# Over, A Thousand People Believed To Be Homeless: Roper Lumber Co. Plant Razed Earlier in Day

CAROLINA, FRIDAY, AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 1, 1922. PRICE: FIVE CENT

Blaze Started at 8:30 This Morning And Flames Spread Rapidly Over Mill. SEVERAL HURST Persons Were Injured In Fighting the Fire; None of Them Seriously.

Fire this morning completely destroyed the sawmill, engine room, dry kiln, dry sheds and vast quantities of lumber at the Roper Lumber Company's plant, which is opcrated by the Rowland



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At four o'clock this afternoon t was impossible to estimate the damage done by today's fearful blaze.

The number of homes destroyed will be in excess of two hundred, with more than a score of business houses and warehouses added to the list.

The streets of New Bern were the scene of large numbers of fire victims, sorrowfully carrying what thy could of their

The Parish House has been converted into a relief room The Dill warehouse was afire and the flames were lapping

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today's terrible fire in New Bern. It is announced that food and coffee will be served tonight.

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fire to a house in back of the Fairview Hospital and near the St. Mary's alumnae were to hold a meeting at the parish Coast Line depot, destroying it completely. Frame houses on house this noon but the meeting was cancelled and all of the Griffith street were on fire several times but were put out befood is being saved for the firemen, the homeless and others fore the fire could become general.

Fire Which Started in Home of Negro On Kilmonarc Street Near Five Points, Cut Wide Swath Through City

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# FIREMEN UNABLE CHECK THE FLAMES

Dynamite and Dork of Fire Departments **Proved Ineffective. Other Towns** Gave Their Aid Generously

At three o'clock this afternoon the flames had been checked across the street from the Terminal Hotel. On the adjoining block, however, the fire still burned furiuosly. All of the buildings along Pasteur street have been destroyed.

for the aid of those who have been rendered homless by hungrily at the union station and Norfolk Southern machine shops.

Sparks, carried a distance of more than two blocks, set, a

ing in excess of a quarter of a spread rapidly and quick enveloped the various buildings. Insurance covered the greater part of the loss.

Starting at 8:00 o'clock, the fire sent up a cloud of dense smoke which could be seen for miles around. From the standpoint of damage done, it proved to be the most disasirous fire that New Bern ever has had.

Firemen were unable to keep the flames from making their way from , the engine room to the docks and 'confined their energies to saving the long sheds, machine shops and planing mill at the southerly end of the yards. None of these buildings were dam aged.

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Seventeen Are Known To Be Dead. Number of Others

### Seriously Injured

of Junior Colleges.

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to meet this need.

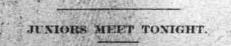
The remaining \$60,000 asked for is

for new buildings-a Junior-Senior

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1 .- Federal dition to the Infirmary for isolating troops guarded a badly battered mu. contagious diseases unicipal building today while the city took count of the casualties of a pitched battle between the police and This year closes its eightieth year of mob which attempted to storm the service. More than 3000 young wobuilding last night. The death list as a result of the fighting stood at 17 versed in the manners and ideals of today while 18 persons are known to the South and educated according to have been seriously injured and 3 the best scholastic standards. rlightly hurt. It was thought that a check might reveal further casual-

mothers, all of whom are making a The trouble, which lasted for more than 6 hours, started when a crowd distinct contribution to society wherestarted marching toward the city hall ever they are found. to protest to the aldermen, who are where it must have increased faciliheld responsible for the water fam-



All Juniors are urged to attend meeting tonight of New Bern Council No. 520. Election of officers and oth-iment in the Hundreds, they are right, important business will come up no matter much where the apartata will be served and a ment may be located.

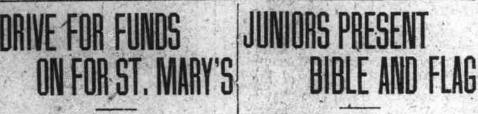
The loss is estimated as be- household goods to a zone of safety. Automobiles by the score, manned by volunteers, helped

million dollars. The blaze those in the paht of the fire to remove their furniture. The fury of the fire was centered about the urion station. Norfolk-Southern employees were frantically at work, moving engines, freight and passenger cars and other equip-

DON'T DRINK WATER

Warning s given to residents of Nw Bern not to drink the city water. On account of the fire today, it was necessary to cut into th river and it is river water which citizens will get through their faucets this afternoon and tonight.

Don't drink the water unless you boil it first.



Alumnae and Friends of the Exercises Be Held at Ft. Barn-School Are Being Asked to Well On Sunday Afternoon **Give** Assistance By Local Juniors

Mr. Adrian M. Rea, councilor, will (Special to New Bernian) make the opening address at the ex-RALEIGH, Nov. 30 .- St. Mary's School Fund Campaign for \$100.000 ercises at Ft. Barnwell Sunday afterstarts today. Alumnae and friends noon when New Bern Council of the of this old and honored institution Junior Order presents the Bible and are being called on to meet an im- flag to the school of that place. Othperative need. Of the amount, ask- |er Juniors will appear on the program ed for \$40,000 is to be used to in- and Supt. R. S. Proctor will make crease the endowment fund to .he the acceptance speech. The program point that it will give the school pro- as given out yesterday by the Coun tection in case of emergency or fin- ell follows:

Bible and Flag Presentation ancial crises. The present amount of Endowment is \$60,000 which in-New Bern Council No. 520, Junior Orcreased by \$40,000 will make a total

der United American Mechanics of \$100,000. This amount is necesto sary to entitled the school to mem-Fort Barnwell School, bership in the American Association

Fort Barnwell, N. C., Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p. m. Invocation-Rev. J. W. Selsor. Song-"Onward Christian Soldiers'

Hall to house students doing college Opening address-Councilor A. M work, a science building, and an ad-Rea. -Song "Battle Hymn of the Repub-

St. Mary's is the largest Episcopal Address-"Our Order and What Church school in the United States. is Doing"-J. M. Batson.

Song-"America." Presentation of Bible and flag, and

men have gone out from its walls address on the motto of the order Virtue, Liberty, Patriotism. Address-"Virtue" and presentaion of the Bible-Rev. W. V. McRae.

Address-"Liberty"-H. A. Tolson Among her Alumnae are college Address-"Patriotism" and presen presidents, professors, lawyers, nursation of the flag-J. B. Dawson. s, busines women and wives and Song-"The Red, White and Blue. Acceptance address-Supt. R. S.

St. Mary's has reached a point

ties in order to keep up with the modern education. Alumnae, Episcopalians and friends

**NEW BERN WINS** of education are being appealed 'o

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any further. roctor. Address and Raising of Flag-A. T Benediction-Rev. W. V. McRae.

When they say a man has an apart- New Bern,

who haven't time to go to their homes.



St. Peter's Church, the large, brick colored church on Queen street, was caught in the path of the fire at 4 o'clock. Within a short time the huge structure, the pride of the colored people of New Bern, was spouting flames hundreds of feet in the air. Sparks showered upon houses within a radius of a hundred yards or more. Many fires were started on roofs but most of them were put out before much damage could be done. In some instances, however, the fire seemed to gain renewed impetus and startd off on a new tagent.

The greatest point of danger to the city is that branch of the fire which at 4 o'clock was sweeping past George street along New street. A slight shift of the wind had taken place and it was felt by many persons that there was danger pany mill when the warning voice of ed from Kinston at 1 e clock was that of the fire crossing New street, burning the Tabernacle Bap- opposite end of the city, gave warntist Church and sweeping through some of the main residential blocks of the city. All efforts were being employed to the Roper mill as the flames there

check the blaze at that point.

# Will House Colored People At Meadows Fertilizer Whse. Within five minutes the entire struc-

Colored people, rendered homeless by today's great disaster, can find shelter for the night in Meadows' warehouse on South Front street, according to announcement made to set fire to a fence. In a moment or the Sun-Journal this afternoon.

Mr. Meadows announced that he would be able to ac- flames. Another house further along highly appreciative of the limity nad comodate approximately 200 persons at the warehouse.

Apparently checked at two o'clock, the fire on Geo street broke out anew at three o'clock and threatens to w new damage in a southerly direction. It was dangerously ne to St. Luke's Hospital and the Tabernacle Church, although it is not believed that these structures will be caught.

With dense cloud of heavy, black moke sweeping low over the city and the crack of dynamite heard at frequent intervals, New Bern today is experiencing a fire which already has swept more than a half-dozen blocks and threatens disaster to an equally large area.

At noon today more than two score houses in the colored section of the town near Five Points had been razed. Firemen were blowing up houses a block or two in advance of the roaring flames in the endeavor to halt their devastation, Fanned by a high wind of almost gale force, the fire demon raged unstinted force, belittling all efforts to thwart the menacing. tongues of flame.

Frantic negroes, sobbing and screaming, rushed from house to house, aiding one another in removing household goods and carrying them to a safe pleace. The shouting of orders and suggestions on the part of firemen and volunteers added to the confusion. Citizens by the thousand left their stores and offices and ruser to the scene of the destructive blaze, eager to be of assistance. But all they could do was to move slowly back as the flames soared aloft and sought new victims of their fury.

The town had barely caught its danger which confronted the entire reath from the terrible damage city, hurrlendly telephoned neighbor. ing cities for assistance. Word receiv aused at the Roper Lumber Comthe larm, coming from the extreme an automobile truck was sushing from that town and would make recard time to New Bern. At two o'clock ing of a new danger.

the fire had spread over "un area of The entire fire-fighting apparutus more than ten blocks. Dynamite conof the city was forced to remain at tinued to roar at intervals House atter house went down to destruction. were still dangerous. In the meantime, the later conflagation rapidly, It is impossible to estimate the loss, but it will rup well in excess of increased its scope. Futile attempts with buckets of water to stop the fire half a million dollars, and probably reach even great proportions than were absolutely useless. The fire had that. its start in the home of a colored man,

Bryan, on Kilmarden street, about two blocks north of Broad street. SAYS THAT HARDING separated from it by only three or four feet caught fire almost simultaneously.

PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 1.-The From then on the fire spread with republican presidential candidate increasing force and vigor. A spurt 1924 "obviously will be Warren of flame, shooting across the street, Harding," Secretary of Commen Herbert Hoover said in an intervie

two the structure surrounded by it at his home here today was being destroyed. Then the two "Moreover, by that time, (1924)" houses adjoining it were enveloped in Mr. Hoover said, "the public will be progressive character of the policies that will have brought this country

About half an hour after the start of the fire, some of the apparatus from the Roper mill arrived at the scene of the new fire. The high wind made their efforts go for nothing. Fiously hurt by traveling shops, which The fire continued its way with un- go from town to town in this district abated force. House after house was on motor trucks. destroyed. Hundreds of persons assis-

other household goods.

was the cry which was being heard of a terrific still explasion last night from increasing numbers as they be- in which a men believed to be S. gan to fear for the safety of the en- Chinsky, of this 'city,' was blown to

tire town. Shortly beforenoon, the first crack John Kozols, 19, died this morning of dynamite was heard. A two-story at a local hospital. Two other men house fell apart. Fifteen minutes later, are , horribly burned and unangled, another structure went to the same while four of the many rescuers who At 5 o'clock the principal danger spot was on New street, doom. Three or four other followed, attempted to save them are also in But while this was going on, the fire the hospital from sever burns. 6 just west of George street. However, Washington and New continued its sweep, spreading to a

larger area as the wind shifted slight-Bern were hard at work there and it is believed will check ly at intervals.

Sent Call for Help

WILL RUN ONCE MORE

through the reconstruction period."

## SHOPS ON WHEELS.

MANCHESTER, England. Nov. 30. -Trade in many stored is being se-

Still Explosion Kills (Many.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30 .-- Two more men died today as the result pieces. Jenjanin Waxman, 40, and

The telephone number most fre-quently heard since the double murder in New Jersey is "Oh, Oh, O

the block was flecked by the hot tongues and it followed in the course of he others. Fire Apparatus

FIRE ALMOST UNDER CONTROL AT 5:15 P. M.

At 5:15 this afternoon the fire had burned itself almost out ted in the removal of furniture and

"Dynamite them! Dynamite them!"

on National Avenue and there was no danger of its spreading

A Norfolk-Southern switch-engine, by means of a heavy cable, yanked down six houses in a row, checking the spread

of the fire there.

0 any further spread.