

INTEREST IN MOREHOUSE KIDNAPPING CASE IS SHIFTED TODAY TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL CONFER

McKoin's Friends Are Lining Up in Defense

Officers Follow Trial Of Robbed And Masked Men—Seeking Evidence To Implicate Dynamiters Of Lake Where Bodies Were Found.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 27.—Civil and military authorities today followed through the red low hills and swamps of Morehouse parish the trail they believed was taken by the masked and robbed men on the afternoon and night of August 24 when five men were kidnapped and two murdered.

The trail covered a distance of about 25 miles from a point on the Bastrop-Mer Rouge highway where the men were kidnapped to a ferry landing at Lake La Fourche near where the bodies of two of them were found last week.

The reconnoiters were seeking additional evidence implicating those responsible for the mysterious dynamiting, that released the bodies from the lake where they had been weighted down for months.

The day was devoid of local developments. All eyes were turned toward Baltimore where Dr. B. M. McKoin, former Mer Rouge mayor, was waiting extradition to Louisiana where he is to face a charge of murder in connection with the case.

The legal fight to bring him back many days ago had become similar to the efforts to get former Governor Taylor of Kentucky, out of Indiana, to stand trial for the murder of Governor Goshel of the Blue Grass state in Frankfort, Ky., two decades or more ago, is the belief expressed today by friends of the former mayor.

Funds Available. It developed during the day there will be unlimited funds available and countless friends to assist the physician who does not want to return here. His friends in Morehouse and adjoining parishes were lining up in his behalf. Many messages for assurances were sent his family at Monroe, where his wife, four children and parents reside.

That bond in six figures would be available in the event bond would be permitted is generally conceded here. A sum of \$350,000 was said to have been available for the release of T. J. Barnett, former deputy sheriff, the first arrested in the case. A sum of \$25,000 was reported to have been offered a certain firm of lawyers to lead in his defense. Since the incarceration of Barnett various strangers have reached the town, had brief conversations with the prisoner and then departed on the next train, it is known that the friends are authority for the statement that he will attract the support of many throughout the United States.

Stands High in Profession. The physician has stood high in the medical profession of northeast Louisiana serving as president of the Fifth Congressional District, Medical society last year. He was also a church worker. During his term as mayor he waged war on those who held the law lightly and is said to have incurred the enmity of many of those.

Some years ago he engaged in a duel with Gallion, La., and killed a man. He was discharged by the coroner's jury and no indictment was made against him. His plea was self-defense claiming that he would have been killed if he had not fired first.

Governor Parker at Baton Rouge today conferred with Special Prosecutor Clair Adams, one of the state's leading criminal lawyers, regarding the course to be followed in the McKoin extradition. Requisition papers on the governor of Maryland are being prepared.

Attorney General Coco and his assistants reached New Orleans today to outline the plans for January open hearing and discuss the investigation program.

STATE CONTRIBUTES TO WOODROW WILSON FUND RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Letters and telegrams announcing contributions to the Woodrow Wilson fund today by Mrs. Josephine Daniels, wife of the former secretary of the navy, who is chairman of the committee to raise North Carolina's quota.

Mrs. Daniels stated she would make public the state's total contribution later.

NEW YORK Dec. 28.—Bertil Malmstrom, footman at the Fifth Avenue residence of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, and his cousin, William Malmstrom, butler at a fashionable home in Park Avenue, were in the clutches of the law today.

They found in the street a \$1,000 gold watch case lost by Mrs. C. Oliver Jelin. Scouring a reward of \$100 as inadequate, because they say it is the custom in Sweden where they come from, for a reward of one third the value of a lost article to be paid for its return, they sold the case to an antique store. Detectives arrested them on charges of grand larceny.

DR. MCKOIN TO RESIST RETURN TO MER ROUGE AS A MURDER SUSPECT

Hearing On Habeas Corpus Writ Be Had In Baltimore Today.

BANK OFFERS LARGE SUM. Friends Of Former Louisiana Town Mayor Rally By Hundreds To His Support.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Hearing on the writ of habeas corpus obtained today by counsel for Dr. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., was set for tomorrow. Dr. McKoin was arrested yesterday on the charge of murder by request of Governor Parker of Louisiana, as an outgrowth of the Morehouse parish murder and kidnapping case. The writ was obtained in an effort to obtain bail for the doctor prior to his fight against extradition.

Requisition papers issued by Governor Parker on Governor Albert Ritchie of this state for the return to Louisiana of Dr. McKoin are not expected to reach here for two or three days. Governor Ritchie today when asked what action he would take said he would await receipt of the papers before issuing a statement. At that time, he said he would hear both sides of the case and render an impartial decision.

Meanwhile friends of Dr. McKoin are rallying to his assistance. Telegrams were received today from many persons pledging their moral and financial support. Among them was one from two physicians signing themselves as fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

Another telegram from the Central Savings and Trust company, of Mer Rouge, La., offered to deposit any amount of money in a local bank in an effort to obtain release of Dr. McKoin.

Dr. Hugh Young, head of the Brady Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical school, with whom Dr. McKoin has been associated since he arrived here last October first, made public the telegram received. That from the trust company read:

Offer of Funds. The Central Saving and Trust company of Mer Rouge will indemnify you any amount you might incur as a result of the arrest of Dr. McKoin. The bank will deposit in any bank in Baltimore city sufficient funds to cover and bonds that you might pledge for Dr. McKoin.

In an interview with newspaper men prior to his arraignment in police court this morning, Dr. McKoin stated he was unable to throw any light on the deaths of Thomas Richards and Watt Daniels, whose mutilated bodies were found several days ago in Lake La Fourche near Mer Rouge.

"At one time," Dr. McKoin said, "I was willing to go back and tell them all that I could about conditions at Mer Rouge but now I will fight requisition to the last ditch."

While angered at his arrest, Dr. McKoin is inclined to treat the matter lightly. He said he could account for every hour prior to the kidnapping of the murdered men and every minute since their mysterious disappearance.

When asked how he could account for all the time so accurately since August, when the men disappeared, Dr. McKoin retorted:

"When the time comes I will show you."

Dr. McKoin reiterated he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Neither had he been asked to join the organization, he said. "In fairness to them however," he added, "I must say they have done much good work in the matter of ridding Mer Rouge of undesirable. I don't mean to say that they have driven people out of town. On the contrary they have, by the use of common sense, talk and tact, made good men of individuals who undoubtedly would have landed in jail sooner or later."

Asked to cite a particular instance where the Klan had been responsible for turning a lawbreaker into a good citizen, the former mayor stated:

"I know dozens of them but I do not care to talk about the activities of the Klan at this time."

Former United States District Attorney Robert R. Carman of counsel for the accused, stated he would fight any effort at extradition by the Louisiana governor.

Did Not Flee. "Dr. McKoin did not flee from Louisiana after the trouble at Mer Rouge," he said. "He remained there for many weeks after the death of the two men. He was with his father 30 miles away from Mer Rouge from August until October, when he came to Baltimore at the request of Dr. Young who offered to permit him to associate with him at the Johns Hopkins hospital. The mayor placed himself at the disposal of the district attorney of the county and was in consultation with him for a long time before he left. There was nothing for him to hide and he gave whatever information he had at his command."

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST OF DR. MCKOIN

Makes It Unnecessary For State To Show Its Hand By Producing Evidence—Sheriff To Baton Rouge For Requisition Papers.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 28.—Chief interest in the Morehouse kidnapping case was shifted today to New Orleans, where Governor John M. Parker is scheduled to hold a conference with Attorney General Coco and special prosecutor St. Clair Adams, appointed by the governor to assist to the attorney general's office in presenting the state's case at the open hearing to be held here January 5, to discuss policies to be adopted at the hearing.

A warrant for the arrest of Dr. B. M. McKoin, who is held in Baltimore at the request of Governor Parker, was issued here yesterday on instructions from Attorney General Coco. Hearing on a writ of habeas corpus obtained yesterday by Dr. McKoin to prevent his return to Mer Rouge for questioning in connection with the kidnapping and killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, is scheduled to come up today in the Maryland city. The issuance of the warrant, it was believed, by state officials here, would make it unnecessary for the state to show its hand by producing whatever evidence it may have brought the doctor in his attempt to leave Louisiana. Advice from Baton Rouge stated that requisition papers would be issued as soon as the warrant was received there.

The masked mob, which kidnapped Daniels and Richards was composed of about 75 men, according to one of the investigators who has been following the case closely for several months. Members of the mob, the investigators asserted, came from the parishes of Morehouse, Ouachita, West Carroll, Richland and Franklin and from two counties in Arkansas. The identity of practically every member of the mob, it was said, is known to the authorities and it was additional to those already made will follow as the investigation proceeds.

Special Deputy Sheriff L. E. (Lynch) of Bastrop, who left here late yesterday for Baton Rouge to get requisition papers for the return of Dr. McKoin, was expected to reach the capital this morning.

Sheriff Carpenter, of Morehouse, said the deputy would probably leave Baton Rouge tonight for Baltimore with the papers and expressed the opinion that McKoin would be in the parish jail here by Tuesday.

District Judge Odum today said no date had been set for a preliminary trial for former Deputy Sheriff Jeff Byrd, net, the first man arrested in the case. The opening hearing is set for January 5th.

DR. MCKOIN LOSSES FIGHT IN HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS

McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., today lost his fight for immediate release on habeas corpus proceedings.

He was remanded without "prejudice" to give the Louisiana officials opportunity to present their case.

Dr. McKoin was arrested here Tuesday at the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana who accused him of murder in connection with the Morehouse parish kidnapping last August.

Three judges of the Baltimore supreme bench sitting in city courts, denied Dr. McKoin the right to bail.

A despatch from Attorney General Coco of Louisiana to States Attorney Leach stated that Dr. McKoin formerly of Baton Rouge and Thomas Richards, the despatch added that a deputy sheriff was on his way to Baltimore with the necessary papers in the case.

MANY CITIZENS COMING TO AID OF DR. MCKOIN

BASTROP, La., Dec. 28.—A number of citizens of Monroe are coming to the front ready to offer evidence that Dr. McKoin was not in Morehouse parish on the afternoon and night of August 24 when the Mer Rouge men were kidnapped.

Messengers are also being sent to the physician by persons who state they are willing to testify in his behalf and establish an alibi for him. Physicians of the fifth congressional district here also expressed a desire to be of assistance financially and otherwise, and have offered to raise \$10,000 to fight the case. Dr. McKoin was president of the fifth congressional district medical association, composed of physicians of several Louisiana parishes last year, and has a wide acquaintance with physicians of the district.

DR. RANKIN SAYS THERE IS NO EPIDEMIC OF FLU

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, stated today morning that there is not an epidemic of influenza over the State according to reports made to the health department. He said large numbers of cases had been reported from various sections of the state, but the disease is of a very mild form. Comparatively few cases of pneumonia have developed as a result of the disease, he said.

GREENSBORO POLICE GET GANG OF ROBBERS WHO PLANNED BIG HAUL SOON

Dope Sellers, Bank Robbers, Say The Greensboro Policemen.

OTHER ARRESTS POSSIBLE. One Of Biggest Hauls Made By State Police In Years.

GREENSBORO, Dec. 28.—The break up of a gang of professional burglars, dope sellers, bootleggers, gamblers and general bad men who were planning a big coup in or near Greensboro this week end in the burglarizing of three or four banks or stores is believed to have been effected yesterday by the Greensboro police department in the capture of three men and the obtaining of evidence that may lead to the arrest of others.

The work was declared last night by Chief of Police George P. Cratchfield to be the most important single job accomplished by the police in many months, possibly in many years.

As a result of a day of feverish activity the following arrests were made: Joseph Bruno, who was registered at the O. Henry under the name of H. R. Sterling and who also goes under the names of Joe Stern and Louis Isbell or Isbel or Isbelle, regarded by the police as the leader of the gang; Jack L. Mathewson, alias Charles Navella, arrested at Rea's cigar store with keys to rooms at the O. Henry and the Huffine and Harry Mullins, arrested at the O. Henry hotel, a well known figure to the police of Greensboro and other nearby cities, sometimes called "Gold Tooth Harry."

Find Burglar's Tools. In the room of Mathewson at the Huffine the police discovered a suitcase of burglars' tools, including nearly every possible instrument to be used in breaking in a building.

More important still, in the room of Bruno or Sterling at the O. Henry they found letters written by Bruno yesterday to friends and confederates relating in detail many of his activities of himself and his gang. The letters had just been written and had been placed in addressed envelopes ready for mailing. The police have already communicated with police in other cities regarding activities discussed and described in these letters and arrests will probably follow.

Bruno was apparently the leader of the gang. He registered at the O. Henry under the name of H. R. Sterling, Richmond, Va., yesterday morning between 7 and 7:30, but it is thought he had been in Greensboro some time. Through definite information, the police say, they now know that Bruno was planning the burglarizing of at least one bank and probably other banks, and several other places, probably stores.

The jobs were to be done Saturday and Sunday. Apparently it had been arranged originally to do the work during the past week end, but certain arrangements had not been completed. Bruno was acting, the police think, not only as leader but as advance man and had made many of the arrangements. On these matters Chief Cratchfield said last night that he was not guessing; it was the evidence. A great deal of it he said he wanted to hold back until the end of the trial.

As sidelines, and apparently as a means to keep in ready cash, the men arrested were actively engaged in selling cocaine, morphine and liquor, and they were planning to get hold of a hotel where they could conduct traffic in the morality and gambling. On all these points there is free discussion in the letters found in Bruno's room. These letters from important evidence not only in the present case but on criminal methods and practices in Greensboro and elsewhere.

Assistant Chief John S. Current has (Continued on page three.)

GREENSBORO POLICE ABANDON SEARCH FOR FOURTH MAN

GREENSBORO, Dec. 28.—Greensboro police today abandoned their search for the fourth member of a gang of burglars, cracksmen, gamblers and dope peddlers, which was continued last night following the arrest of three men giving their names as Joseph Bruno, alias Joe Stern, alias Louis Isbell; Jack L. Mathewson, alias Charles Navella, and Harry Mullins, known here as "Gold Tooth Harry."

Additional information which the city police have today led them to believe that these men had planned a series of robberies in Greensboro and this section during the next few days. This information is in letters found in the rooms of Bruno at a hotel here, where he was arrested. He had just written the letters, it is stated, and prepared them for mailing.

The fourth member of the gang is considered by the officers as the man who has had wide experience in the use of nitroglycerin in cracking safes. He is said by the police to be in New York city.

The officers are today working on the theory that the man under arrest participated in the postoffice robbery at Mt. Pleasant, near Concord, on November 10.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—Approximately \$323,000 in bonds has been subscribed to the \$600,000 building and endowment fund for Davidson college, Maxwell Lockhart, director of the campaign, announced here today. Sixty eight churches in the North Carolina Synod of the "Southern Presbyterian church have raised or exceeded their quotas and sixty others have raised at least half of theirs, he added.

30 Persons Injured In A Dust Explosion

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 27.—More than 30 persons are tonight suffering from burns and injuries resulting from a dust explosion and a fire in the mill of the Schreiber Flour and Cereal company here this afternoon. Estimates of the loss range from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Firemen searched in the ruins where a man was said to have been seen immediately after the explosion. This man, it was said, made two attempts to escape from the building through a window but each time seemed to lack strength and fell back into the flames. Company officials said all the men escaped from the building.

CHARLOTTE HAS ANOTHER EARLY MORNING FIRE

Thomas and Howard, Wholesale Grocers Suffer Loss—Erskine Boyce, Of Gastonia, Was One Of Owners Of Firm.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—The building occupied by the Thomas and Howard company, wholesale grocers, was destroyed with its contents here early today by fire of unknown origin. The loss which was partially covered by insurer was estimated as high as \$100,000.

The flames which appeared to have started in the rear of the structure were discovered about 2:30 a. m. by Vice-Inspector, a deputy sheriff who was driving into town in an automobile and saw them from a distance of about a mile. He hastened toward the fire and turned it in the alarm.

The building which was of brick construction which was one story high in front and two in the rear was at 405 South College street and had been completed during the present year. The company which has been in business since last September is the successor of Sloan and company and is a partnership consisting of C. E. Thomas, C. L. Howard, W. D. Phinton, E. E. Boyce and C. H. Woods. Mr. Phinton who is manager of the concern, said a large shipment of groceries was received Wednesday and that the company had a full stock on hand.

Adjoining buildings were not damaged to any extent.

BELIEVE ANOTHER CHILD DID THE SHOOTING

Brooklyn Detectives Judging From Course Of Bullet Think Small Child Fired The Shot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Brooklyn's keenest detectives, puzzled for a solution of the mysterious shooting of Theresia McCarthy, 10 year old school girl, in her home Tuesday, took note of the slightly upward course of the .22 caliber bullet that pierced her heart, disclosed by the autopsy, and today inclined more to the theory that another child of similar age was responsible for the tragedy.

The deduction was that the bullet's course would have been downward, rather than upward, had an older and taller person fired the shot, and in this belief the search was continued for one of Theresia's playmates, frightened into silence by the tragic consequences.

The police, working on various angles in the hope of the nearest clue and with a diagram over the city, have in custody James P. Conrad, of Brooklyn, 25, a collector, on complaint of the father of a six year Bronx girl, who was attacked by a man in the hallway of her home, December 6. The prisoner, the police said, is being investigated in connection with a similar complaint concerning a girl in East 89th street, Manhattan, 14 days later, and also in the case of the McCarthy girl. This far, however, nothing had been established, the police said, to connect this man with the Brooklyn mystery.

The slain child's mother has been unable to aid the police in identifying any person she thinks may have been entering the house to see Theresia while she was in the house during her absence.

"There were very few girls that Theresia ever played with in the house," she said, "and never were any boys here. Occasionally, on very cold nights she had one or two girls chums in the house to play."

Scores of mothers and children in the neighborhood have been questioned in an effort to trace the owner of a .22 caliber weapon. The pupils of St. Cecilia's school nearby also have been asked to help the detectives but none could recall a child having one.

NEW BERN HOST TO SUDAN TEMPLE SHRINERS

NEW BERN, Dec. 28.—New Bern was host today to members of the Ancient and Ambie Order of the Mystical Shrine here for the mid-winter ceremonial of Sudan Temple.

The session included a business meeting this morning followed by a parade in all the gaudy uniforms of the order, an oyster roast, the ceremonial session during the afternoon and a grand ball tonight.

Numbers of candidates for initiation at the ceremonial session this afternoon were attending the gathering along with hosts of Shriners from throughout the eastern part of the state and many from other sections.

COTTON MARKET

Receipts..... 5 Bales
Price..... 26 1/4 Cents

Columbus Police Unearth Plot To Blow Up Homes Of Five City Commissioners, Factory, Etc.

Police Say There Are Twelve Men Involved In Plot Which Was Hatched In Cemetery—Malcontents, Criminals, And Some Members Of Police Department Are Members Of Gang—Have All Their Names.

COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 28.—The Muscogee county grand jury will convene here today in extraordinary session to investigate the alleged bomb plot unearthed here yesterday which caused the police to place guards around the homes of the five city commissioners, an apartment house and a large factory. The police reported early today that there was no visible move made on the part of the alleged plotters last night.

The police continued their activity early today to obtain evidence to round up suspects and it is said they were ready to present to the grand jurors full details of the so-called plot which they claimed had been formulated to bring about wholesale destruction in this city.

Marshall Morton, a city commissioner, in a statement made public last night, claimed that the alleged plotters had planned their first attack early this morning. He said that he based his statement on what had taken place at a meeting of the alleged plotters held Tuesday night in a local cemetery.

In his statement he intimated that the authorities have the names of every man who attended the meeting, although it was supposed to have been held in the deepest secrecy. Another meeting had been planned for yesterday, but the activity of the police is believed to have called off this session.

The police say there are 12 men involved in the alleged plot, which includes members of the Columbus police department, malcontents, criminals and one or two persons from the Alabama cities located across the river from here. At a meeting of citizens called yesterday afternoon it was stated by the authorities that they had information to the effect that the plot was for the party to divide, each group going in automobiles carrying a quantity of T. N. T. and at the appointed moment to use the explosive on the property marked for destruction so that all the explosions will occur simultaneously.

The places to be destroyed, according to the police were the following: Residence of J. Homer Dimon, city commissioner and mayor.
Residence of Miss Anna Griffin, city commissioner.
Residence of Marshall Morton, city commissioner.
Residence of R. E. Diemakes, city commissioner.
Plant of the National Show Case Company, of which Mayor Dimon is president.

Dimon Court apartment, owned in part by Mayor Dimon.
Resolutions were adopted at the citizens' meeting to back the city commissioners to the limit in any step they should take to enforce the law, preserve order and protect life and property. Citizens offered their services to any extent needed in ridding Columbus of "this band of outlaws."

The disclosure of the alleged plot is regarded throughout the city as having probably checked a serious outbreak. Much alarm is being felt because of the recent disorders of this nature in Columbus. Some time ago three men assaulted H. Gordon Hinkle, then acting city manager.

On the night of May 21 last, the home of Mayor Dimon was dynamited, the front of the house being wrecked by the explosion of a bomb. Two men were charged with the outrage. One of them was acquitted and the other's case was also dropped.

The attack on the acting city manager, the bombing of the mayor's home and other outrages occurred within a short time after the inauguration of a commission form of government here. They were regarded as a protest of the lawless element against this form of municipal government and against the policy of law enforcement inaugurated.

CHARLOTTE FIRMS VIOLATED STATE CHILD LABOR LAW

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—Warrants charging violation of the state child labor law have been sworn out by M. M. Grey, county superintendent of public welfare, against the local representatives of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, S. H. Kress company and Belk Brothers, a department store. It was learned here today when F. A. Fischrupp, manager of the local Kress store, was brought into court for hearing.

Mr. Fischrupp admitted having employed two girls during the rush of the holiday trade without seeing to it that they were charged with the age certificates. J. Laurence Jones, counsel for the welfare superintendent, stated that Mr. Fischrupp had co-operated previously with the superintendent and that in this instance action against him would not be pressed.

Final judgment in the case of the Kress manager went over until settlement of the other cases. The Belk Brothers case was set for Friday, December 29, and that of the Postal for January 8.

Many violations of the child labor law in Charlotte have caused renewed activity on the part of Superintendent Grey, it was stated.

REPUBLICANS ARE SILENT OVER WILSON RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Without debate and with a chorus of ayes from democratic senators and silence from most of the republican side, the Senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, expressing "the pleasure and joy of the Senate" upon the recovery toward health of former President Wilson.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, South Carolina, fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight; Virginia, mostly cloudy and colder tonight; Friday fair.

Eddings Was Not Burned In Fire At Bessemer City; Mrs. Hough Unhurt

Searching Party Failed To Find Body Of Man Reported Burned—Mrs. Hough Was Not As Seriously Injured As At First Reported—All Household Goods Burned.

BESSEMER CITY, Dec. 27.—A searching party, with Chief of Police Porter Payne leading, passed the most of this morning going through the ruins of the fire and the only bodies found were those of Mr. J. D. Hought, aged 28 years, and his step son, Clarence Hought, aged 15 years. It was reported that two others were burned too, but this is not correct. One man, E. J. Eddings, cannot be accounted for, but Mr. Payne says he is positive there are no other bodies in the ruins. The burning house was kept by Mr. Underwood who says the first he knew of the fire was coming out of the dining room. It was reported that there were several children in the Hought family but, this, too, is incorrect. The family was employed at the Osage mill, and had only been here about two weeks. They are natives of Alabama. His mother is reported to be visiting at Salisbury, but in response to a message sent, she could not be found there, and that a brother George Harper lived at Madden, but he could not be found either. Mrs. Hought who was at first thought to be fatally hurt, is doing very well, and it will not be necessary to remove her to a hospital. When she was told today of the tragic death of her son and husband, she gave orders to have their remains buried in the cemetery here.

All of the household and kitchen effects belonging to the Underwoods, proprietors of the burning house, were entirely destroyed, the only things saved being the week's laundry that was away at the washerwoman's house. It is reported on good authority that there were approximately 80 bales of cotton in the warehouse. The people here are very much stirred up over the biggest fire in the history, and are fully aware that the place should have an up-to-date fire equipment.