

## BIG FIRE IN PITTSBURG TODAY

### BUILDING OCCUPIED BY 200 PERSONS IS DESTROYED.

#### A Dozen Severely Injured.—Many Threw Themselves From the Windows.—Fourteen Women Were Rescued From the Fourth Floor.—Twelve Store Rooms Were Destroyed.—Intense Cold and Suffering.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—Probably a dozen were severely injured today in a costly spectacular fire which destroyed the Library Place building, occupied by more than 200 persons. Twelve store rooms on the first floor were destroyed. Many threw themselves from the windows and crept to safety swinging ladders. There is intense cold and suffering. Fourteen women were rescued from the fourth floor.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—Nine, including four firemen and one policeman, were hurt by a falling cornice. The probable loss is \$200,000.

### COTTON FORECAST.

#### Estimates Made Public by Government Bureau of Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The American cotton crop for the season of 1912-13 will amount to 13,820,000 bales of 500 pounds (not including lint), according to the first estimate made by the government this year through the crop reporting board, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Agriculture, and announced this afternoon. This compares with 15,892,791 bales of 500 pounds, exclusive of lint, produced in the record crop of last year, when the total crop, inclusive of lint, was 16,250,000 bales of 500 pounds.

#### Winston and Salem Bid Fair to Become One.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 12.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Trade tonight attended by over 200 members, the decision was made to make an effort to consolidate Winston and Salem was made without a dissenting voice. Many people made talks at the meeting and no opposition to the movement was expressed. The circulation of the petitions was started last night asking the legislature to unite the cities under one charter, providing for a vote on the proposition by citizens of the two cities.

#### Peace Conference to Begin Monday.

London, Dec. 13.—Because of delayed arrival the Turkish envoys in the Balkan peace conference did not begin today. The first session will be held Monday. The Bulgarians arrived early today and the Turks are expected this afternoon. Constantinople, Dec. 13.—The Turkish envoys to the London peace conference are instructed not to negotiate with the Greek plenipotentiaries until Greece signs the armistice.

### At Fisher's.

At Fisher's they have just received a new shipment of novelties for Christmas presents, and in a half page ad in this paper today they give many suggestive hints for holiday gifts. Among the many things they mention are gold-mounted umbrellas, jewelry, mesh bags, art pieces, novelty silk waists, etc. Their store will be open at night until after the holidays.

#### Petitions for Commission Form in Salisbury.

Salisbury, Dec. 12.—Citizens desiring the establishment of a commission form of government for Salisbury have been circulating petitions for names of others who are like minded. They have struck no opposition and the outlook now is that Salisbury will soon join the ranks of cities governed under the commission form.

#### 31,000 Textile Workers Locked Out.

Providence, Dec. 13.—Twenty thousand textile workers are locked out by the employers' Association of the Neustadler district because of workmen's strike in the small cotton mills.

#### Whitlaw Reid Seriously Ill.

London, Dec. 13.—United States Ambassador Whitlaw Reid's illness is today admitted to be more serious than thought at first. He has asthma.

New York papers are advertising the sale of \$1,000,000 of first mortgage five per cent bonds for the Southern Power Company, falling due March, 1920, at par and interest. According to the accompanying statement the gross receipts of the mortgage property as officially reported for the year ending September 30, 1912, were \$1,938,790.04, the operating expenses, including taxes and rentals, \$638,845.98, giving net earnings of \$1,300,945.35. The annual bond interest account is \$250,000, which makes balance \$1,050,945.35.

A Tennessee lady has a parrot that speaks 200 words. It is difficult to believe that the English language contains so many swear words.

## PATENT ON TRAIN SIGNAL APPARATUS.

### A Concord Man is Granted a Patent on One.

Mr. M. P. Jones, manager of the firm of M. P. Jones & Co., of this city, has received notice from the patent office at Washington that he has been granted a patent on railway train signal apparatus. Mr. Jones has spent considerable time in perfecting the device and, should it prove as successful as the indications are that it will, there is little doubt that he will be well remunerated besides creating an instrument that will largely reduce the danger of injury to travelers on railroad trans. The following is in part a description of the patent as sent out by the patent office:

"The present invention relates to improvements in railway train signals, and the primary object of this invention is the provision of a signal and alarm device carried by the locomotive, and having a circuit including an alarm or signal, either of the audible or visual type, or both, it being disposed within the cab of the locomotive, and having two shoe terminals one disposed upon one of the rails and the other disposed upon a third rail parallel to the straight track rail, whereby the approach of a locomotive equipped in a similar manner will form a closed combined circuit utilizing the battery forces in both of the cab carried circuits, to simultaneously set the alarm in both locomotives and indicate the approaching danger to the engine man of both engines of locomotives.

"A further object of this invention is the provision of a novel form of terminal carrying means which may be, shifted or rotated by the engine man from the cab, so that the terminals or shoes thereof will be placed upon the track rail and the third rail, notwithstanding the direction of travel, for when the device is used upon a single track railway, the trains in danger when approaching each other or what is termed 'head-on' necessitates the employment of a device of this character so that the respective shoes of the terminals will at all times engage in the track rail and the third rail so that the combined battery force of the two cab carried circuits which are of a strength that would not affect the signals until the trains are within a predetermined distance, as for instance, one thousand feet."

Mr. Jones is planning to give the invention a thorough demonstration and is confident it will perform the work it was devised to do.

## REGULATIONS COVERING PARCELS POST SYSTEM.

### Almost Every Description of Matter Except Books and Printed Matter, Weighing up to Eleven Pounds and Measuring Six Feet in Length May Be Sent Through the Mails.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation January 1, next, were made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock today. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice to have the mails moved with the usual despatch and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier the parcel will go to the postoffice as is the case with ordinary mail.

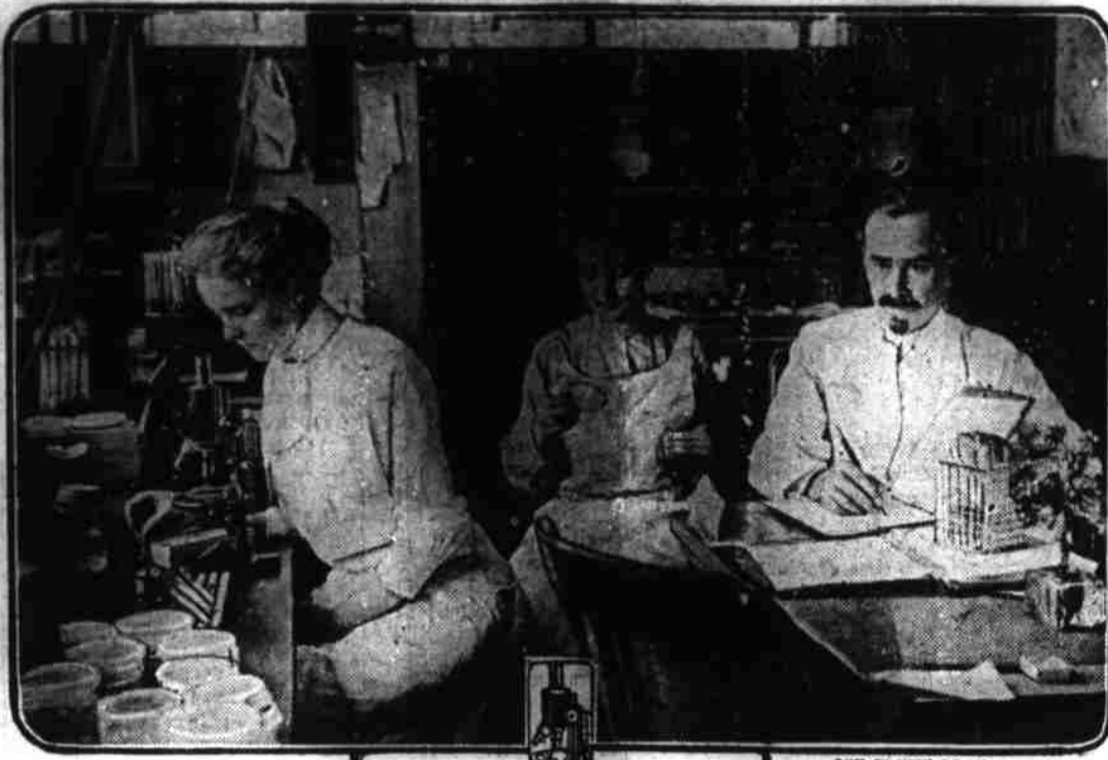
The postage rate for the zone—that is, within distances not exceeding 50 miles, will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided. The maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed 50 dollars will be paid to the sender. The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcel post system a set of stamps of 12 denominations. Parcel post maps with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the public at their cost, through the chief clerk of the postoffice department.

### Turks Defeat Greeks.

London, Dec. 14.—The Greek troops today were defeated by the Turks at Panteopada, according to an Athens dispatch. The Turkish and Greek fleets are fighting at Agassas.

## GUARDING AGAINST THE POLLUTED OYSTER



The agricultural department maintains at Washington a bacteriological laboratory where all sorts of "bugs" are discovered in all sorts of food. At this time of the year, when the oyster season is at its height, little is done in this place except to test oysters and the water in which they live to determine whether or not they contain typhoid germs. The photograph shows Dr. George Stiles, Chief of the laboratory, and his two assistants, Miss Ruth C. Greathouse and Miss Maude L. Mason.

## DEMANDED MONEY OR THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE.

### Letters Reminded Governor Wilson of the Fate of President McKinley and the Attempt to Kill Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 12.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson may face in court here next Tuesday the three men accused of threatening his life. A subpoena was issued by a United States commissioner late today for the President-elect's appearance, and to make this possible he postponed examination of the alleged blackmailers from Monday to Tuesday, by which time it is expected the Wilson family will have reached New York from Bermuda.

The letters which Warren Dunn, Jacob Dunn and Seelye Davenport, who were arrested Tuesday night, are alleged to have addressed to Governor Wilson, at Trenton, were opened by Joseph P. Tumulty, the governor's secretary. Mr. Tumulty also was subpoenaed today. In case his testimony as to receipt of the letters is accepted as sufficient proof Governor Wilson may not be required to testify.

The threats in the letters were in demand of \$5,000 or life, and one of them reminded Governor Wilson of the fate of McKinley and the attempt to kill Roosevelt.

## YOUTH ARRESTED FOR THREATENING WILSON

### Young Fellow Was Overheard by Detective Who "Took Him In."

New York, Dec. 12.—Herman Steinberg, a 17-year-old boy who is alleged to have declared that he was going over to New Jersey and shoot President-elect Wilson, was arrested here this afternoon and held without bail. A loaded revolver was found in his pocket.

The youth was standing in front of the police station shivering in the cold when a detective questioned him. "This is not a fit country to live in," he declared, according to the detective. "It's no place for me to work. I cannot go back to Russia, so I would rather go to jail, but I would like to shoot Wilson and my boss and all the detectives first."

The detective searched him and took the revolver away, arresting him on a charge of violating the law prohibiting carrying dangerous weapons. In court, a fruit dealer who formerly employed the lad, appeared as a witness to previous threats the boy had made to "kill Wilson" which led to his discharge. In court the boy admitted making the threats and was held without bail.

## "Kountry Kollege Kapers."

"Kountry Kollege Kapers," a musical comedy, will be presented at the Y. M. C. A. hall in Kannapolis tonight and tomorrow night. The Salisbury Post said of this entertainment when it appeared in that city recently:

Prof. Leonard's original comedy "Kountry Kollege Kapers," from an artistic and musical standpoint is a gem of refinement and "taking" roles. For two hours a quarter there was one stream of good acting, funny bits and comical situations. The professor and his charming wife were ably supported by the entire cast of local talent, and the group of pretty children showed a matchless response to the few days drill preparatory to the rendition. This was the initial presentation of the comedy and while the house was not packed it will no doubt be so tonight.

Mr. Wilson has served notice that he will not see the politicians, anywhere or under any circumstances, until about next March.

## LIQUOR BILL

### Which Would Stop Shipment to Dry Territory for Sale, Nearly a Law.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Kenyon-Sanders liquor bill, which, by agreement will be taken up in the Senate December 16, is being discussed from a variety of angles in letters New England Congressmen receive from their constituents. The New England manufacturers seem to be the only persons thoroughly awakened to the fact that the measure is dangerously near becoming a law.

The New Englanders, who call upon their Congressmen and Senators to fight the bill from the moment it is rolled up in the Senate, have in most cases misunderstood the bill, and have become frightened by fancied consequences which can not possibly eventuate should the measure ever be signed by the President. In some of the appeals which reach Washington, it is stated that the bill will have the following results:

1. Prevent the interstate shipment of all liquor into "dry" territory.
2. Prevent the interstate shipment of perfumes, fine paints and patent medicines which contain alcohol.

Congressman Webb, of North Carolina introduced the original bill, which is the basis of the amended Kenyon measure in the House more than two years ago. He has repeatedly pointed out that the bill does not prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor, and that if it did do this, it would be patently unconstitutional. His bill prohibits the shipment of liquor in prohibition States for illegal purposes such as sale.

Mr. Webb has a tacit agreement with the House leaders, that the bill shall be called up for final action early in the present session. Mr. Webb has prepared a careful speech on the constitutionality of his bill.

## Ban Placed on Wireless Tyros.

Washington, D. C., 13.—Commercial messages by wireless, or the exchange of signals in behalf of a ship in distress, will no longer be interfered with by the practice of amateur devotees of the new system of telegraphy, if the rules put into effect today by the Department of Commerce and Labor serve the purpose for which they are intended.

The new regulations establish a complete federal control system over radio communication and require the licensing of all wireless operators working across State lines or in communication with ships at sea. Permits for radio stations will be issued only to citizens of the United States or Porto Rico or to a company incorporated under a federal, state, territorial or Porto Rican law. Amateur stations are to be restricted in wave lengths of transmittal to not exceeding 660 feet, except on special application to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The Department will enforce the new regulations through inspectors at New York, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, Savannah, Seattle and Cleveland. The United States has been divided into nine districts with headquarters in those cities.

Examinations of would-be operators will be held at the navy yards, naval stations, the naval academy, certain army posts, and elsewhere. Women as well as men are to be eligible for licenses as operators.

The Department of Commerce and Labor will combine the administration of the new rules to that of the act of 1910 to require wireless apparatus on all ocean passenger ships.

The judges of the Poultry Show will likely finish their work today and the prizes will probably be announced tomorrow.

## PROGRAMME AYCOCK MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

### Concord High School, 7:30 O'clock Tonight.

His last words to his people: "Equal, that is the word. The equal right of every child born on earth to have the opportunity to learn out all there is within him." Carolina. Aycock's Oration on Robt. F. Lee—Eugene Graeber. A violin solo—Frank Brower. Aycock's Boyhood, an essay—Lura Caldwell. Duet—Ida Porter and Helen Troy. Aycock's Inaugural Address—Clyde Propst. A cornet solo—Charles W. Aycock's School Days, essay—Ohlah Peck. Old Hickory, a reading—Miss Margaret Hendrix. Dr. Joyner's Estimate of Aycock—Buford Blackwelder. A solo—Mr. Hall. Aycock at College, essay—Helen Fisher. Piano solo—Isabel Goodson. Universal Education, declamation—Fred Dayvault. Duet—Nancy Lee Patterson and Helen Troy. An essay, Aycock as Governor—Mabel Lippard. Violin solo—Emily Werner. United—Chorus.

### Christmas Holiday Excursion Tickets via Seaboard Air Line Railway.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell holiday tickets between all stations on its line at greatly reduced rates on December 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31st and Jan. 1st, 1913, to return until January 6th, 1913. This will be a great opportunity to visit your friends during the Christmas times at cheap rates. For further information call on your nearest agent or write

JAMES KER, JR., T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C. H. S. LEARD, D. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

### The local Elks are arranging to distribute Christmas goods among the poor and needy of the city.

A Christmas tree will not be given this year. Last year the tree was not given, the Elks carrying the gifts around and giving them out. The custom proved most satisfactory to the givers and recipients and the custom will be again practiced this year.

Governor Kitchin has agreed to pardon Ernest Crawford, colored, who is serving a six year sentence on the Union county chain gang for larceny, when the prisoner has served four years of his sentence.

## POLICE SHAKE-UP IS EXPECTED

### DISORDERLY HOUSE KEEPERS WILL TELL OF POLICE GRABBERS.

#### More Than Twenty Band Together in New York for Protection Against Policemen Who Demand Tribute.—They Will Substantiate Mary Goode's Story of Corruption and Intrigue.

New York, Dec. 13.—More than twenty keepers of disorderly houses have banded together for protection against police grabbers. Seven agreed to substantiate before the aldermanic investigation committee Mrs. Mary Goode's story of police corruption and intrigue. Some have made statements to District Attorney Whitman regarding the relations between the police and the underworld resorts. A police shakeup is expected.

## A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

### From an Unknown Cause at Naples.—Many Probably Killed.

Naples, Dec. 13.—A terrific explosion from an unknown cause today caused the destruction upwards of one hundred small vessels in the harbor here. It is believed that many were killed.

## Suit Against the "Candy Trust."

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A civil anti-trust suit against the alleged "candy trust" was filed here today by Attorney General Wickersham in a bill of government charges that the Philadelphia Jobbing Confectioners Association has conspired to coerce candy manufacturers from selling direct to retailers, consumers or jobbers other than members of the association.

It was declared that in furtherance of the conspiracy the association published lists of jobbers containing only members of the association's names. A list of non members was circulated to induce manufacturers to refuse to sell to them.

## Refuse to Reinstate Striking Trainmen.

New Castle, England, Dec. 13.—The North Eastern Railway officials refuse to reinstate the striking trainmen and ten thousand trainmen are now out. The collieries and foundries are closed and 100,000 are idle.

## Marvelous Values, Friday, Saturday and Monday

### Coats, Coat Suits, Dresses and Millinery

A big job lot, just in, that we bought at almost the cost of material—you get the benefit of our good purchase.

- Children's and Misses' Coats, worth up to \$7.50, sizes 6 to 14 years, Sale Price..... \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48, to \$4.95.
- \$5.00 Black Furr Skin Coats, 6 to 12 years, Sale Price .... \$2.95
- 50 Ladies and Misses' Black Broadcloth Coats, fur collar, 16, 18 to 44 size, a \$7.00 Value, Sale Price ..... \$4.85

### GREAT COAT SUIT VALUES.

- All Ladies' Coat Suits cut in price.
- \$15.00 Coat Suits ..... \$9.95
- \$18.50 Coat Suits, ..... \$12.95
- \$20.00 and \$25.00 Coat Suits, ..... \$14.95
- \$10.00 Suits, Sale Price ..... \$6.95
- Infants' White Coat ..... .95c
- \$6.00 and \$7.00 Ladies' Wool Dresses ..... \$4.95

### GREAT CUT PRICES IN MILLINERY.

- Ladies' Trimmed Hats, Sale Price ..... 98c, \$1.48, \$2.48, \$3.98
- Little Boys' Hats ..... 85c, 98c, 98c
- Childrens Trimmed Hats ..... .39c, 48c
- Big Lot Dolls, Special for Christmas at .... 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c

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