throw itself over a great deal of real estate.

Not only is the mill proper almost complete, but the accessory buildings are going up and work on the boiler-house is progressing altogether finely. The power is to be by steam and electricity, big boilers generating the steam which in turn converts the mill into an electrical plant by transmission. One of the latest steam turbines, with a capacity of 2,500 horsepower, will be used and the best thing in the mechanical line goes into this new factory. The steam turbine is considered a conservator of money and power, a great improvement over the ordinary machinery, while electricity is regarded as a distinct advance over steam, even when transmitted from other engines.

The progress of the building has been rapid and at all times substantial. The installment of machinery is of course a tremendous job, but it is believed that everything will be in readiness by July 1, 1910, and the largest of the string of cotton mills will be working at its best.

Besides the practical completion of the big mill, there are in course of erection more than 200 houses in all, and perhaps a fifth of the new population of 3,000 that the new Erwin mills will bring here, has already come. The projection of West Durham will be a larger community than the town as it now stands and there will be easily 5,000 people there next year, independent of the Trinity Park and Trinity College sections.

While the mill is the real attraction there now, it isn't forgotten that there will be an independent water-supply and that the Erwin mills will run their towns a splendid line of pipe for drinking and fighting fire when it is necessary. The New Hope stream is to turn as many hundred thousands miles in the country as the town of West Durham wants and it will flow into the city by gravity. These are the things that cannot be well seen, but should be known in order to appreciate West Durham as it is finally to be.

It is worth many whiles to look at West Durham grow. That lifting itself by its own embroidered bootstraps is really remarkable in its rapidity and this new town is going to steal into Durham and West Durham before the people are really aware of it.

Mrs. J. W. Emerson, a sister of Editor Joseph H. King, of the Morning Herald, and who died Sunday night at the Watts Hospital, was buried yesterday afternoon at Chapel Hill, Rev. E. R. Leyburn, of the Presbyterian, and Rev. M. Bradshaw, of the Methodist churches, officiating.

Mrs. Emerson was 41 years of age and came to Durham from Kinston. She had been married 13 years and leaves two children, besides her husband, who is a brother of the great Bromo Seltzer man of Baltimore.

The county convict camp is now situated at Bahama, from which place the gang under the superintendency of Mr. Ross will work all direction in the neighborhood.

Repair work and putting the Ma-



Levi P. Morton, former vice president of the United States, who on his return from abroad said he looked for a political upheaval in England that would amount almost to a revolution if the House of Lords rejects the budget. He considered the situation one of the utmost concern of Englishmen.

HEAVILY FINED
FOR GAMBLING

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, Nov. 23—In municipal court this morning Charles Parker and Charles Robertson, both well known young white men, received sentences of four and three months respectively upon the county roads following a conviction upon a charge of gambling, while six co-defendants charged with participating in the same game paid fines which aggregated \$180. Parker and Robertson appealed to the next term of Superior court, the other defendants paying their fines willingly.

The case came as a result of a raid made Saturday night by the police, in which Chas. Parker, Chas. Robertson, Fred Hood, W. W. Smith, E. W. Pierce, W. C. Jefferson, Tom Brecken, Harry Edwards and J. R. Morton were caught gambling. At the time the police did not think they had sufficient evidence to convict and all of the defendants were recognized, but when the case was called this morning an unexpected development in the form of a confession by Morton came up and every one of the defendants were found guilty except Pierce.

All of the defendants are of more or less prominence locally, Parker and Jefferson being Southern Railway engineers, while Hood is a well known merchant.

CABINET HOLDS
LONG MEETING

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Nov. 23—The cabinet went into session this morning soon after 10 o'clock, with all the members present. The first matter considered was the Nicaraguan situation. The custom house frauds in New York were also discussed.

It is believed here that soon after the cabinet adjourns, an active movement will begin against President Zelaya. Washington is expected to hear very soon that orders have been issued to seize Nicaraguan custom houses.

That President Taft intends to entirely eliminate Zelaya from Central American politics, because he has been for many years disturbing factor in Central America, is well understood here now. The administration is tired of the continual turmoil in Central America, due to the ambition and activities of Zelaya, and the murder of Grace and Cannon.

The cabinet was in session nearly four hours, adjourning a little before 2 o'clock. At the conclusion of the meeting, the members declined to explain what important subjects had occupied the attention of the meeting for so long a time. Secretary Knox, evidently anxious to avoid being questioned, declared that "the Nicaraguan situation was not even considered. This statement may well be accepted with reserve."

It is believed that not only was the Nicaraguan crisis discussed in its various aspects but that the custom house frauds and the probable results of the St Paul decision affecting the Standard Oil Company were gone into.

CONFERENCE
MEETS HERE
WEDNESDAYThe Seventy-Third Annual Ses-
sion of the North Carolina
Conference

EIGHTH TIME HERE

Conference Has Met Here on an Av-
erage of Once in About Eight
Years But This is the First Time
Since 1897—The Senior Bishop
Will Preside—Many Changes
Probable—Most Important Con-
ference in Four Years—Delegates
to be Elected to the General Con-
ference Which Meets in Asheville
Next May.

The third annual session of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which meets in this city tomorrow morning, comes to Raleigh for the eighth time, having assembled with these people in the years '41, '53, '62, '65, '74, '82, and '97; an average of about once in eight years. At each meeting the Methodists of Raleigh, who are a loyal set, have taken an abiding interest in the gathering, and housed its members as real friends, and each time received the conference blessing. Raleigh has always been an interesting meeting place for the conference, the more especially so since the building of the Orphanage here. That institution is dear to the hearts of every member of the conference, all of whom will hail with delight an opportunity to come to Raleigh to see with their own eyes the work that the conference is doing for the helpless, it having been twelve long years since the conference honored Raleigh with this annual meeting.

Then the conference is glad for another thing; the coming of the senior Bishop, Alpheus Waters of Baltimore. He has held the conference six times before. In 1894-5 and 6; 1906-7 and 8. He presides with the hand of the expert and at the same time there is the love of the work and the men under him in it all.

The present secretary of the conference, Rev. W. L. Cunningham, has held the place for the past seventeen years, and will have it again if he desires, has made a most efficient and accurate officer.

Death has been abroad in the land the past twelve months and has hit the North Carolina conference hard. Yates, Swindell and Rone have all answered the call, all of them prominent and taking a deep and abiding interest in the conference sessions.

Many Changes Probable.

Taking into consideration the death of those named above and the retirement of Rev. F. M. Shamburger, who had broken down physically, and the twenty odd expirations by limitations, it becomes evident that the session will be of more than passing interest, especially the last day when the appointments are read out.

So far as the general public knows there are no new enterprises to be sprung at this time.

Carolina College, Maxton.

which was projected a few years ago at Maxton, and on which Rev. Euclid McWhorter has labored so faithfully, and which is assuming shape will be discussed and the work further augmented. The friends and projectors of this school have great faith in it, in that it is a fine section of the State and the church needs just such a school in those parts. All they need is more funds with which to carry on the work.

In this connection it is proper to state that Raleigh Methodists have agitated the matter of a Methodist College of high grade here in the capital city, and provision has been made for such in the land that has been bought adjoining the Orphanage, which will give an elegant site for the work. It is not known that such a move will be made at this session, however.

North Carolina Methodists will come to Raleigh this week from all parts of the eastern section of the State, knowing that they can find entertainment at the hotels and homes. Many will take the occasion for a visit to the capital, as well as to peep in on an annual session of their loved Methodist conference. Hence each session of the conference will be well attended, and the interest heightened until the last day.

A Fine Social Gathering As Well.

So many does this annual gathering bring, and so close is the bond of love the fellowship, that the city will be a hive of social gatherings all the week. Nearly every preacher will have special friends here who will want him at their homes, and thus the game goes on ad infinitum.

Most Important in Four Years.

The meeting of this, as well as the meeting of all other annual conferences of the Southern Methodist Church, is of unusual interest this year, as it is

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