

CITY'S FIREMEN CALLED TO MANY MORNING BLAZES

Two Houses on York Street Reduced Quickly to Ruins as Firefighters Battle in Ice and Cold

OTHERS ARE DAMAGED

Loss Estimated at \$10,000 Partially Covered by Insurance; Hose Lines Freeze When Uncoupled

As the chimneys of the two oldest houses of the winter this far, the fire department was called out four times in rapid succession this morning between daylight and 8:20 o'clock. The only important call, however, was from York street, in what is known as Sawyer town. This fire resulted in the total destruction of two houses and damage to two others, all occurred in the early morning. The home of Ben Johnson, colored, was ablaze from first floor to parrot when firemen arrived in response to the summons. All hydrants were frozen, and by the time the fire fighters were able to begin playing a stream on the fire, the house next door, owned and occupied by Ed Blanchard, was ablaze also. The house of William Holloman, next to Blanchard's, was damaged by water, and considerable of the furnishings were wrecked. All are on York street. Another house across the street from Johnson's was scorched badly.

Jipped



Mrs. Floy Cobb is tired of being the silent partner in a one-way partnership, so she has asked the Seattin (Wash.) courts for a divorce. Her husband made her help him in bootlegging trade, she testified, while the profits were \$3000 a month she only got \$38 in 18 months.

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Many Actions Scheduled for Disposal During Two Weeks' Term, with Judge Grady Presiding

DRAINAGE CASE IS UP

Present Commissioners Suing Predecessors in Office; Mrs. Penelope Lyon Seeking Reward

A crowded docket greeted Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, Monday at the opening of a two weeks' term of Superior Court here for the trial of civil actions only. From the standpoint of public interest, the most important cases to be taken up are actions by Mrs. Penelope Lyons against the Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Charlotte, and of the commissioners of Pasquotank Drainage District No. 1 against J. N. Williams and others, who were the predecessors in office of the present commissioners.

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Better Understanding Something New In Weeks

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Washington, Dec. 28.—To a considerable extent individuals of diverse races, national origins, religions, politics and walks in life can unite for certain purposes which all recognize as good. Generally, however, there are a few elements which refuse co-operation with some other few, upon any terms or on any end, no matter how desirable.

It's a commonplace that a period of intolerance has prevailed in this country, perhaps throughout the world in recent years. The Little Rock (Ark.) Ministerial Association attributed it to a lack of mutual understanding among differing racial, national, religious, political and social groups. With a view to remedying this state of affairs, the association induced the then governor, T. C. McRae, to proclaim a state-wide "Better Understanding Week."

As the "Week's" chairman, the association chose Rabbi Emanuel J. Jack, as its secretary, Father James P. Moran. The former was in Washington to attend the recent Red Cross conference, and while here, by the way, set the record of being the first rabbi in history to deliver the prayer which opens every session of the United States Senate.

Dry Week-End Indicated In Morning Court Session

A docket jammed to the eyebrows, figuratively expressing it, but without a single liquor case, that was the unusual record for an after-Sabbath session of recorder's court set here Monday morning. It appeared to bear out, in a degree, current rumors that the Christmas supply of "moonshine" had been exceedingly short; in fact, had dribbled away to practically nothing.

POPULARITY TANGO MAKES NEW COSTUME

London, Dec. 28.—The popularity of the tango in London has brought into vogue a new dancing costume for women, which is something like silk "plus fours." These are replacing the former "health-like dance frocks." The long steps of the tango demand freedom from the restrictions of the narrow skirt, and have brought in the "plus four" gown. When the wearer stands still the effect is merely that of a full skirted frock but immediately she begins sliding over the floor the divided effect is seen.

When Night Brings Out the Lights



This remarkable photograph shows the downtown district of Chicago at night. The illuminated tower in the foreground is that of the Methodist Temple.

Mrs. Perry Had Very Narrow Escape When Her Stove Exploded

Mrs. J. W. Perry of Oakley, wife of Pasquotank Highway Commissioner Perry, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury between 7 and 8 o'clock Monday morning when the water-bank of her kitchen stove exploded, scattering the stove in a thousand fragments, blowing a large hole through the ceiling, and shattering 20 panes of glass in various parts of the Perry residence. Yet Mrs. Perry, standing within two feet of the stove when the explosion occurred, escaped without a scratch.

She will, said Mr. Perry, who was in the city with J. T. Perry, the attorney, making arrangements to have the damage repaired, Monday morning shortly after the accident, "was trying to escape and had just turned away from the stove to the table when the whole stove, almost, went through the ceiling in an explosion that shook the house and jolted the earth. Had Mrs. Perry not turned away from the stove when she did or had the fragments been blown outward instead of upward, I don't like to think of what might have happened. The stove is a wreck, we haven't had a bit of breakfast, and there is some little other damage besides the broken windows and the hole in the ceiling, but I am being mighty lucky that nobody was hurt."

Another Christmas Rush Begins After Holiday In Elizabeth City's Stores

Many Folks Exchange Gifts That Fail to Fit; a Few Buy Presents for Friends Overlooked; Merchants Tackle Annual Inventory

With one Christmas rush ended, the stores closed Thursday night, another of a somewhat different kind began Saturday morning and continued through the day, in many Elizabeth City stores. This was in exchanging various articles, and in purchasing gifts for friends who had been overlooked before Christmas.

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The trouble is, not so much that the pies aren't pretty fair, but that old-timers say they don't equal the quality of those served in the Senate restaurants in the long ago when Senator Frye of Maine, as chairman of the committee on rules, shaped their policies. Senator pie, in those days won repute as the best in the United States.

Holidays Exact Big Death-Toll In State

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—Death cut a wide swath over Dixie over Christmas holidays. Three score and ten persons in the South met death through traffic accidents involving automobiles, motorcycles, trains and trolleys. In addition 475 persons were hurt. These figures were revealed by a survey of the Associated Press.

SAY COLUMBUS ALSO DISCOVERED BEANS

Paris, Dec. 28.—A new claim to immortality has been discovered on behalf of that great discoverer, Chris Columbus, and should rebound greatly to his fame in Boston, Columbus, among other cities, discovered America and her beans. The former had been a matter of common knowledge for some time; the latter discovery has just been rediscovered by Henri Leclere and placed before the world in an article in the Press Medicale.

PREMIER BRIAND IS VERY FOND FISHING

Paris, Dec. 28.—Fishing, just plain ordinary river fishing with hook and line, is the only sport practiced by Aristide Briand, premier of France, for the eighth time. In that he displays a spiritual kinship with the President Benjamin Harrison.

BUTLER WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION

Washington, Dec. 28.—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler today withdrew his resignation from the Marine Corps. Although the leave under which he had been serving as Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia would not expire until December 31, General Butler reported immediately for duty. Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the marine base there.

PEOPLE'S ARMY HAS EVACUATED TIENSIN

Tientsin, China, Dec. 28.—Most of the National Peoples Army, recently defeated in fighting around Tientsin, has evacuated the city.

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Determined to bring his 69th Congressional pie up to the level of any in the past, MacGregor spent much of his last summer's vacation in consultation with experts. He thought for awhile he had done pretty well.

When Congress convened early in December the first thing he did was to invite some of the oldsters, who still hark back wistfully to the Frye era, to try his pie.

The oldsters dined with them listlessly. "Ah, yes, very nice," they sighed, damning with faint praise, "but you should have tasted those pies of Frye's."

RED GRANGE AND COOLIDGE ARE EVEN
London, Dec. 28.—Red Grange and President Coolidge have been breaking about even in the British press in regard to the space devoted to their respective activities.

The President's brief answers to his wife's questions about the "sin sermon" were quoted extensively, and his attitude on tax reduction also has attracted much attention. Numerous stories are recalled pointing only to his economy in words but money as well, and both these attributes draw admiration here.

Grange's meteoric rise to football fame and the comment thereon have given the impression that he easily entered the millionaire class within a few weeks.

PERSHING SOON TO COME BACK HOME
Washington, Dec. 28.—Because of falling health General John J. Pershing is expected to return here in the next month from Africa, Chile, where he is representing President Coolidge on the Chilean-Peruvian arbitration over Tacna Arica. Details of his illness are not known here.

THREAT OF BIG FIRE HANGS OVER MIAMI
Miami, Dec. 28.—Fire of unknown cause, starting in tar on the Fletcher wharf off Miami Bay at noon today, was threatening adjoining harbor craft loaded with gasoline and building materials. All available fire apparatus was fighting the flames.

FREIGHTER RAMS A PASSENGER LINER
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 28.—In a heavy fog 30 miles north of here the Lady Cynthia, a passenger liner, last night rammed and sank the Cowichan, a freighter. The Cynthia picked up her 14 passengers and crew of 31.

ANDREWS AND PARTY ON WAY TO KEY WEST
Savannah, Georgia, Dec. 28.—Having completed inspection of the customs ports of entry and the Coast Guard prohibition units on the South Atlantic Seaboard except Florida, Assistant Secretary Andrews and party left here early today for Key West and Havana.

HERE FROM NEW YORK
Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood Dunstan of New York City are the guests of Mr. Dunstan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunstan, at their home on West Church street.

SHERIFF'S SON DEAD IN SHOOTING SCRAPE
Bishopville, S. C., Dec. 28.—Fazwell Scarborough was killed and his brother, Robert, perhaps fatally wounded in a shooting scrape with a number of negroes in a store near Manville street, miles from here last night. Both are sons of Sheriff Scarborough of Lee County.

Big Fire Loss For N. C. Furniture Co.

Hickory, North Carolina, Dec. 28.—Fire had wrought approximately \$175,000 damage to the N. C. Furniture Company here today and was still raging at 10:15 this morning, threatening nearby structures.

Later the fire was brought under control with no additional losses.