AUGUSTA SWEPT BY FLAMES LAST NIGHT

MORE THAN TWENTY - SIX BLOCKS WERE DESTROYED.

MOST SERIOUS DISASTER IN YEARS

An Ares of One and One-Quarter tel Halls. - More Than Two Millions of Dollars Worth of Cotton Destroyed.—Cause is Unknown. (By The Associated Press)

ance of a wind swept prarie and the searched by his opponents for ammubare walls of six business blocks bear nition. For the most part, the opsilent testimony of Augusta's most position centered in Boston corporaserious disaster of recent years. Itions and Boston corporation law-

The fire, which raged for more yers, with whom Brandeis has had than 9 hours last night, causing a more or less conflict during his caloss estimated from \$5,000,000 to reer. \$7,000,000 was brought to a halt The Committee which has heard the evidence consists of Senators

Green street.

the fire spread rapidly to "Cotton said to be opposed to a recommendaruler elect. Row" in the rear; whipped around tion that Brandeis be confirmed, but stroyed block after block, except the vote will be registered tomorrow. sixth on Broad street. The flames The report of the subcommittee cut a path from two to three blocks will be submitted to the Senate Juwide for eight blocks on Broad street diciary Committee, which will in down to east boundary, the end of turn report its recommendation to Broad street to the South side at El- taken, and it is conceded that the to freen street.

Estimates today places the number of residences destroyed between CHHINA CHANGES AGAIN TO six hundred and seven hundred, in-culding some of the finest old homes in Augusta. No estimate can be placed on the contents of these homes. The owners saved practically nothing. Today over 3,000 pernight walking the streets while others slept in halls of hotels.

There were many narrow escapes public. from serious injury. Several fire-

from burns and bruises. cause of the fire, but as yet no expla- resumes the presidency.

nation has been offered. the Augusta Chronicle was practical- Shi Kai to the State Council, which ly destroyed. The Herald building will reconvene as the Senate, properwas also destroyed.

Cotton factories today estimated that the fire destroyed about \$2,000, 000 worth of cotton, which was stored along the river front.

Quick work on the part of the firemen stopped a sudden blaze in the Southern section of the city at 3 o'clock this morning. Several curses PRESIDENT small houses and stores were destroyed.

The Chronicle established an office and a job printing plant and was issued this morning. The Herald will be issued this afternoon.

The Fire in Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., March 23-Civic and Church organizations today were earing for 5,000 persons made homeless by the fire which swept east Nashville late yesterday destroying 600 residences and causing one death and a property loss of \$1,500,-

The only fatality was that of a Many other persons were injured but none seriously.

cant lot by a small boy A planing the groin. The last bullet glanced mill first was destroyed. The flames and struck Petro Perides, inflicting a next reached into an extensive negro serious wound. settlement where, fanned by a high wind, they quickly consumed every house in the quarter. The confiagration broke into two distinct es, one blowing east down Seventh street and one down Fifth Ave. and area of 35 blocks swept clean, many of the costliest residence of Nashville, several churches and one charitable institution being burned,

THE IBON CLAW, PEARL WHITE, MORROW.

BRANDIES' CONFIRMATION IS EXPECTED TOMORROW

A Vote Will Be Taken in the Senate Committee Tomorrow.

Washington, March 23.-The big ow over President Wilson's nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the su-preme court bench will reach its final stage in the Senate sub-commit-Square Miles Was Ravaged by the tee tomorrow, when a vote will be Plames, Which Were Driven by a taken as to the recommendation to be made to the full Senate, Judiciary Heavy Gale, Between 600 and 700 Committee. That it will be a rec-Besidences Were Destroyed and ommendation to confirm the President's nomination is generally con-Hundreds Walked the Streets All ceded and this conclusion may be Night While Others Slept in Ho- unanimous. The sifting of the charges brought by opponents of the confirmation has occupied many weeks. Since January 31, when the sub-committee was appointed, much evidence has been heard for and against the nomination. There has Augusta, Ga., March 23 .- Twenty been much mud-slinging, and every blocks in the residential section of act and motive in the career of the Augusta today presented the appear- brillian Jewish attorney has been

Chilton of West Virginia, Fletcher, An area of about one and one of Florida, and Walsh. of Montana, tective Order of Elks. This will be quarter square miles was ravaged by Democrats; Clark of Wyoming and Mr. Lyon's first visit to the Concord the flames, which were driven by a Cummins of Iowa, Republicans. The heavy gale. The Augusta firemen three Democratic members are re- ed in it. were powerless and appratus were garded as among the most consistent sent from Columbia, Charleston, supporters of the Administration in Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and other Congress. Senator Cummins, a procities. The wind subsided just after gressive Republican, is supposed to year was a very successful one in I o'clock and it was not until then be friendly to Brandeis, but was de- the history of the lodge, many new that the firemen could gain in their sirous of ascertaining the facts with members being initiated and the regard to the charges brought by scope of the order's work enlarged. the corner of 8th and Broad streets, sioner of Iowa, Senator Clark is ch, and Mr. J. B. Womble is exalted Russian line where Petrograd declares torrent of flames, which quickly Starting in the Dyer building at Clifford Thorne, the railroad commis-

the city. The flames leaped across the Senate. Final vote will then be bert street and cut their way tarough nomination will be confirmed nearly unanimously.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT

Monarchy Abandoned By Yuan Shi Kai Who Resumes the Presidency.

Peking, China, March 22.-A state sens are homeless. Many spent the department mandate issued tonight announces the abandonment of the monarchy and resumption of the Re-

archial form of Government is not Steel, New York Air Brake, Ameri- floors occupied by the telephone ex-Officials of the fire department to- manimous and that therefore Yuan can Zine, Marine preferred and Unit- change. The lass estimated then at day began an investigation into the Shi Kai rejects the emperorship and ed States Steel. Rails were inactive \$10,000, partly covered by insur-

The Imperial documents, the man The 12 story building occupied by date adds, will be returned by Yuan ly with the resumption of the Re public.

Hsu Shih Chang, who left the Cabinet because of the monarchical movement, signed the mandate as Secretary of State, having re-entered the Cabinet.

AND IS SHOT DEAD.

Naturalized Greek Resents Criticism

of Wilson in a War Argument.

Washington, Pa., March 22.-When Gun Sillas spoke slurringly of President Wilson at a boarding house at Canonsburg, near here today, Gun Argeris drew a revolver and shot him dead. Argeris jumped from a window to escape, but was caught . and jailed. Both men were naturalized Greeks and Argeris is devoted to his

adopted country. Sillas, during a war argument, criticised the President's war policy and applied a vile epithet to the head of the nation. Argeris at once fired. Sil-The blaze started from a lighted las was hit twice, one bullet piercing ball of yarn thrown into a grassy va- his heart and another striking him in

THE WHEAT MARKET

Rain Reports From Southwest Weakened Market.

(By The Associated Press Chicago, March 23.—Rain reports from southwest tended today to weak- are making an extended plea for rulen the wheat market. After opening 3-8 lower to a shade advance, with May at 108 3-8 to 108 1-2 and July at 107 1-8 to 107 3-8, prices rallied SHELDON LEWIS, PASTIME TO to a moderate extent and then under- SHELDON LEWIS, PASTIME TOwent enother sage

BRIG. GEN. J. J. PERSHING



capture Villa and his band.

MR. LYON HERE.

Concord Elks.

Concord Elks are arranging for a neeting of special interest this evening at 8 o'clock, at the Elks' Home A guest at the meeting will be Mr. Arthur Lyon, of High Point, district deputy of the Benevolent And Pro-Mr. Lyon's first visit to the Concord

Concord has one of the strongest Elk Lodges in the State, the membership numbering over 200. The last

The officers, as noted in Secretary the Empire Life Insurance building there is hope among the friends of Cline's card in another column, reand then by leaps and bounds de- Brandeis that a clear-cut unanimous quest all members to be present at the meeting this evening.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Mexican Affairs Again Project Themselves Into It. (By The Associated Press)

New York, March 23. - Mexican affairs again projected themselves into the stock market at the opening today, overnight news from across the border finding reflection in the heaviness in American Smeltering and Mexican Petroleum, while balance of the active list was firm to strong. United States Smeltering and Refining, a new comer on the local board, opened with 1,900 shares at 69 5-8, a substantial fractional gain but generally higher.

PYTHIAN SERMON.

Rev. C. M. Short to Preach to Pythians Sunday Morning.

Methodist Church.

and Seals Brower, are sending not- early childhood with his parents. He ing. ices to members of the lodge re- was 67 years old. questing that they be at the lodge Sunday morning and attend the service in a body.

STORM DAMAGE

IS DONE AT WILSON

Houses Unroofed, Outbuildings De-Loss of Life. (By The Associated Press)

neys destroyed in this section last death. night by a heavy wind storm, according to reports reaching here today. No reports of loss of life or injuries were received.

Train Crew Violations Argued. Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.-Final argument on the numerous complaints again half a dozen railroads in Pennsylvania that the full crew law is being violated are being heard today by the Public Service Commission. Counsel for the brotherhoods

ings on many points. THE IRON CLAW, PEARL WHITE,

KAISER'S ARMY STILL BATTLES FOR VERDUN

CENTERS CHIEFLY AROUND HILL OF HAUCOURT.

RUSSIANS ARE ACTIVE IN GALICIA

The Bombardment East of the Meuse Continues With Undiminished Intensity While Paris Announces That the Attacks in the Neighborhood of Malancourt Were Not Resumed During the Night And Even the Fire of the Heavy Artillery Diminished During the Night .- Russians Are Active Along the Dvina And Dvinsk

(By The Associated Press)

The French are still clinging to a part of the hill of Haucourt, southvest of Malancourt, on which the Germans gained a footing last evening in an attack along the front between BIG FIRE IN Avocourt wood and Malancourt. northwest of Verdun.

Paris announces today that the Thirty-Five Blacks Swept by Flames German infantry attacks in this sector were not resumed during the night, and even the fire of the heavy artillery diminished in vilolence.

The bombardment east of the Meuse continued with undiminished intens-

The resistance with which the Gerparing new attempts to break through dence blocks had been swept by the the stronghold.

Besides striving hard against Gerscope of the order's work enlarged. man positions along the Dvina and fanned the burning grass into a some successes have been scored the Russians are displaying notable activity in Galicia. The Austrians report lively artillery fire along their front there with infantry advances at some points. They are declared to have been repulsed.

The sinking of the Norwegian bark Lindfield, bound from Portland, Oregon, is reported in London. Thirty members of the crew were rescued. Another vessel sunk was a French bark, Bongainville, 23 of her crew being saved.

THE FIRE AT SPRAY.

\$10,000 Partly Covered by Insur-

(By The Annociated Press)

Spray, N. C., March 23.-Fire here ance.

Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Peschau Dies in Reports of Rains in Southwest Caused Miamisburg, O.

Charlotte Observer. The hundreds of friends in Charlotte of Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Peschau On next Sunday morning, March formerly pastor of St. Mark's Luth-26th, at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. M. Short eran Church and also of St. Paul's will preach a special sermon to the Church in Wilmington, which occurmembers of the Concord Lodge red Sunday afternoon suddenly in Knights of Pythias, at Forest Hill Miamisburg, O., will receive the news with much sorrow.

Doctor Peschau was a native of

He was educated in the public schools and after receiving his theological training entered the minis 12.35. try of the Lutheran Church, He was pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran MANY LETTERS TO Church in this city and then St. Paul's in Wilmington, leaving the latter city about 23 years ago to become pastor of Zion Lutheran church molished and Other Damage.-No in Greensburg, Pa. Following a pastorate of 10 years of this church he went to Miamsburg, O., to serve Wilson, N. C. March 23. Houses as pastor of St. Jacob's Lutheran were parcofed, outbuildings demol- Church in that city, and continued ished, windows blown in and chim- to serve in this capacity until his

McKinnon Presbyterian Church.

Rev. C. C. Myers, of Kannapolis, will preach Friday night and Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Communion service Sunday at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited to these services.

J. B. Duke, the millionaire president of the American Tabocca Com-Southern Power Company, contempany has a big plants god a rad to

THE IRON CLAW, PEARL WHITE, MORROW.

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA



Head of the constitutional government in Mexico.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Which Started From Ball of Yarn.

Nashville, Tenn., March 2. - A nall ball of yarn, lighted and thrown by a small boy into dry grass in a vacant lot, started a con- Sunday evening. The children are flagration in Nashville at noon to- under the leadership of Mrs, Threadmans are pounding French positions day which was not under control gill in this region indicates they are pre- late this afternoon, after 35 resifire. The loss is estimated at \$1,-

> 500,000. A wind driving at 50 miles an hour wire, caught a planing mill and leaned from building to building until at least 600 residences had been destroyed, the East Nashville sub-postoffice burned down, the big Warner and cutting an ugly gash. public school in ruins and several churches consumed

Tonight it is estimated that least 3,000 persons are homeless. One hundred members of the Nat ional Guard of Tennessee, called out by Governor Rve, went on duty in the fire zone late this afternoon and of Salisbury, spent Sunday with will remain there throughout tonight their brother, Mr. J. F. Shaffer. and for several days to aid in relief work and prevent looting.

A call was issued this afternoon for citizen guards, and the A. L. Damage Will Amount to Probably Menah Patrol of Nashville Shriners volunteered at once. They are on watch tonight co-operating with the National Guardsmen.

One negro is known to be dead as yesterday, which threatened to raze a result of the fire and it is reported The mandate says the revolution market. Advances of as much or after it had destroyed the farmers' These reports could not be verifield dents. Concord High School, as usthe business section was extinguished that other persons were also killed.

A number of persons were injured.

COTTON OFF TODAY.

Considerable Selling. (By The Associated Press)

New York, March 23.-Reports of rains in the southwest caused considerable scattered selling in the cotton market here today. The opening was fairly steady at a decline of 5 to 10 points, with July easing off to 12.03 to 12.12, and December to 12.26 or about 7 to 10 points under last night's Weddington and Keeper of Records Germany but came to this country in closing figures during the early trad-

Cotton futures opened fairly steady. May, 11.94; July, 12.05; October, 12.13; December, 12.30; January,

GOVERNOR CRAIG

Expressing Opinions of His Action In Warren-Christy Case. (By The Annociated Press)

Raleigh, March 23. - Governor Craig's mail today consisted largely of letters in which the writers expressed opinion of his action in commuting the sentence of Mrs. Warren and Christy. There were three letters of disapproval and a score of approvals. Judge H. G. Connor, of United States Supreme court and Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, were among those who approved the governor's action.

Florida Good Roads Convention.

St. Augustine, Fla., March 23. -The Florida State Good Roads Assopany and the moving spirit in the ciation opened here today its annual convention. It is the nineteenth anplates building a home on an island nual gathering, and some 2,500 auin the Catawba River, near Great tomobiles have come from all sec-Falls, S. C., where the Power Com- tions of the state. Florida is making great headway in road improvements, but there is much more to be done and the association is planning SHELDON LEWIS, PASTIME TO a busy campaign for the coming Year.

HERRERA MARCHES TO JOIN VILLA'S FORCES

CANNONVILLE NEWS.

Metal Ceiling Being Put Up in Epworth Church.-Night School Progressing Nicely.-Small Boy Hurt. -Other Matters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jenkins and Mr. Al. Cline returned Monday from Catawba county, where they were called Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Cline's mother.

Mr. Charley Barrier is moving his family into the Sides cottage on Kerr street, recently vacated by Mrs. A. D. Stricker,

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kimie Lomax, March 19, 1916, a daughter. The night school at Epworth is

progressing nicely. Mr. Jno. Talbert, of Kannapolis, spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tal-

Miss Margaret Lefler spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. S. A. Alex-

The metal ceiling for Epworth church has arrived and is now being

Mrs. W. H. Laughlin entertained a crowd of young people at her home Saturday night, in honor of Mr. James McGlean.

Mrs. Frieze has finished her cottage at Kannapolis and has moved her family there to live.

Rev. A. S. Raper preached a spe cial sermon to the Light Bearers

Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Baker spent the week-end with Mrs. Baker's parents in Rowan. The large reservoir El Paso. at the mill has been enclosed with

The small boy of Mr. Busbee was painfully injured Saturday. The boy was swinging on a wagon loaded with household goods when the frame gave way causing a piece of furniture to fall, striking him on the head law in "little Chihuahua" the heart Mrs. Ed Bonds, of Kannapolis.

spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McGraw. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cauble, of

Stanly county, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rinebardt. Misses Louis and Adela Shaffer,

DEBATE NEXT WEEK.

Concord High School Ready for Forensic Fray Friday.

Resolved, That the United States debates and this year hopes to add authorities that the time has passed

new laurels. The debate will be three cornered, one team debating against Statesville here and the other against Salisbury at Salisbury. Eugene Graeber and Ben White will uphold the affirmative against Statesville here and Miss Lura Caldwell and Frank Brower will go to Salisbury.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS COM-ING PROM EL PASO.

Villa is Planning to Organize a Command and Operate West of Mamiquipa, According to a Report Reach. ing El Paso Today. General Herrara, Who is Reported to Have Renounced the De Facto Government, is Said to Be Moving Westward With His Troops to Form a Junction With Villa.-Torreon Garrison May Have Revolted.

(By The Associated Press)

El Paso, March 23.-Villa has established a base to the westward of Mamiquipa to reorganize his command and recruit new men for his army, it was reported here today. At this new base it was said Villa would lay plans to operate with the force of General Louis Herrera, who is understood to have renounced the de facto government. The American army base at Columbus has had no news of

Villa for over two days. General Herrera is said to be moving northwestward to effect a junction with Villa and this, in connection with the report that the Carranza garrison at Torreon, has revolted, has occasioned grave concern among the American army officers in

So grave was the situation regarded here that the military authorities planned today drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms that they might have concealed in their homes and enforce what would practically be martial

of El Paso, Mexican settlement. Whatever may bappen in Jaurez there is no supposition here that any attack would be made on El Paso from the other side of the river, but there is the great apprehension that an outbreak on one side would be foltowed by an outbreak on the other. There are about 35,000 Mexican population in this city out of a total pop-

plation of 71,000. It is understood that government officials here have sent to Washington a recommendation couched in the strongest terms that steps be taken to disarm all Mexicans along the border, taking the right of fercible en-Friday night, March 31, this questry and search, if necessary. The tion will be debated throughout North | Washington authorities heretofore Carolina by scores of high school stu- have opposed such a step on the hospitals suffering shows that the demand for a monmore were recorded by Crucible building, a frame structure of four tonight, but a search for bodies will all takes part in the contest and has britished form of Government is not Steel New York Air Date of York Air Date of Steel New York has made a creditable record in the rights. It is now insisted by the local for any deficiency in handling, the sit-

nation. Not Confirmed at Washington, Washington, March 23 .- Confirmation of the report at the Carranza garrison of 2,000 under General Louis Herrera, at Chihuahua, had revolted and joined Villa, was still leaking today of the Was Still lacking today at the War Department, although a dispatch to that effect was passed last night by United States Army censor at Columbus. The War Department stated that General Funston's message last night . 'it is reported" the revolt had occurred, adding that there was no

confirmation. Secretary Baker, when asked today if General Funston has asked for more reinforcements since the 25 cavalry joined him, said: "I think I will not answer that question."

General Funston today asked for eight more aeroplanes. He wants four to go to Columbus to fly with Brigadier General Pershing's column and four others to be sent to his headquarters.

The disposition of the administration to discourage agitation of the Mexican situation in Congress was evidenced by Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee, when Senator Johnson, of South Dakots, read a telegram from his State offering so many men for the army. Senator Smoot, Republican, agreed with the Democratic Senator.

The North Carolina Baraca-Pila-The North Carolina Baraca-Pilathea organization will hold its state meeting at Goldsboro April 27-30.

Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of the Wesley Adult Class Department of the M. E. Church, South, will be one of the principal speakers. principal speakers.

Rats and inserts demage American crops to the extent of ten billions of dollars a year—about a dollar a month for every man; woman all child in the country,