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## BAD FIRE IN SMITHFIELD

ONE BLOCK IN GREAT DANGER.

Broke Out in White Star Company's Store Last Night About Midnight—This Store and W. M. Sanders' Buggy Wareroom Destroyed.—Losses in the Neighborhood of \$10,000.—Only Partly Covered by Insurance.—Heroic Work of Fire Company and Citizens Saved Adjoining Buildings.

Last night about 12 o'clock a fire broke out in the White Star Company's store and before it could be controlled two large brick stores and several thousand dollars worth of goods were either burned or very badly damaged.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Wall, the second truck operator at the depot here, who got off duty at 12 o'clock and was going to his room at the Myatt House. He at once gave the alarm and in a short while a large crowd of people, including the fire company, was on the scene doing their utmost to check the flames.

The fire must have originated in the cook-room of the White Star Company. In addition to fancy grocery line, the White Star Company, owned by Mr. C. M. Kirkman, conducts a cafe where oysters and meals are served.

The flames had gotten too much headway to save the building and it and the store-room adjoining on the west were destroyed with their contents. These two stores were owned by Mr. W. M. Sanders, one of which was filled with buggies, wagons, and a car-load of galvanized roofing.

But for the thick fire-wall between Mr. Woodall's building, occupied by Mr. N. B. Grantham as a clothing store, and the building occupied by the White Star Co., no efforts, however heroic, could have saved the remainder of the buildings on that side of the street to the Fuller corner.

At one time the front of N. B. Grantham's store was on fire but the flames were extinguished by the steady stream of water which was turned on.

The fire company with the aid of the citizens did magnificent work in confining the fire to the two stores burned. Mr. W. M. Sanders' large two-story store seemed in great danger for some time, but by constant watchfulness, it was saved. If the flames had got hold of this building the large hotel and bank, and perhaps postoffice and Herald office, would have been destroyed. The main cable of the Johnston County Telephone Co., which ran in front of the main building was melted down and the phone company put out of service temporarily.

The losses are approximately: W. M. Sanders—two stores, \$3,500; stock of buggies, wagons and roofing, \$2,500. Insurance on buildings, \$1,500. Insurance on goods, \$1,000.

White Star Company—stock of goods and soda fountain, estimated at \$2,000. Fully covered by insurance.

N. B. Grantham—stock of clothing and gents' furnishings, badly damaged by fire, smoke and water; partially covered by insurance.

Johnston County Telephone Co.—loss of cable and wires estimated at \$200 to \$300. Covered by insurance.

W. L. Woodall—Building occupied by N. B. Grantham badly damaged.

### Britons Read Solid Books.

The borrowing of novels is declining all over England, being not more than 15 per cent. of the work done by public libraries. In the public libraries of the United Kingdom there are 4,000,000 reference and 8,000,000 lending books; 11,000,000 reference books are consulted every year, according to the records, and at least an equal number are taken from the shelves and consulted without being recorded. Every year 60,000,000 books are lent for home reading. Giving further detail The Investigator states that the taste for history, biography and travel is on the wane; readers are all for science and sociology, and new books on socialism are always in demand.—Progress.

## DR. TAIT BUTLER RESIGNS.

State Veterinarian Leaves Department of Agriculture January First.

Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian, yesterday tendered his resignation to the State Board of Agriculture, to take effect January first, 1909. It is understood that he will edit an agricultural paper in Mississippi.

Dr. Butler has been with the department several years and to him is due the credit for inaugurating the successful crusade against the cattle tick in the Southern States, his work in North Carolina having demonstrated that the extermination of the tick was possible and practicable. During the past two years Dr. Butler has also been director of the farmers' institute work in this State.—News and Observer.

### Trial Marriage Lasted 8 Days.

Enid, Okla., Nov. 28.—After a trial marriage which lasted eight days and had crowded into it all the material elements of a cyclone, Merritt Mason, 80 years old, and Lucinda Mason, 76, appeared in court and asked for a divorce.

Judge Cullison, who had married them, granted it in self-defense.

Disregarding the pounding of the judge's gavel, the old man and the old woman ran a race telling what each thought of the other. Never, perhaps, in the history of Oklahoma courts were so much vituperative crimination and recrimination crowded into the same space of time.

After the court stenographer had despaired of keeping the testimony of Mason and his wife separate and the judge had mushroomed the end of his gavel the court silenced the couple long enough to say:

"The divorce is granted. Now will you shut up?"

### RACE FOR FIRST HONOR.

Sheriff Nowell, of Johnston, Claims First Place in Settlement of State Taxes.

There has been great rivalry—full of good feeling—between Sheriff R. M. Nowell, of Johnston county, and Sheriff Lanier, of Harnett county, for first honor in the annual settlement of State taxes. Both these worthy officials claim to have first place, and it is a question which is entitled to it. For twenty years Johnston has been the first county to make its settlement with the State Treasurer, and the expedition in the money matters of Johnston when Sheriff Ellington was in the official saddle, made for him a reputation that extended throughout the State. Sheriff Nowell has held office for two years and claims to have been the first sheriff to settle with the State Treasurer both years.

Yesterday Sheriff Nowell received the first clean receipt—No. 1—given to a sheriff. He is seriously ill at his home in Johnston and for this reason could not come to Raleigh in person. The settlement was made for him by Deputy Sheriff, A. M. Sanders and Mr. L. D. Debnam, Cashier of the Selma Bank. The amount was \$20,143.29.

Although Sheriff Lanier, of Harnett, settled last week, and thereby claims priority of settlement, Sheriff Nowell says that the law provides that final settlement cannot be made until the 30th of November, and that the taxes must be paid up to that date. The amount paid into the State Treasury by Sheriff Lanier, was \$9,300.

Sheriffs Nowell and Lanier are among the best county officials in the State, and their ambition to be first is worthy of emulation.—News and Observer, December 2nd.

### Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

## EXAMINATION GOES ON

ARCHBOLD GIVES THE REASON.

Just a Simple and Effective Form of Holding the Property of the Various Companies Together, He Explains—Vice President of the Octopus Declares That There Are Four Hundred Companies Competing For the World's Oil Business.

New York, Nov. 30.—The development of trade of the Standard Oil Company in foreign fields as a subject of evidence in the government's suit to dissolve the oil combination, gave John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard, an opportunity as a witness today to spread upon the records some interesting figures of the Standard's business in foreign countries. Of the total amount of illuminating oil refined by the Standard in 1906, Mr. Archbold stated that 63 per cent. was sold abroad. Export figures of the other years further showed that the Standard exported the major bulk of its illuminating oil.

The line of testimony with regard to the immense foreign trade indicates that one of the defenses of the Standard is that the present combination makes it possible to obtain this foreign trade, which the company will endeavor to show, brings a trade balance in favor of the United States. This foreign business, Mr. Archbold said, was secured in the face of the competition of four hundred foreign companies. He said that products of the Standard reach every part of the world and further declared that it was the aim of the company to reach direct every consumer in the far East, as was done in this country.

### Millions Dumped Back.

Testimony was given by Mr. Archbold that during the period of the Standard Oil trust, the trustees poured millions of the company's earnings back into the trust for the construction of new refineries and pipe lines.

Mr. Archbold, in giving the reason for the formation of the Standard Oil trust, said:

"It was done as a simple and effective form of holding the property. We are advised by counsel that neither the Standard Oil Company of Ohio nor any other corporation could effectually or safely perhaps, hold the property which was widespread in many States whose laws were restrictive of the rights of corporations. The trusteeship was suggested as a simple method of bringing together the property and form a token of ownership which would have a market value and enable the owners to have a more effective administration."

The witness said the trustees of the Standard Oil trust, after its organization, formed the Standard Oil Companies of New York and New Jersey to hold properties which had previously been held by Standard interests. The witness said the Standard companies of New York and New Jersey were still the same companies as those formed in 1882. The capital stock of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was \$3,000,000 in 1882, but was increased in 1892 to \$10,000,000 and in 1899 to \$110,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 was preferred.

### Has 400 Competitors.

There were 400 companies competing with the Standard for the world's market, Mr. Archbold said, and of these the capital of 253 companies was not known. The total capitalization of 147 capitalized foreign companies was \$274,915,185.

Mr. Archbold told of the difficulties in the introduction of refined oils abroad. There was much competition from oil interests of the Dutch, Indians, said Mr. Archbold, and the task of maintaining the business in the Orient was very difficult.

"Our State Department has helped us much," said Mr. Archbold. "In fact we have been better treated with reference to our foreign business than with our business at home."

There are 123 independent competitive refineries of oil in the country, said Mr. Archbold.

An adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

The winners of the Savannah automobile races were paid their prizes Wednesday, which consisted of \$20 gold pieces, the highest amount being \$4,000.

## PU YI ASCENDS THRONE

CHINESE NEW RULER CROWNED.

Ceremonies of Enthronement of Striking Interest—Include Obsequies to the Tablets of the Dead Emperor and Empress and Prostrations Before Pu Yi, the Infant Emperor.

Peking, China, Dec. 2.—The strict mourning which has been observed in this city since the death, a fortnight ago, of Emperor Kuang Hsu and the Dowager Empress of China, was suspended long enough this morning to permit the ascension to the Dragon throne of the baby emperor, Pu Yi, who became ruler of the kingdom under the name of Hsuan Tung.

The ceremonies were performed by officials of the highest rank and a number of coolies of the most humble classes in empire were brought into the palace to act as witnesses.

Following the ceremony an imperial edict proclaiming the ascension was issued. This communication contains also a grant of amnesty.

The ceremony of enthronement was one of striking interest. It included obsequies to the tablets of the dead emperor and empress and prostrations before the infant emperor.

The imperial program for the function ordered that music for the occasion be prepared but that not a single note be played; this because of the mourning of the court for their late majesties. The function began by the princes of the imperial family and the high officials of the empire kowtowing to the memorial tablets of their late majesties. After this they all kowtowed in turn to Pu Yi. Pu Yi then offered a sacrifice before the tablet of the emperor and the dowager empress.

After this he was relieved of his dress of mourning and clad with much care in a diminutive imperial garment embroidered with the imperial dragon. His nurses performed this duty with great attention and care. Thus arrayed the toddling emperor ascended the throne amid a fanfare of drums and firecrackers. He made his way alone and showed no need of assistance that willing hands would have given him had his little feet faltered. From the throne Pu Yi kowtowed to his stepmother, the dowager empress, Yi Yehonalla. He then received the kowtows, while still on the throne, of all the princes and officials present. He then descended from the throne and was again clad in his little dress of mourning.

In addition to granting amnesty for certain specified offenses, the edict rewards all imperial princes, princesses and dukes; it promotes all officials by one degree and bestows honor on their parents; it erases the demerits entered against minor officials; advances the degree of scholars; dismisses all pending petty criminal cases; excuses certain liabilities and grants bounties to the soldiers in the service of the empire.

### 76 WIDOWS AT BANQUET.

Guests of 84-Year-Old Widower, Who Is Seeking a Wife.

Portland, Oreg., Nov. 30.—W. C. Brown, known in the little town of Dallas, Oreg., as "Uncle Billy," entertained 76 widows at a banquet today. The number included all the widows in his town and the immediate vicinity. It was strictly an invitation affair, and if any were omitted it was by inadvertence.

"Uncle Billy" is a widower, and is looking for a wife. He is 84 years old today, and celebrated the event by inviting those whom he thought possible candidates for that position. The oldest of his guests was 91 and the youngest 25. He presided at the banquet and called upon many of the guests for toasts.

Another feature of the celebration was a shower of nickels he scattered from the courthouse steps to the small boys. He distributed \$100 in this way. He announced that a similar banquet will be an annual event the rest of his life, provided he does not marry meanwhile.

A pill in time that will save nine is Rings Little Liver Pill. For biliousness, sick headache constipation. They do not gripe. Price 25c. Sold by Hood Bros.

## FIVE IN DURANCE VILE.

Charged With the Murder of Dr. E. W. Smith in Raleigh on November 14th.

Tim Holderfield, "Red" Hopkins, Earle Cotton and his woman, Madge Earle, and Ed Chavis, the negro cabman, are behind the bars in the police station, each having been arrested on a warrant charging murder. Richard Williams, the negro cook and waiter, who was in the employ of Cotton at the Red Light Cafe, is also being detained, but the charge—if any—against him, is not known. The guilty persons, said an official last night, who robbed and disposed of Dr. Elbert W. Smith on Saturday night, November 14th, are those named above. They will be prosecuted upon the charge of murder, and the authorities expect to have the prisoners bound over to Wake criminal court upon that charge. The preliminary hearing will be not later than next Monday.—News and Observer.

### Presbyterian Papers to Consolidate.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 2.—Representatives of the four leading Presbyterian publications in the South, including the Southwestern Presbyterian, New Orleans; the Southern Presbyterian, of Atlanta; the Central Presbyterian, of Richmond, and the Presbyterian Standard, of Charlotte, Dr. R. P. Law, editor, are conferring here today, looking to a consolidation of all the papers merged into the Presbyterian Standard, of Charlotte. It is proposed to make one paper the official organ of the entire Southern Presbyterian church.

### FOUND A STRANGE TRIBE.

Negroes in Dutch Guiana Never Had Seen a White Man.

New York, Dec. 1.—R. H. Wymans, a lieutenant in the Dutch navy, arrived today on the Surinam, from South American ports, on his way back to Holland to report on an expedition he conducted into hitherto unexplored sections of Dutch Guiana. "We started out from Paramaribo," said Lieut. Wymans, "and proceeded more than 100 miles up the Surinam River. Later we cut across country to the Corantys River, a boundary between British Guiana and Dutch Guiana. We encountered a strange tribe of negroes. They spoke a language of their own, although study showed it to be a mixture of European tongues, with terms they had themselves added. Dutch and Portuguese were in the mixture, and there were many traces of English.

"These negroes appeared to have never before seen white men. They were probably descendants of negroes who had escaped from white masters on the coast centuries ago. They were very black, but not of the thick lipped sort. We found ourselves able to converse with them after a fashion, and when they found we had medical men with us they wanted to know cures for malaria."

Lieut. Wymans said there was much gold in the wild country, but that the cataracts on the journey, wild animals, and other obstacles were so many as to mean that extensive mining of the country could not be carried on with profit.

### TAFT TURNS WINE GLASS DOWN.

President-Elect Is "Not Going to Drink Anything Again, Ever."

New York, Nov. 28.—A special from Hot Springs to the World says: Comment was made at a small dinner last night on the fact that Mr. Taft's wine glass was turned down. "Yes, and it is going to stay turned down," he said. "I am not going to drink anything again, ever."

"You never did drink enough so that any one could notice it," said a boyhood friend present.

An organization invited Mr. Taft to a banquet "any time before you are inaugurated."

"What is the matter with these people?" the President-elect exclaimed. "Do they think I am going to be any different after I am inaugurated?"—Washington Post.

Personal experience with a tube of ManZan Pile Remedy will convince you it is immediate relief for all forms of Piles. Guaranteed. 50c. Sold by Hood Bros.

## FELL DOING HIS DUTY

SHERIFF STANLAND MURDERED.

Brunswick Officer Shot Down by Desperate Man in Lower Part of County. White Man Named Walker, Suspected of Storebreaking, Fired into Posse With Fatal Results Sunday Night—In Jail.

Sheriff Jackson Stanland, of Brunswick county, was shot and fatally wounded Sunday night by a white man named Walker upon whom he had a posse of three others were serving a warrant for storebreaking, the scene of the shooting being Walker's home, four miles below Shalotte, in a remote part of the county.

After lingering between life and death for 24 hours, Sheriff Stanland succumbed last night at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. James Williams, where he had been given constant attention by three physicians all day. Walker and two other white men, named Dudley and Leonard, who were arrested later, as confederates, most probably in the storebreaking, are in jail at Southport.

Walker is said to be a deserter from a United States Army post in Georgia and came to Brunswick several years ago, marrying a daughter of Mr. Frank Leonard, a well-to-do and highly respected citizen. He was a roving, shiftless fellow, and after several stores had been broken into he was suspected and a warrant was issued for his arrest. For a week or more the sheriff had been unable to locate him until Sunday night when he and three other officers, Messrs. John E. Robinson, A. S. White and James Long, came upon him at his home while he was at supper. Walker opened fire on the party with an army revolver or "pump gun," Sheriff Stanland falling with a bullet through his kidneys and another through the arm before the man was overpowered by other members of the posse. Walker fired nine times in all keeping his hand on the automatic revolver and pouring hot lead at his captors even after his arms were pinioned to his sides by the grasp of the other officers. Sheriff Stanland remained cool and as soon as he recovered himself walked into the yard and announced to his men that he was mortally wounded.—Wilmington Star, 1st.

### Burton Offered Place in Cabinet.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 2.—The Cleveland Plain Dealer tomorrow will say that Representative Theodore Burton, of Cleveland, has been offered by President-elect Taft the portfolio of Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Burton has taken the offer under consideration, but will make no reply to Mr. Taft until the Ohio Senatorial situation has been clarified. It is understood that President-elect Taft's action in tendering the secretaryship to Mr. Burton is made entirely without respect to the Senatorial fight in Ohio in which his brother, Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, is a prominent factor.

### HEAD OF ALIEN BUREAU.

Daniel J. Keefe Is Named for Immigration Post.

Daniel J. Keefe, president of the longshoremen's union, who yesterday was appointed by the President to succeed the late Frank A. Sargent as commissioner general of immigration, will shortly resign the leadership of that labor organization. He will enter upon his duties as head of the immigration bureau in about ten days, after he has wound up his affairs in Detroit, for which city he left last night, following a conference and dinner with Commissioner of Labor, Charles P. Neill. Mr. Keefe declined to discuss his appointment, but said it would not affect his relations with his labor organization.

The position of commissioner general of immigration has come to be recognized as one to be filled by a labor man. T. V. Powderly, at present division chief of the bureau of immigration, and a former holder of this office, was at one time grand chief of the Knights of Labor, and the late Frank Sargent was grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, before he entered the Federal service.—Washington Post, December 2nd.