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MERCHANT IN TROUBLE

Durham Merchant Charged With Burning Store

A. S. Greenburg Arrested Because of Suspicious Conditions About the Fire—Durham Wants a Part of Wake County—Sermons by Dr. Kilgo.

(Special to The Times.)
Durham, N. C., Jan. 2.—The case against Arthur S. Greenburg, the merchant who is under arrest in this city, charged with setting fire to his store, was continued by the recorder until tomorrow morning, the being asked for by Attorney Percy Reade, who is appearing for Greenburg. There is much interest in the case here, and the announcement that the case would be tried this morning brought out a number of people, who wanted to hear the evidence in the case.

The arrest of the merchant, whose store was recently destroyed by fire, late Saturday afternoon, was not a surprise to many Durhams, who witnessed the fire.

The fact that the fire was one of those that just would not be put out, the recent increase in the insurance carried by the merchant, the actions of the man during the fire, and the reported bad financial condition of the business, created a chain of circumstances that the insurance men thought sufficient evidence for the arrest of the man. In addition to this, some of the firemen report that when they went to the rear of the building to fight the fire from that side, they saw a man leaving the building.

Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner W. D. Scott spent sometime in the city, making the investigations for the state and insurance people. After some difficulty Mr. Greenburg got his father, M. Greenberg, and his brother-in-law, H. Brady, to go on his bond. The difficulty lay in the fact that the son has recently had trouble with his people. He fired his mother, who was clerking in his store, and had a fight with Brady over a loan that was made.

Midst the recent clamoring in a number of parts of the state for the cutting up of old counties and the formation of new ones, the proposition of enlarging Durham county, by cutting off a part of Wake, comes as a novel proposition. The matter of annexing Oak Grove township of Wake county to Durham was presented to the county commissioners, who meet in regular monthly session here today. There is also talk that a part of Chatham county wants to come in to this county.

Sentiment here is divided as to the taking in of any more new territory. The county is a small one, and this has enabled the income to cover the county and build good roads in all parts, to put a good school in every district of the county and to do other things that would not be possible did the county cover very much more territory.

The coming in of the new year in this city was celebrated, but the usual blowing of whistles and ringing of bells was omitted. A number of these parties watched the new year in and the old one out.

The past year has been a notable one in the history of the city and county. In the city about \$200,000 has been spent for new buildings, took a fall out of about everything from the small cottage to the big building at Trinity College. The prospects for building next year is even better, for at least \$150,000 will be spent at the college alone. This will be spent for the new administration building, which is now being constructed, and a number of other dormitories and department buildings.

Following out a resolution passed at the recent meeting of the college of bishops of the Southern Methodist church, Bishop Kilgo preached two new year sermons in this city yesterday. The morning sermon was preached at Memorial church and at night the Methodist of the city united in a service at Trinity College, which was conducted by Bishop Kilgo. Both were sermons of power, and interesting as well as instructive.

At the evening service the bishop took a fall out to about everything going on in the world today. He declared that what the church needed in these times was a genuine revival, that the writings of Tennyson, Wordsworth, Ruskin, Emerson and Carlyle, would avail naught in the final judgment, that their writings were only for amusement, such as he received when he added a new pair of cuff buttons to his wardrobe.

He said that the majority of people secured their religion from the gossip of the street corners and from the newspapers that printed the church notices in one column and whiskey advertisements in another, and this stench from the laboratory of the street was offered to God without anything from the Bible with it.

The flax crop of Canada in 1909 amounted to 2,213,000 bushels, valued at \$2,761,000, the greater part of which was used to the manufacture of linseed oil. The condition of flax in Canada on August 31 was 67.85, as compared with 67.40 on the same date in 1909.



Eddie Lennox, who for two years has been the leading third baseman of the National League, and who will play with the Louisville club of the American Association next season. He has passed the waiver gauntlet of the two major leagues, which will be a big surprise to many. President Charles H. Ebbett, of the Brooklyn Nationals has turned him over to the Colonels. Three years ago, when with Rochester of the Eastern League, Lennox created a sensation and several clubs were after the clever third sacker, but President Ebbett was able to get the prize infielder at that time.

MRS. SILER DEAD.

Mrs. J. Wade Siler, of Siler City, died at Greensboro Hospital.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Siler City, N. C., Jan. 2.—After an illness of several months, Mrs. J. Wade Siler succumbed to death in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, on Thursday last. Her remains were brought to her home and interred in Oak Hill Cemetery on Friday evening, funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. R. Edwards, assisted by Rev. E. W. Cox.

Although her death was not unexpected, as she had been critically ill for some time, the death of Mrs. Siler is a shock to her many friends. A young lady with a lovely disposition, full of sunshine and sympathy, her friends were numerous not only here, in her native town, but throughout the state.

Mrs. Siler, who was Miss Bertha Jordan, was educated at Meredith College, and soon after graduation was married to Mr. J. Wade Siler, some six years ago. To them two children were born, a sweet little girl now some three years old and a baby boy only a few months old. To be called from her faithful husband and two infant children makes her death peculiarly sad.

Mrs. Siler was prominently connected throughout the state, and is survived by her mother, Mrs. Cattie M. Jordan, three sisters, a brother, her husband and two little children.

She was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church of this place, a young woman of talent, and of highest Christian character, and the entire community grieves over her untimely death.

FIVE CHILDREN BURNED.

Parents Could Not Speak English and Firemen Didn't Know Language.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 2.—Because they could not speak English, John Marsavage and wife lost their five children this morning, the little ones being burned to death at their home at Minersville, near here, when it was destroyed by fire. The mother and father, overtaken by smoke which filled their bedroom, dashed down stairs and got out safely. At the time the lower floor was ablaze and firemen had reached the scene. Frightened and excited the father tried to explain that the five children were asleep in a room on the second floor but the firemen could not understand. Then the father dashed into the house. By this time the stairs was on fire and he was driven back, badly burned by the flames. The charred bodies of the children were recovered later. Two adjoining houses were destroyed by the fire.

CURTISS HOLDS CUP.

Won Cup for Longest Cross-Country Flight Three Years in Succession.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—With the expiration of the year 1910, Glenn H. Curtiss becomes the perpetual holder of the Scientific American cup for the aviator making the longest cross-country flight during the year. This trophy is the first ever offered in this country for flights by any type of heavier-than-air machine.

Curtiss has won the cup three years in succession and the old year expired it became his person property.

MARCHING ON CAPITAL.

Rebel Force Expected to Attack Capital of Honduras Shortly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New Orleans, La., Jan. 2.—With a detachment of the revolutionary army in Honduras attacking the coast city of Puerto Cortez, the advance guard and main body of the rebel force is marching on the capital, Tegucigalpa, headed by Lee Christmas, the American adventurer and General Bonilla, former president of the republic, according to cables received from Honduras today.

Tegucigalpa is expected to be attacked before midnight, according to these advices.

Mercentille houses here received word that Puerto Cortez had fallen although there was no confirmation of the report.

There are said to be at least 2,000 well drilled and well equipped soldiers in the force which moved upon Tegucigalpa. In the ranks are many American soldiers. There are also a number of Nicaraguans fighting under the rebel standard.

The forces are well provisioned, although plantation owners are complaining that the revolutionists are seizing cattle and horses. According to reports of the rebels, promises are made to the plantation owners of recompense when the Bonillaites get into power.

Christmas and Bonilla seized telegraph wires so that information as to the whereabouts of the rebel forces could not be obtained by the Davilla supporters.

If the Davilla regime falls, as it is generally predicted that it will, the United States, it is declared will take charge of the financial affairs of the government.

Advices received here led to the belief today that the proposed \$12,000,000 loan of the Honduran government will be pushed through. The bars of American capital will be brushed aside and concessions secured by American enterprises. Plans of new railroads are rumored in the event of Vaxilla's downfall and these will be constructed by Americans with capital secured in the United States.

FRANZ JOSEF ILL.

Believed That He Is Planning to Abdicant in Favor of His Heir.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Vienna, Jan. 2.—The report that the Hungarian empire is planning to abdicant in favor of Archduke Ferdinand was revived today by news of the serious illness of the emperor and the consequent cancellation of all official engagements. While it was announced this morning that the emperor is suffering only from a severe cold, it is known that he is unable to leave his bed and a court physician is constantly in attendance. Owing to the monarch's advanced age, grave fears are entertained and it is believed that at the best he will never be able to bear the burdens of the crown again.

Recently during the convulse of the Austro-Hungarian delegates at Budapest, Archduke Ferdinand was delegated to receive them. This was the first time in the reign of Franz Josef that the monarch did not welcome the delegates in person and was the source of the original rumor that Franz Josef is quietly preparing to step down and give the reins of government into the hands of his heir.

The state reception which was to have been held today has been indefinitely postponed.

A chauffeur holding a license granted by any foreign nation is permitted to drive an automobile in Spain, but such license should always be carried and shown on demand.

SPIES HAVE BEEN BUSY.

Japanese Know All About What is Going on in Manila.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 2.—Japanese spies have been busy in the Philippine Islands, and particularly in Manila, for several months. They have secured maps of the islands and of the harbor and fortifications at Manila. This information was given today by Ignacio Villamor, attorney-general for the Philippine Islands, and by Ponciano Reyes, prosecuting attorney of the bureau of justice at Manila, who have arrived here to testify in the congressional inquiry into the sale of friar lands in the Philippines.

"Under the Spanish regime there was a law which provided that civilians could be held if suspected of being spies, but when the United States acquired the islands this law became obsolete. There is no doubt that the Japanese government is familiar with the Philippines and the fortifications in the harbor of Manila, and those at Corregidor," said M. Villamor.

"Several months ago nearly all the stationery stores in Manila obtained a stock of maps of the islands and Manila, and within a week or two all of them had been sold to Japanese, so there is no doubt that there has been a concerted effort by the Japanese to obtain all the information possible."

Mr. Villamor said he had little knowledge of the strength of the fortifications in the Philippines, but it is the impression among military men in Manila, he said, that the harbor is well fortified.

SCHOONER IN STORM.

Weathered Hurricane Saturday Night—Towed to Port Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—With her sails fluttering in ribbons, her rigging swept away and her hatchways and decks battered, the four-masted schooner Nortland, Captain Charles H. Saunders, is in port after weathering a hurricane off Cape Cod Friday night and Saturday.

When the storm was at its height and the heavy tow-inch oak door of the after cabin had been battered down, flooding the quarters. Mrs. Josephine Saunders, wife of the captain, was forced to wade waist deep through the torrent and flood in its fury to safety. She refused to leave the wrecked vessel, even after the life-saving crews of Orleans and Nantux volunteered to take her ashore and remained on board until the arrival of the United States revenue cutter Gresham, which towed the Nortland into port.

THE SCHENCK TRIAL.

Will Probably be Postponed Again on Account of Woman's Health.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 2.—That the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, charged with administering poison to her millionaire husband, John O. Schenck, will be postponed again, was indicated today following a complete collapse suffered by the woman. Physicians are in constant attendance upon her in the Ohio county jail, where she is confined.

Mrs. Schenck became hysterical when she learned today that a few little Christmas presents which she had sent to her children had been intercepted by her husband, who has now practically recovered.

Mrs. Schenck has traces of fever and at times suffers hallucinations. Visitors are barred from her.

Her trial is set for one week from today.

ROBIN IMPROVING.

New York, Jan. 2.—Improvement in the condition of Joseph G. Robin, the young bank juggler whose manipulations are responsible for the closing of the Washington Savings Bank and the Northern Bank of New York, and the collapse of the \$2,000,000 South Shore Trolley Road, has been so rapid that it was reported today that he will be arraigned tomorrow to plead to the indictment charging him with the theft of \$50,000 from the funds of the savings institution of which he was president.

Robin has recovered sufficiently to enable his removal from Bellevue Hospital to the Tombs.

At the same time it was learned today that William T. Jerome, counsel for Robin, has decided to drop the insanity plea as a defense, this action resulting from Robin's attempt at suicide. The nature of the new defense has not been revealed.

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