THE CONCORD DAILY TRIBUNE ASSOCIATED DISPATCHES

# Tragedy at Manhattan Asylum Brings Inquiry

Full Investigation Will Be NEW MEMBER OF Made by Eight Agencies, in Effort to Place Blame for Fateful Fire.

25 PERSONS IN BUILDING BURNED

Nineteen bodies had been recovered before dusk and removed to the city morgue, but six more remained in the lee covered ruins. These, it was fearhad been cremated.

The blaze was believed to have been started by a terrific blast in Hell Gate, which broke the insulation on electric wiring, causing a short cir-

The one unit of the 75 on the island moment have leaped at the throats of

But leap they did not. A few struggled as gnards tried to push their way to safety through smoke and flames, but, not a single attack upon an at-tendant was reported. The authori-ties starting or projecting investiga-tions were the fire marshal, medical examiner Norris, the state architect. the chairman of the state hospital commission, the district attorney's oflice, the hospital's board of managers, and city detectives, while Brigadier rat Burra, in charge of the dredg ng of Hell Gate declined to commen the theory of city detectives tha Masting by the dredgers was the orig nut cause of the fire, but said if this neory were advanced seriously cory were advanced seriously be ould inaugurate an investigation al-

TO BE CONDUCTED SOON Campaign in North Carolina Will Re Held Early in March.

(By the Associated Press ) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.- The agri cultural extension service of North Carolina State College and the Department of Agriculture, in co-opera-tion with the United States Biological Survey, is planning a state-wide campaign against rats. Nine counties already have been organized to con-duct drives during the week March 5-

Workers of the extension service estimate there is a loss of five to ten million dollars annually from rat depredations in North Carolina. Replies to circulars sent out by E. R. New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton Rancy, of the Farm Engineering Dimarket opened unchanged to 1-4 point market opened unchanged to 1-4 point vision, show an average loss of five lower with near months relatively eighty-one applications were received as the engineer of the train can be by the institutions in North Carolina summoned to testify. represents a loss of \$3,000,000 when shorts for trade buying. It seemed, applied to the state's 360,000,00 corn however, that the advances of late last "While the loss to corn probably

it is only a small per centage of the United States Biological Survey, who is in Raleigh to assist in the cam-"Rats destroy all manner of farm produce from the time of planting until final consumption. These pests destroy by pollution ten times as much as they eat, "Losses in storage on the farm, in

transit, in warehouses, in markets and in store all effect the ultimate price to the consumer. Nor does the loss stop with foodstuffs; all kinds of dry goods, furniture, other house furnishings and miscellaneous merchandise are constantly being destroyed by their incessant knawing. Floods are caused by the rata knawing lead pipes and by their burrowing in embankments; foundations of buildings are weakened by their tunneling, while destruc-tive fires often are caused by them. "To this list of indictments, I also

add the more serious one of their men ace to public health. The best means of getting rid of rats is the co-opera-tive drive against them, followed by a tive drive against them, followed by a general cleaning up and where possible, to guard against them in constructing new buildings and in making repairs," he said.

(By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 19.—Richard R. Hargis has been appointed advertising, and publicity manager of the cryoling manager of the long repairs," he said.

Associate Justice Edward Sanford Takes Judicial

SUPREME COURT

Oath This Morning.

(B) the Associated Profest

Washington, Feb. 19.—Associate
Justice Edward T. Sanford, of Ten-Twenty-Two were Inmates, and Other Three Were Loyal Attendants, Who Fought Blaze Bravely.

New York, Feb. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Eight inquiries were underway today into the tragedy on Ward's Island, a little juring rock in the swirling waters of Hell Gaies, where yesterday fire swept a ward of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, killing 22 patients and three mate attendants.

New York, Feb. 19 (By the Associated presenting it after the court not and addence stood. He then was conducted to his sent at the extreme left of the Chief Justice, filling the bench for the first time since the present term of the Supreme Court began in October, and thus making likely the early consideration of a number of cases which have been put off, due to the yncancles.

OF TOBACCO SOLD

In Independent Warehouses in Strate During the Past Year.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19 (Ry the Associated Press),—The independent warehouses operating in North Caro-lina this season have sold 195,184,033 pounds of producers' tobacco at at average of \$27.72 per hundred pounds, that was attacked by the flames, housed according to their reports. The co-opt ed the most violently insane—men of crative association had received 56. bomicilad tendency who might at any 771,454 pounds by January 1, which accounts for 251,956,387 pounds of the 1922 crop to date."

This announcement was made to light by Frank Parker, statistician of the United States and North Carolina lepartments of agriculture.

"Last year, at this date, 228,596,000 had been marketed in this ounds state at \$24.18 per hundred pounds," he continued. "This amount was 91 per cent, of the 1921 crop, and, acording to forecasts of the 1922 crop. the 251,000,000 pounds reported on are 82 per cent, of that crop.

"Sales during the past season were reported as follows: August 18,159, the State Board of Charities and Pub-580 pounds: September 45,246,946; Oc-tober 62,328,030; November 36,140,132; been tabulated, give a comprehensive December 18,147,152; January 9,263, 919. Late reports not included in hese amounted to 5,899,000 pounds

"Last year, the January auction sales showed 16.700.000 pands, com-pared with the 0,600,000 sold this year during January, when the co-operative association received its share." The following is a report of receipts

Receipts to January 1, 1923 : North Carolina—56,771,454 pounds Virginia-39,025,676 pounds, South Carolina 15,356,949 pounds. In 1921, it was stated, receipts in Kentucky, Indiana. West Virginia and Ohio were 120,000,000 pounds,

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Unchanged to 1-4 of a Point Lower With Near Months Relatively Firm. (By the Associated Press,)

week had eased the technical position to some extent, and the later months were easier under realizing or selling for reaction which was promoted by tal damage," stated J. Silver, of the lower Liverpool cables than expected. and reports of continued good weather

> Cotton futures opened fairly steady. March 28:40; May 28:75; July 28:30 Oct. 25:82; Dec. 25:50.

WANT FARM CREDITS BILL TO GET CONSIDERATION Drive Begun in Congress by Leaders of the Farm Bloc.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—A drive
was begun today by leaders of the
farm bloc to force immediate consideration of the agricultural credits legis-

Representative Dowell, Republican, of Iowa, began the movement by circulating a petition demanding that legmmittee be brought out.

Hargis With Carolina Motor Club.
(By the Associated Press.)

Spectacular Fires Strike Metropolis.

New York, Feb. 18.—New York today was a city of spectacular fires.

A unit of the Manhattan state nospital for the insure on Ward's island, was destroyed wha loss of 25

### Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Testify for Defense in Thomas Case

tears in her ers and half choking between sobs described the incident corroborating Thomas' evidence in detail and maintained innocence of any improper relations ever having existed between her and the defendant.

Mrs. Lowe was assisted to gnd from the stand by her husband. Her testinony took a fittle less than an hour. Mrs. Lowe, pervous and trembling related her story of the murder. She had left a sick bed in Nashville Tenn., in order to testify, attorneys for the defense stated. She was visibly weak. She was closely followed by her husband to the stand. Mr. Lowe made a good witness. He stated that he knew of the trips Mrs. Lowe, his wife, had taken with Mr. Thomes and others and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Thomas, Mrs. Lowe and himself, were

"the best of friends." In addition to the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, the defense put on a number of character witnesses and several other witnesses, of minor signifi-

Testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe featured Salurday's session of the Commission of the Salurday's session of the Salurday's testimony second heavily for the elefense, the Salurday to contradict the reidence presented to contradic throughout.

throughout.

Accompanying Mrs. Allen, the wife of the deceased man, were her three sens, the oldest being 7 years of age and the roungest 17 months. During the hearings, the youngest child, when she kept in her larg mattered expressions in his bully larguage at intervals. She left the court room twice with the larguage. the infant. Thomas were a dark blue suit and

n black overcot when he entered the court room shortly before court opened its morning seedons. Mrs entered with a girl friend. len was also acceptanied by Mrs. Meyers, a minister's wife from Con-

Mrs. Lowe, n young woman around thirty, wore a dark cont, a dark blue sait and a flat. Before going on the stand, she removed her hat. Mr. Lowe, a traveling salesman, is heavy set, middle aged, partially bald,

TWO MEN KILLED IN

**AUTOMOBILE WRECK** 

(By the Associated Press.)

were instantly killed and another fa

tally injured when an automobile in

The dead are James H. Register, E. R. Pigford, and Herbert Suther-

Sutherland was removed to a local

Are Being Held Now in This County.-Every Township to Participate.

fointly. The other townships of the

of March. The organization, the real

Greensboro, Feb. 18.-The

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 19,-Two men

(Concluded on Page Two.)

## Orphans in State Need Greater Facilities Now

Present Institutions Are Doing Great Work, But They Are Unable to Care for 6,400 Children Who Need Care and Training.—Features of Some of Orphanages.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19 (By the Associated Press).—In the twenty-five orphanages in North Carolina, 2,840 dependent children are being cared for at present, according to a survey of these particular institutions just completed and made public today view of how the orphanages are meet-ing the problem of the dependent child in this state and form a basis of rec-

ommendations for improvements.

These Genres to not represent half
the number of North Carolina dependent children, officials state. Because of lack of room, the orphanages are forced to turn away yearly more chilin the Bright Leaf belt, furnished the dren than they can admit. Estimates department by the association: from reports filed with the department places the total of the state's de-pendent children at 6,000 "at the very by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger ment places the total of the state's de-

A visit to every orphanage recently of this city about 10 o'clock last night. was made by Miss Mary G. Shotwell, of the Bureau of Child Welfare, a part of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. The administration and, land, all of Clinton. and work of each was studied and a hospital in an unconscious condition full report written. To each superin- and died about four hours after the tendent, was sent a questionnaire deal- crash. The bodies of Registeing with five phases of institutional Pigford were horribly mangled. management; administration, finances, vietims of the accident are said to number of children received and dis- have been prominent citizens of Clin-

One thousand, five hundred and last year, according to the survey, while only 431 children were admit-TOWNSHIP SUNDAY ted. Of the 331 children dismissed from orphanages during this period, "47 were graduated; 155 returned to relatives; 31 placed in homes; 28 secured positions; 21 entered college; 27 ran away: 3 sent to Caswell Train ing School; 2 died, and 17 were otherwise disposed of (no explanation of their disposition baving been made by uperintendents.)

Of the 2040 children now in orphaniges of the state, 2809 were in school last year, distributed from the first to the eleventh grade. It was found Church in No. 5 township, and two that there is "marked decrease" in weeks ago in the Harrisburg Church the number of children who are in in No. 9 township. The institutes are grades higher than the sixth. Six in- being well attended by appreciative stitutions send their children to the nudiences. public schools in the community in On next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 which they are located. Three send at Mount Olive Church in No. 6 town-their high school pupils to the city ship, these workers will hold an inschools and two others receive salary stitute for townships Nos. 6 and 7 from the county for one or more teachers employed in the orphanage school, county will hold theirs in the month The number of volumes in the libraries of the orphanages run from fifty work, and workings of Sunday schools in the small home up to three thousand in the larger, making a total of ings. Hence the meetings are giving 15,059 in all the institutions, with a vital impetus and real development total of 120 magazines. total of 120 magazines.

Seventeen of the twenty-five insti- LAST CHAPTER GRISSOM tutions require a physical examination of each child upon entrance; four have a physical examination at regu- Druggist Who Was Drowned In lar intervals and eight have regular Florida is Burled Sunday. dental examination. Only one orphanage, according to the survey, employs chapter to the Grissom tragedy was

Spectacular Fires Strike Metropolis, New York, Feb. 18.—New York to day was a city of apetacular free.

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Seven Cent Sirest Car Fare Tomorrow.

Reginning on Tuesday. February 20th the cur fare on the street cars of the club will neet within the next few seeks to decide the exact time and plans for the meeting.

Small chance for Battling Siki to box in Landon, as he will not aven be parallel to ind.

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Continued to 7 cents.

House Finance Committee Working on Bill Now, and It May Be Ready for Presentation by Tonight.

MILLIKEN BILL UP IN SENATE

Not Known / What That Defeated on the Floor.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19 (By the As) sociated Press); -While the House Finance Committee gathered here today for full consideration of the general revenue bill. Senators were prethe committee which is now considering it.

What the Senate will dovto the Milwhich it was sent to the upper body.

favorable report tonight or tomorrow, the sub-committee of the educational Manufacturers conclude its hearing in connection of the National Cotton Manufacturers L. D. Coltrane, treasurer, active support of practic tendent of Public Instruction, with a the full committee on education at ational bill, expressed satisfaction over the proceedings thus far.

The Machine in Which They Were Riding Was Struck
by A. C. L. Train Near
Goldsboro Last Night.

The House fonight will take up the
bowie rajiroad bill under special order, and while the framess expect to
meet stiff opposition. Representative
Bowie announced that his amendment meet stiff opposition. Uppresselettee School Speakers listed on the ton-Bowie announced that his amendment to limit the amount of appropriation maker, president of the American which might be called for, to \$10,000,000k had dispensed with the objections of many members.

Road Bill for Cabarres. Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Representative John B. Sherril announced today that he will introduce a road commission Cabarrus County at the night session of the House of Represent.

MAY VOTE ON CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT Resolution Providing for Submission

of Question to Voters Favorably Reported. (By the Associated Press.)

An investigation will be held as soon a child labor constitutional amend-thousand. The Atlanta Chamber of as the engineer of the train can be ment won the first stage of their fight Commerce and the Atlanta Conventoday when the Senate Judiciary Com- tion Bureau will cooperate in the enmittee ordered a favorable report on a tertainment of the large number of SCHOOL INSTITUTES

the states. Proponents of the resolution, how ever, declared they would prevent this adoption by the Senate.

The county school officers purpose to hold a Sunday School Institute in There was no record vote by the each township before April 1. Yes-terday afternoon they held an insti-tute at Mt. Olivet Church in No. 4 committee in ordering the resolution reported, which was a composite draft embodying features of more than a township. Last evening they held an score of child labor resolutions which institute in Westford Church in No. the committee has been fighting over 11 township, Last Sunday a week ago they held an institute in Gilead Last Sunday a week

The committee's child labor amendment would provide:

limit or prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18 years.'

Want Forsyth Separate Judicial Dis trict. stitute for townships Nos. 6 and 7 (By the Associated Freus.)

Winston-Salem, Feb. 19.-The Forsyth County Bar Association has adopted and forwarded to the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh. a set of resolutions requesting legislation which would make this county a separate Judicial district. The congested condition of the district court calendar was given as one of the TRAGEDY AT GREENSBORO chief reasons for the separate district.

With Bill Roper again coaching the

Will Be Discussed at Conference to Be Held in Atlanta This Week. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 19.—New ideas in scientific destruction of the boll weevil, as well as definite plans for concerted action by all the interestinvolved in the American cotton is dustry, are expected to result from National Cotton Conference which will meet in Atlanta on Tuesday and Wednesday, for which a large attend ance is expected.

cussed by D. B. Bradner, enter Warfare Service and experiments in the use of X-rays as a sterringing the insects will be described by Dr. M chael I, Panin, one of the nation's foremost electrical scientists member of the faculty of Columbia University of N.w York Other utstinguished scientists who will speak County Will Be Asked to House Will Do With It, but at the conference are Hudson Maxim who wil discuss the importance of Opponents Say It Will Be scientific coordination of effort in the warfare upon the weevil, and Miller R. ese Hutchison years chief engineer for Thomas A. Edfon and now managing director of the National Campagn for Boil

Weevil Control. The Atlanta conference will be unique in that it will assemble in this paring to receive the Milliken bill for city the min who have done ploneer the regulation of secret orders from work in the search for a toll weevil destruction agent and many leaders was amounced today by Rev. J. Frank in the various branches of the cot. Armstrong, county chairman. ton industry who are anxious to find

that the bill would not live long once the sense by Dr. L. O. Howard, chief saved over a million people from ponents of the measure, however, while entomologist; Dr. W. D. Hunter, in death by starvation in the last four predicting possibly a sharp fight, declared of Southern field crop investiclared there was no cause for fear, gations, and Dr. B. R. Coad, head of America to realize that these and they said the bill would pass with the government taboratory at Tai u tunate Christian martyrs are not beg-out further amendment in the form in lah. La., who developed the use of gars who are allowing America to As finance committeemen settles to The cotton manufacturing interests whose every move to rehabilitate the consideration of the tax measure will be represented on the program by selves is frustrated by their stronger in the hope of being able to make a C. E. Hutchison, of Mt. Holly, N. C., Mohammedan foe. president of the American Cotton the sub-committee of the educational Manufacturers Association, and group in the House was preparing to Robert C. Amory, of Baston, president

Ex-Governor R. I. Manning, of ton planters and George W. Shutt of least by the middle of the week, or perhaps sooner. Dr. Brooks, chief framer of the ground work of the eduton. The national aspects of the boli we will problem will be presented by former Senator Hoke Smith of The House tonight will take up the former Senator Hoke Smith of tremendously increased need as the Bowie railroad bill under special or Georia, and Senator N. B. Dia, of suit of over 800,000 people being driven from their homes as a result of

maker, president of the American Cotton Association; J. J. Brown. Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture; David R Coker of Hartsville, S. C. Howard W. Ambruster and Bradley Stoughton, of New York, internationally recognized engineer who will discuss the calcium arsenate shortage; George D. Smith. Associate Entomologist of the Florida State Pant Board, who developed the "Florida Method" of fighting the boll weevil, Eugene R. Black, president of the Atlanta Trust Company, and Frank H. Barrett, prominent cotton factor of Augusta, Ga.

The conference will convene Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Atlanta Baptist Tabernacie, which has a the county's quota, or over the state's seating capacity of more than three committee resolution providing for delegates who are expected to submission of such an amendment to present.

CHARACTER WITNESSES AT THOMAS TRIAL

Seventeen Introduced During Day .-Trial Will Continue All Week.

nesses most of whom testified to the character of the defendant, followed each other in rapid succession on the stand at the opening of the fifth day of the trial of O. G. Thomas, here ment would provide:

"That Congress shall have power salesman, who is charged with the Mr. Johnson, 'a place absolutely concurrent with the several states, to murder of Arthur J. Allen, a master known as the den of forty thieves, a plumer of Concord, was not expected stood to have much rebuttal testimony.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Proponents ber of the House could be had to get of the administration shipping bill the immigrant into the country under lost a strategic battle today, the Senate voting 44 to 42 not to table a mo. House has not the knowledge of this North Dakota, to lay aside the ship-ping legislation and take up the filled out ever going near the representatives milk bill.

British Give French Railway Line. Cologne, Feb. 19 (By the Associated cuted?' Press).—The British today turned ov- "It v er a six-kilometer strip on the Tigers football is bound to go ois at end of their zone, so as to give the Princeton next Fall, Roper has been French and Belgians complete control making gridiron history at Princeton of the double track railroad line from bell. as did Percy Haughton at Harvard Duesseldorf, a short strip of which ran through the British area.

# NEW SCIENTIFIC WAY BOLL WEEVIL NEAR EAST RELIEF

The possibility of using poison gas Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, in distroying the weevil will be dis-Local Chairman, Says Everything is Now Ready for Campaign Opening-

> QUOTA THIS YEAR SAME AS BEFORE

Raise \$3,200.—Chairman Feels Certain Local Quota Will Be Easily Raised.

Cabarrus county's campaign for the Near East Relief will be held from February 25 to March 4 and will start next Sunday with speakers who have been through the horrors of Turkish misrule over Christians in the Near East addressing local churchgoers, it

Recent events in Asia Minor, and likin bill no Senator will say, but the more effective means of combatting particularly the horrible massacre at thuse members who opposed that legislation express themselves by saying. The federal Department of Agricultures in the sense of this great hucalcium arsenate as a weevil poison, feed them, but loyal Christian people

Mr. Armstrong is issuing an urgent and appeal for funds should be handed to him or to Mr. active support of practiquity dery minister in the county. He points out view to being able to report back to South Carolina, wil represent the cotte that for every \$5 sent in, the life of the full committee on cincation at ton plainters and Goorge W. Shutt of one orphan of a Christian martyr or

the Near East Relief. Cabarrus county's quota is \$3,240, of tremendously increased need as the reen from their homes as a result of the moved of the the These peo-ple are now in Thrace, destitute and without food or clothing, except what the Near East Relief is able to pro-

The amount of the quota will provide for the fifty-four little children assigned to the county's sacred care and who are being built into the new Armenian nation by the American people through the Near East relief. North Carolina is taking care of 3,334 of these tots and for this reason raises \$200,000 annually. Josephus Dan-iels is Honorary State Chairman and Col. George H. Bellamy of Wilmington is State chairman for this work.

The children are the paramount consideration of the Near East relief. However, all funds raised over quota this year, will be used to help feed the refugees from the Smyrna disaster.

CHARGES LAWYERS ARE CONTROLLING CONGRESS

Chairman Johnson Says Members of Ear in New York City Have Great Influence.

(By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 19,—Charges that a clique of lawyers of New York Selisbury, Feb. 19—Seventeen wit. City buy and sell the influence of out their knowledge was made feday before the House rules committee Chairman Johnson, of the House immigrat on committee "There is in New York City," said.

building full of I wyers who make a know his fate until the latter part living representing to persons that for of the week, as the state is under- a stated sum they can obtain the influence of members of Congress.

"I know of one case where friends of an immigrant were told that for Proponents of Shipping Bill Lost Point \$1,000 the influence of a certain membond. I know that the member of the tion by Senator Ladd, republican, of matter. These lawyers got the money could obtain.

whose influence they claimed they "Why hasn't that ease been proseasked Chairman Campbell, "It will be prosecuted," replied Mr. Johnson, "just as soon as possible."
"It should have been prosecuted without delay," declared Mr. Camp-

FORD PROPOSAL FIGHT IS AGAIN RENEWED

Effort in Being Made to Get Action on Proposal at Present Session of Congress.

(By the Associated Pre Washington, Feb. 19.—The light for action by the House at this session of Congress on Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was renewed today before the rules committee with Chairman Campbell reiterating his opposition on the ground that Michigal and stated he would not accept the proposition contained in the hill reported by the military committee.

## Gave Friend Drink and is Held For His Death

Gordon, a farmer of Glen Allen, gave Newton some "bottled in bond" whis-key Saturday afternoon. Soon after ward be went into convulsions and died. Andrews and Gordon were questioned, after which the latter was