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### PROPOSED MERGER HAS OPPOSITION

#### Plans For Consolidation, As Learned By Policyholders, May Bring On Injunction By Interested Parties Here

#### MR. JAMES H. POU ISSUES OPEN LETTER

Wants to Know If It Is True, As Reported, That Jefferson Standard Intends to Retire \$375,000 of Reserve, and Declares That He and Other Policyholders Will Institute Suit to Enjoin "Any Such Arrangements"—Asks Officers for Immediate and Definite Answer as to Plans—Much Disappointment Here Over Loss of Home Office—Mr. Pou's Letter.

That the proposed merger of the Jefferson Standard and Greensboro Life Insurance Company will not be accomplished without a legal battle was made evident today, when Mr. James H. Pou, a policyholder, addressed an open letter to the officers of the Raleigh company making inquiry as to the scheme of the merger and declaring that an injunction would be issued in case the consolidation were effected by means as reported to him. In his letter to the Jefferson Standard Mr. Pou said he was speaking for himself and other policyholders and asked to know if his information as to the plan of consolidation was correct.

**Mr. Pou's Letter.**  
Raleigh, N. C., May 6, 1912.  
Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company,  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Gentlemen:

I see from the papers that a merger, consolidation, or some change by whatever name properly called, is in contemplation, whereby the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company is to be consolidated with some other company, taking over a large amount of the other company's liabilities and policies; and, at the same time, withdraw from its treasury a large sum of money, reported on the streets to be three hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars, and pay the same to your stockholders, reducing by that amount the security behind your policies of insurance, and adding immensely to the liability of your company.

**As to Promises.**  
I am a policyholder in your company; and I bought a high price policy, on which I pay more than two hundred and forty (\$240.00) dollars a year, which your company represented would not only be paid in full, but would participate in the profits of the company. To assure me that the company was absolutely safe you represented that your company was a legal reserve company, holding a certain proportion of the premium money; and also that there was at the time I took out my policy five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars paid into the company; one-half stock and one-half surplus, which was to forever remain as security to the policyholders against any eventually whatsoever. Your advertisement stated in bold type that the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company was "the strongest in the world for the south and the strongest in the south for the world." I never knew exactly what this meant; but I supposed it meant that there was a larger amount of money, in addition to the legal reserve, for the security of the policyholders than in any other southern company.

**As to Withdrawal.**  
I now understand that it is proposed to withdraw a large amount of this money, pay it back to your stockholders and leave the policyholders dependent upon the legal reserve; and that, in addition to this, you are to lump with the present policies you carry a large amount of insurance written by another company under another system. Please let me know if this be correct.

**Gives Notice.**  
If this statement be correct or  
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#### ODD FELLOWS HERE TOMORROW

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly will convene in Raleigh tomorrow night, the Odd Fellows in the Masonic Temple. This service will be open to the public. Odd Fellows and Masons in particular being invited. The sessions will continue through Thursday. Over 400 Odd Fellows will be in attendance.

#### COAST ARTILLERY TO PORT CASWELL IN AUGUST

Capt. ELLISON L. Gilmer, coast artillery, U. S. A., has been detailed as regular permanent instructor for the coast artillery of the North Carolina National Guard in preparation for and during the exercises incident to the annual encampment and target practice for 1912. The coast artillery of the North Carolina Guard will hold their annual encampment and joint coast defense exercises at Fort Caswell, August 5-16.

#### WILSON MEN HOPE TO CARRY MARYLAND

Baltimore, May 6.—The Maryland primary election today will determine whether Taft or Roosevelt will capture the state's sixteen votes at the republican national convention. Three candidates for the democratic nomination are in the field, Clark, Wilson and Harmon. The Wilson men are confident of winning.

#### SCHOOL RETRENCHMENT

Asheville—Cut High School Curriculum—Other Changes Made.

Asheville, May 6.—The school committee of Asheville has determined on a policy of retrenchment for the coming year, and it has issued a report giving figures to show that this is necessary. By this economy the modern languages will be dropped from the high school curriculum, the number of pupils to each teacher will be increased, no salaries are to be raised, the teaching force is not to be increased to conform to the increase in the number of high school teachers are to be reduced, the assistants to the principals will have to give their whole time to teaching. The most radical change, however, will be the abolishment of the kindergarten, which will save about \$3,000. The report says that the committee cannot maintain the schools on the present basis with the money at hand, and that the condition is in part caused by the application of school money to permanent improvements on the buildings. It is strongly urged that the people vote for the proposed issue of \$50,000 for the improvement and acquisition of school buildings.

#### Weather Bureau Bulletin.

Washington, May 6.—The general pressure distribution over the North American continent and the adjacent oceans is such as to indicate that the coming week will give temperatures slightly below the seasonal average, and a normal amount of rainfall throughout the country.

A disturbance that now covers the western districts will move slowly eastward and reach the Atlantic states about Thursday; it will be attended by local rains and thunderstorms the first part of the week in the great central valleys and the eastern and southern states. Considerably cooler weather will appear in the northwestern states Wednesday or Thursday.

#### Execution at Sing Sing.

Ossining, N. Y., May 6.—Salvatore Candido, an Italian laborer, was executed in Sing Sing for the murder of Reginald F. Balls in October, 1910. Balls was a stone plant superintendent. He discharged Candido. Candido struck Balls with a piece of pipe, fatally injuring him.

#### SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON.



Secretary of War Stimson has ordered an inquiry to ascertain the number of lifeboats on all army transports, and has instructed the Quartermaster's department to equip vessels with boats where they are found lacking and to direct regular drills in manning them and in taking on passengers. These drills will be performed before each sailing and at least once a week while at sea.

#### MINIA IN PORT WITH MORE BODIES

Halifax, May 6.—The cable steamer Minia, which relieved the Mackay-Bennett in the work of searching for the Titanic's dead, returned to port this morning with flags at half mast. The Minia met heavy weather during her trip and covered a large area. Bodies found were widely separated. The last two picked up were 45 miles apart. The Minia wired every passing steamer daily inquiring for bodies. Among the bodies brought in was that of Chas. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway. The railway's officials took charge of the body. It was taken home on a special train.

#### GOOD BUILDING

Building Permits for Two Weeks Amount to \$24,075.  
Building has been active in Raleigh in the last two weeks as shown by the records of the building inspector. Those securing permits were: Mrs. J. M. Horn, residence on Newborn avenue, \$1,800; F. G. Stann, residence, Hillsboro \$6,000; J. E. O'Donnell, two residences on South street, \$1,200; L. F. Conitts, veterinary hospital on Mount street, \$2,500; G. N. Norwood, residence on Idlewild avenue, \$900; S. G. Williams, residence on Hillsboro street, \$2,000; George A. Oldham, residence on Cabarrus street \$4,000 and R. H. Battle, two residences on Cary street, \$1,175.

#### MR. W. E. FANN DEAD

Law Down for a Nap and Never Woke Up—Twin Died Same Way.  
Mr. W. E. Fann, better known as "Koy" Fann died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his residence at 419 Cannon street. Mr. Fann had been a brick mason in Raleigh for a number of years, but his old age forced him to give up active work and last year he became night watchman at Meredith College. Mr. Fann was 97 years old. His twin brother died in the same manner on the 19 of March.

#### ELDER CHICK

To Preach at Primitive Baptist Church on Wednesday.

Elder F. A. Chick, the able editor of "The Signs of the Times", published at Middletown, New York, will preach at the primitive Baptist church on Newberne Ave., next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to hear him. He is easily one of the ablest ministers of the United States, a profound thinker and able writer. He will visit Wilson, Goldsboro and Durham during his stay in this community.

#### Big Shipment of Peas.

Two thousand baskets of English peas were shipped from Edenton Saturday to northern markets, according to information received at the department of agriculture today.

### LIVES LOST IN THE FLOOD

#### Rescue Boats too Late to Save People On House Tops

New Road, La., May 5.—Flood refugees reaching here declare there has been loss of life in that part of the state inundated at the swift waters of the Mississippi running through the bottom in the levee at Torras. It is known that motor boats sent to take refugees persons from floating houses tops arrived too late and the persons were drowned. The number that perished is not yet determined. At least one thousand people remain in the flooded region from the inundated section west of New-towith.

#### Discharged by Heavy Rain.

New Orleans, May 6.—Thousands of anxious people here have been discharged by heavy rain. The rain has been so heavy that the levee has been washed out in several places. The water is now rising rapidly and it is feared that the levee will be completely destroyed. The people are now being evacuated to higher ground.

### SAW GIRL WHEN SHOT

#### Floyd Allen Had Pistol Pointed Toward Nancy Ayers When She Fell

Wytheville, Va., May 6.—With nearly a hundred witnesses to be heard, the Floyd Allen trial resumed today. The commonwealth probably will not rest its case until near the end of the week. Sixty-five names are on the witness list at the present time. Of these only 18 have been heard.

The commonwealth continued the effort to show that the Allen gun, captured by the county, and shot down in the law at Hillsville last March.

When the trial was resumed the prosecution placed on the stand M. C. White, a member of the jury which found Floyd Allen guilty. White declared he saw Floyd and Claude Allen, hold a whispered conversation just before the shooting occurred. When the firing began White said he dropped to his hands and knees and crawled out of the courtroom to the clerk's office adjoining.

Thoroughly terrified, White jumped into the fire-proof vault in the clerk's room and remained there until the firing ceased. He declared he did not see the shooting.

E. B. Eddles, who was in Hillsville courtroom, said he started for the door when the shooting began. Just as he reached the entrance he saw Miss Nancy Ayers, one of the witnesses who testified in behalf of Floyd Allen, fall from a shot. He looked back quickly and saw Floyd with a pistol in his hand, leveled in the girl's direction.

#### MRS. FAR. P. BROWN ILL.

Had to Enter Johns Hopkins for Treatment.  
The many friends of Mrs. Far P. Brown will regret to learn that she is ill in Baltimore and that the doctors advised her to enter the Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment. Mrs. Brown is with her and a letter from him states that although her condition is serious, it is not thought to be critical.

#### GENERAL "BUTCHER" WEYLER.



The recent unfortunate experiences of the Spanish troops at the front in Morocco has given rise to the report that General Weyler, who won the nickname of "Butcher" because of his bloody exploits in Cuba before the Spanish-American war, will be sent to Morocco to collect scattered Mexican commandments at Mexico City, who is said to be very sympathetic with the soldiers and other lower officers.

### NO VICTORY IN TEXAS FOR ANYBODY

Dallas, Tex., May 6.—Texas political conventions, national, both republican and democratic, did not give a more vigorous any candidate of either party. Woodrow Wilson, on the face of the returns, apparently has a majority in the republican convention. The democratic returns are in complete.

#### CHINESE FREE FROM MEXICO

Washington, May 6.—Several hundred Chinese, fleeing from the described zone in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, are appearing in the United States government for a temporary asylum in this country. They were taken by the military of the United States near the border. The Chinese are being held in the Federal House of Detention in Washington.

#### ONE OF GREAT PROBLEMS

The Americanizing and Christianizing the Large Foreign Population.  
Minneapolis, Minn., 6.—The Americanizing and Christianizing of the millions coming into this country from various parts of the world, is one of the church's great problems today, according to the report of the home mission and church extension board, read to the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This report states: "One-half the people of the United States are foreign born or of foreign parentage. Thirty-three of the largest cities of the United States are more foreign than American."

#### COMMENCEMENT AT SHAW UNIVERSITY IN PROGRESS.

The commencement exercises of Shaw University began yesterday afternoon with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. C. S. Brown, D. D. of Winton. The annual parade will be given tomorrow night and this will be the most interesting event of the season.

#### In Superior Court.

The case of the Richmond Cedar Works vs. The John L. Roper Lumber Company, which was begun Saturday, is still taking up the time of the superior court. It will be concluded tomorrow.

#### Two Boards in Session.

The board of county commissioners and the board of education met in regular monthly session today.

#### To Speak at Henderson.

Governor Kitchin will deliver his fifth political speech tonight, Henderson being the point chosen.

### ENCOURAGING NEW REPORT

#### Baptists Are Coming to the Front For Meredith College

Special to The Times.  
Greensboro, May 6.—Greensboro Baptists have rallied to the cause of Meredith College, a sum of approximately \$1,000 being given by the congregation of two churches yesterday morning toward the raising of a \$10,000 endowment fund for the college at Raleigh. The contributions yesterday were made by members of the First Baptist church and the First Baptist church. \$500 being given by the first named and \$500 by the last.

Due to the epidemic made yesterday morning for last a sum had already pledged to the First Baptist church denomination amounting to \$1,000, \$1,000 of which was given by the late Mrs. J. B. Harrell before her death. Amounts were raised at service and evening, and President R. T. Vann and Dr. J. J. Thompson, who were here yesterday will remain in the city a few days in the interest of the college. They spoke yesterday morning, President Vann at Forest Avenue Baptist church and Dr. Thompson at the First Baptist church.

### PALMETTO STATE CONVENTIONS TODAY

Columbia, S. C., May 6.—The convention of school delegates to the democratic state convention, May 12th, were held today in every county in the state. Declarations of presidential and gubernatorial preferences were featured. It was expected Governor Wilson would be chosen. Probably no campaign was made for any other candidate. Governor Coleman L. Blease and Judge H. B. Jones are contestants for the governorship.

#### LAY CORNERSTONE SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Dr. J. J. Jones has gone to Kingston to participate in the exercises of the laying of the cornerstone of the school for the feeble-minded. The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masonry will be the state Mr. R. H. Harrell, grand master, and Mr. Leo H. Harrell, grand secretary, going to attend the same.

#### Death of Mr. C. D. Whitely.

Mr. C. D. Whitely of Wakehold died Saturday and was buried yesterday in the Zion Baptist church and was a good man. He had been ill with pneumonia for several years and was an invalid for four years. Mr. Whitely is survived by a wife and five children.

#### President in Ohio.

Albion, Ohio, May 6.—President Taft today toured southern Ohio in the race for the republican presidential nomination. Taft spoke at Masonville, Hamilton, Athens and Chillicothe.

#### Americans at Mazatlan Site.

Washington, May 6.—The state department received a dispatch from Charles E. Coxson, abroad the United States, stating the Americans are safe at Mazatlan and conditions tranquil.

#### Both Factions Claim Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, May 6.—Both the Guthrie and Ritter factions of the Pennsylvania democracy claim control of the state convention tomorrow.

#### Former Governor Crothers Ill.

Elkton, Md., May 6.—Former Gov. Austin L. Crothers is critically ill with brights disease. Death is hourly expected. Crothers has been in ill health twelve months.

#### Aviator Hurt.

Harrisburg, May 6.—J. B. McCutley, amateur aviator, fell his machine, a distance of 40 feet and was badly injured. The airplane was demolished.

#### Washington Democratic Convention.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 6.—The democratic state convention assembled today. Supporters of Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson both claim control.

### THE VETERANS PITCH TENTS

#### Number of the Warriors In the City For Annual Reunion

#### FROM EVERY SECTION

Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters, and Southern Confederate Memorial Associations, All Gather For Great Reunion—Texas Expected to Send the Biggest Delegation, Largely Because San Antonio Wants the Next Reunion—Delegates Present From Far West and North.

Macon, Ga., May 6.—The veterans of the Confederacy, sons and grandsons of warriors and daughters of the Confederacy, numbering ten thousand, arrived here today for the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and affiliated organizations tomorrow. Eight special trains came this morning, some from far western states. Railroad agencies report many more special trains on the way. The delegations are coming from as far north as Kansas and Missouri, and from the west as far as California. The largest delegation will come from Texas, mostly because San Antonio is the leading candidate for the next reunion. Other cities which want the reunion in 1913 are Chattanooga and Jacksonville.

The Southern Confederate Memorial Association, an organization of women, aiming to erect monuments throughout the south, convened this afternoon. Tonight the Sons of Veterans assemble in the auditorium at Camp Gordon. Camp Gordon, the place of reunion, comprises ten thousand tents, loaned by the government and will accommodate fully fifteen thousand veterans, in addition to the National Guard troops of Alabama and Georgia, and several companies of boy scouts.

The veterans are at work in the interest of Commander in Chief C. Irvin Walker, of Charleston, for reelection, and for Gen. Pennett H. Young, of Louisville, Ky., commanding the army of Tennessee. General Vandant, of Texas, commanding the trans-Mississippi department, also will be nominated for commander.

#### Veterans' Train Derailed.

New Orleans, May 6.—Four trainmen and three passengers were killed and a number of passengers hurt when the first section of a special train carrying Confederate veterans from Texas to the Macon reunion was wrecked this morning on the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad near Hattiesburg, Miss. The engine and five coaches were derailed and turned over. The dead passengers are supposedly Confederate veterans. Engineer W. A. Woods and his negro fireman were killed. Two other employees, riding on the engine, were killed. The train was running 30 miles an hour when the engine left the track, carrying with it a day coach, chair car and three tourist sleepers. Two sleepers went through the trestle.

#### TRAINLOAD TO MACON

Asheville Sends Solid Train of Veterans.

Asheville, May 6.—This morning the special train, provided for the Confederate veterans of this section, who will attend the reunion at Macon, left at 7:30 o'clock. The train is provided with four coaches and will go through by way of Spartanburg, Greenville and Atlanta without change. General Ray, of the fourth brigade, says that there are indications that more veterans will attend this reunion than ever before. General Ray will be the ranking officer on the train.

#### Mississippi Primary Tomorrow.

Jackson, Miss., May 6.—Democrats of the state tomorrow will express their choice for presidential candidates, elect delegates to the national convention and name national committeemen. Indications are that a light vote will be polled.

#### Suit Against Steel Corporation.

New York, May 6.—Taking of testimony in the suit to dissolve the United States Steel corporation commenced today and will continue two months. Hearings also will be held in other cities.