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Rain To-Day, cooler in west portion, brisk, possibly high southwest to northwest winds; Friday fair, warmer in west portion.

16 HORSES PERISH IN CHARLOTTE FIRE

Stiff Wind Fans Flames From Burning Stable Into Fury.

NEGRO'S CIGARETTE CAUSES \$50,000 CONFLAGRATION

In Midst of Excitement Negro Nurse Enters Burning Structure and Rescues Little Child—Ten Structures in All Were Consumed.

Special to Daily Industrial News.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 25.—Fire, that originated in the hayloft of the livery stables of J. C. Cochran & Bro., on North College street, shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, destroyed property to the value of \$50,000, sixteen horses perishing in the flames. The fire is presumed to have been caused by a negro's cigarette.

A strong southeast wind, preceding a storm, arose while the big bell was ringing the alarm, and this wind, fanning the flames into fury and kicking out blinding clouds of dust from dry streets, greatly hampered the work of the firemen. Adjoining the Cochran stables in the smaller stable of T. B. Hoover and next, on the corner, was the grocery store and boarding house of F. M. Hoover. The fire wiped out this corner, a vacant lot on the opposite corner precluding further progress, though it required diligent effort to save the stables of the J. W. Waldworth's Sons, the largest establishment of its kind in the South. Nearly all the stock and vehicles from the two burned stables were saved, except the 16 doomed animals that refused to be led from the burning structure.

Child Rescued By Nurse.

The most dramatic incident of the conflagration was the thrilling rescue of a little child by its nurse employed by Mr. F. M. Hoover. Unhindered by the astounded firemen the negro sprang up the ladder, disappeared in the black volume of smoke that poured from the second story windows, and in another moment appeared with the child in her arms and descended the ladder amid the cheering of thousands of admiring people.

The Burned Structures.

The buildings burned include Cochran's stables; Hoover's stables; Troutman's restaurant; Hoover's grocery store and boarding house; J. R. Hemphill's pressing club; Edward Campbell's grocery store; C. C. Moore's milk depot; Karasek's shoe shop and two small produce establishments. Ex-Mayor P. M. Brown and Zeke Johnson own all the burned property except the Hoover stables, that building being the property of Bishop T. H. Lomax.

NINE NEW CASES AT NEW ORLEANS

Sudden Increase of Fever Causes Surprise But Is Not Alarming.

CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED IN THE ULTIMATE RESULT

Health Authorities at Pensacola Believe the Fever Will be Eradicated Within Ten Days—Mississippi Releases Officials From Quarantine Service.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—Report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 9; total, 3,378. Deaths, 2; total, 439. New foci, 4. Cases under treatment, 54; cases discharged, 2,885.

The jump to nine new cases after the daily record had remained almost stationary for a week was something of a surprise to many, but it has caused no uneasiness or loss of confidence in the ultimate result. There are only 54 cases under treatment, and this number will be slowly but steadily decreased. Of the new cases three are above Canal street.

The last five days show a total of only 26 new cases as compared with 38 during the preceding five days, and 84 during the five days before.

Gradual Improvement at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 25.—The official summary up to 6 o'clock tonight is as follows: New cases, 8; total to date, 505; deaths today, 2; total, 70; cases discharged, 360; under treatment, 85.

Mississippi Calls Off the War.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 25.—The State Board of Health today released from service all health officers employed at infected points. No more fever bulletins will be issued from the office. The disease has practically run its course at all points, and while a few cases may develop at infected places, the campaign is at an end so far as the State Health Board is concerned.

Resigns in Travers' Favor.

New York, Oct. 25.—Charles A. Flammery tonight announced his resignation as Republican candidate for District Attorney, and appealed to the members of the party to support the candidacy of William Travers, Jr.

INVESTIGATION OF MUTUAL LIFE

Board of Trustees Decides to Sift the Company's Methods.

NET EARNINGS OF THE EQUITABLE INCREASING

Actuary McClintock Explains Some Dark Things About Policy Dividends—Wanted to Limit Amount of Business Written.

New York, Oct. 25.—More startling than the testimony before the legislative committee investigating the methods of insurance companies today was the announcement by President Richard A. McCurdy, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, that a committee of the board of trustees of his company had been appointed to investigate the company and its methods.

The members of the committee are William T. Bruesdale, Ellingham B. Morris and John W. Auchincloss, all prominent in the financial and business world. This action was taken at a meeting of the board today, and was the result of the insurance investigation by the board by President McCurdy. The committee will begin its work at once.

Still another interesting development in insurance matters was the statement issued today by President Morton, of the Equitable Life, showing that the receipts of that company for the nine months of this year exceeded the expenditures by \$16,723,197, an increase of over \$500,000 compared with the same period last year. Receipts from premiums on policies for the third quarter this year were over \$1,000,000 less than in 1904.

Adjourned for Election Purposes.

After an entire day given over to the examination of Emory McClintock, actuary of the Mutual Life, and the reading of column after column of figures, the legislative committee adjourned until November 8, the day after the municipal elections. This extended adjournment was taken to enable the members of the committee, who are candidates for re-election to the Assembly, to meet their constituencies and conduct their campaigns.

The testimony of Mr. McClintock was of a technical nature. A number of his explanations brought out the fact that his ideas were in many respects at variance with the established methods of insurance companies, and that of his own company in particular. This was especially apparent when the subject of deferred dividends was being inquired into. He said the word "deferred" was ambiguous and misleading, as it implied that dividends were accumulating or were paid at the end of each year. This company, he said, reserved the right when it wrote a policy, to say what amounts should be apportioned at the end of each dividend period.

Proposed Limit on Amount of Business.

Mr. McClintock also said he was strongly in favor of limiting the amount of business a company should write. He said an attempt had been made to come to an agreement with the New York Life and the Equitable Life to limit the amount of business done by each company to one billion dollars. This was finally increased to \$1,500,000,000, but James H. Hyde, of the Equitable, declined to enter the agreement, and then George W. Perkins, of the New York Life, objected. Mr. Hyde's reason was his ambition to make the Equitable the largest insurance company in the world. Mr. McClintock thought that a law limiting the amount of business would be a good thing, and felt sure the Mutual Life would lend its support to such legislation.

These views are contrary to those expressed by President McCurdy, of the Mutual, when he was on the stand. Mr. McCurdy did not think that any company's business should be limited even at the point when that business failed to be profitable to the company.

Apportionment of Dividends.

Mr. McClintock also thought that a law compelling the declaration of dividends at stated periods would be unwise. As to the method of computing the dividends that should be paid on a policy, he said the apportionment was made up on his judgment. It was not a matter of accurate calculation, but was based on the experience of previous years. The interest earned by the company, or the increase in the market valuation of the securities held by the company, Mr. McClintock said, were not taken into consideration in apportioning these dividends. He said that in 1903, when the dividends were reduced, the market value of the company's securities had decreased. In 1904, however, the securities rose in value so that eight millions of dollars, lost by the decrease the year before, were regained and a million in addition. The dividends were not increased for 1904, however, yet they were not cut. He was still on the stand at adjournment.

Young Erne Bests Young Corbett.

Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—Young Erne of this city, had slightly the better of the six-round fight with Young Corbett at the Washington Sporting Club here tonight.

ALMOST UNANIMOUS.



ROOSEVELT BOUND FOR NEW ORLEANS

After Busy Day at Little Rock and Memphis President Starts South.

BOOMING CONNON GREET THE NATION'S CHIEF

Yellow Fever Has No Terrors for President, and Accompanied by Loeb, Rixey, and McIlhenny, He Leaves Party at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 25.—President Roosevelt and his party arrived here tonight at 8:30 o'clock from Little Rock. The President's itinerary did not include a stop here longer than was necessary to switch his car to the Illinois Central tracks, the original program being that he would proceed at once to New Orleans. These plans were somewhat modified when a large crowd of citizens appeared at the Calhoun Street depot and loudly cheered the President and called upon him for a speech. The President acknowledged these greetings and proceeded to a hastily improvised stand from which he made a short address, dwelling upon what constitutes good citizenship.

Presidential Party Divided.

Several members of the President's party left the train here and departed for Washington. The President, Secretary Loeb, Surgeon General Rixey, and John H. McIlhenny left for New Orleans over the Illinois Central Railroad at 8:50 o'clock.

An unexpected greeting to the President was the firing of a Presidential salute by General Peter Trahey, who upon the occasion of the President's former visit to Memphis, received him at the depot with a salute of 21 guns.

PRESIDENT ROYALLY GREETED BY VETERANS

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 25.—President Roosevelt spent seven crowded hours in and around Little Rock today and his journey from Fort Logan H. Roots, on the north side of the Arkansas river to the city park in Little Rock, was marked by enthusiastic demonstrations of welcome by thousands of persons who lined the streets. While in Little Rock the President delivered two speeches, in one of which he denounced lynching, eliciting hearty applause. After the President's address before 40,000 persons in the city park at Little Rock, the party was taken to the Albert Pike Masonic Consistory, where luncheon was served. This function ended at 3:30 o'clock and the visitors then entered a special train at the Rock Island station to return to Memphis.

Greeted by Jefferson Davis.

Governor Jefferson Davis was the first to greet the President when the latter left the train this morning at Little Rock.

CORONER WILL HAVE BODY BROUGHT BACK

Autopsy Will Be Held in Raleigh to Ascertain Cause of Death of George Smith, Who Was Killed at Union Depot Last Sunday—Victim Was Not a Pickpocket.

Special to Daily Industrial News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 25.—The body of George Smith, the young man killed in the Union Station here Saturday during the duel between Bob Lileston and Fred Morris over a gambling row, will be brought back to Raleigh from Petersburg, Va., where it was carried for burial, and an autopsy will be held. The necessity for an autopsy was apparent in order to aid in determining which of the two combatants killed Smith; yet, by some misunderstanding, Edward Smith, brother of the deceased, was allowed to carry the body away Sunday without the ball being extracted.

This morning A. M. Smith, a well-dressed man from Washington City, arrived here. He says that he is the older brother of the dead man. Smith seemed deeply grieved over the tragedy, and told the officers that he would render any assistance possible in ferreting out the mystery. He readily consented to have the body brought back from Petersburg, where it has been embalmed, and, in obedience to his telegraphic instructions, it will be here early tomorrow morning. Smith had a long talk with Solicitor Jones, City Attorney Snow and Coroner Jordan, and he made a most favorable impression on these officers.

SHOTS FIRED IN DINING CAR; WOMEN FAINT

Dozen Passengers in Danger as Cooks Fight Over Crap Game.

Meadville, Pa., October 25.—The lives of a dozen people, several of them women, were endangered in an Erie dining car, near here today, when two negroes, employed in the car, started a shooting affray. One of the negroes afterward resorted to a cleaver, and badly cut his adversary.

Two of the women fainted when the men were fighting, but none of the occupants were injured, although many bullets fled over their heads.

The men, Andrew Porter and James Smith, quarreled in the kitchen of the car over a crap game. They were separated, but a moment later went into the dining compartment and opened fire on each other. When Smith's revolver was emptied, he drew a cleaver and cut Porter's face open.

Porter is in the hospital and Smith in jail.

The Governor's Secretary.

Special to Daily Industrial News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 25.—Governor Glenn has not announced the appointment of his private secretary. The position has been offered to Mayor Watt, of Reidsville, but it is understood that he has decided not to accept. It is semi-officially said now that A. P. Arrington, now chief clerk in the State Treasurer's office, will be the man.

RAILROAD BILLS AT NEXT SESSION

Elkins, Foraker and Cullom Have Measures to Be Introduced.

ARE SAID TO REFLECT THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Democrats Want a Bill of Their Own, But Some Will Act On Bryan's Advice to Support Roosevelt's Policy—Senate Committee to Meet.

R. H. McNEILL.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—In connection with an announcement today that the full Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce will meet here November 21st. There is knowledge that bills relating to the regulation of railway rates will be introduced by Senators Elkins, Foraker and Cullom. Senator Cullom, former chairman of the committee, and joint author with the late John H. Regan, of Texas, of the interstate commerce act, says that his bill will reflect the President's views on railway rate legislation. The Democrats are not disposed to accept a bill introduced by a Republican, and will probably rally around a purely party measure, although there is a disposition among some of them to act upon the advice given by William J. Bryan before his departure for Japan, and support the President's policy. The committee will probably remain in session until Congress convenes.

The bulletin on cotton issued by the Census Bureau today shows that more cotton was ginned in North Carolina up to October 18th this year than for the same period last year. The figures for four years are as follows: 1905, 25,298 bales; 1904, 309,067 bales; 1903, 232,009 bales; 1902, 292,726 in 1902. The active ginneries in the State number 2,604, as compared with 2,602 last year.

NEGRO DIVES THROUGH CAR

Fighter Makes Lively Dash to Get Away From Deputy Sheriff With Warrant.

Deputy Sheriff John Weatherill sat in his buggy yesterday and saw a negro, for whom he had a warrant, make a jump into one end of a freight car and a head-dive out of the other, land safely on his feet and sprint down the track before he could crawl out of the vehicle. The negro's name is Alston. He and another colored man named Wardell got into a fight and the latter took out a warrant for Alston's arrest, but Alston was too quick for the deputy.

INTER-URBAN ROAD SURE TO BE BUILT

Contract Signed in High Point to Carry the Work to Completion.

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High Point, N. C., Oct. 25.—All doubt has been removed as to the building of the High Point and Winston Inter-Urban Railway in the signing here yesterday of the contract for the construction work. The road will now be completed without delay. For a year or more this road has been the talk, and all along the promoters said it would be built. There were many who rather seriously doubted the undertaking, as several had talked of such a road before, but nothing came of the talk. However, these latter gentlemen from Danville, Va., came here determined to build the road if any encouragement was offered, and now the people of High Point will see the road in running order before many months. About two months ago rails were laid in the city. The construction will start at this end of the line, where the work was left off.

BOB MURRAY TO LIVE LUXURIOUSLY IN JAIL

He Will Furnish a Room, Supply His Own Meals and Carry on Business.

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Durham, N. C., Oct. 25.—Tomorrow morning W. R. Murray, known among his friends as Bob, will begin his two-years sentence for the killing of his uncle, J. S. Murray.

Arrangements have been made for the beginning of the sentence. Murray will be assigned to the same cell as that used by ex-Mayor M. E. McCown, who served thirty days for contempt of court in striking Judge Ward.

Murray will furnish his own cell. He will have placed a small single iron bedstead and he will supply his own bed-clothing and his own meals. As stated in the dispatch last evening he will keep in close touch with his business. He will ask the powers that be to give him the privilege of running a private telephone line from the cell to his business office, this being done with the understanding that it will be used by himself and manager in conducting the business.

Mrs. C. T. Bailey Dead.

Special to Daily Industrial News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 25.—Mrs. Mary Wimbush Bailey, wife of Postmaster C. T. Bailey, died this morning at 4:30 at her home here after a brief illness with erysipelas. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Church of the Good Shepherd, (Episcopal), of which she was a communicant. Mrs. Bailey is survived by one child, a little girl not two years old, and several half brothers and sisters.

Collateral Reported Missing.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 25.—Many of the outstanding notes held by the Enterprise National Bank have been paid within the last two days, but considerable trouble is resulting, it is said, over the discovery that in several instances the collateral that should have been attached to the notes were missing.

NO PRESIDENTIAL BEE IN MR. TAFT'S BONNET

Washington, Oct. 25.—The Post tomorrow will quote Secretary Taft as saying: "I have no intention of resigning from the cabinet to make a campaign for the presidency, and furthermore, I have no intention whatever of making a campaign for the office of the nation's chief executive. I am satisfied with my present place, and shall be pleased to remain in the cabinet as long as I can," said Mr. Taft.