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MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Over a Million Bushels Wheat Destroyed

BURNING OF A GRAIN ELEVATOR

Mighty Pillar of Fire by Night at East St. Louis, Entailing a Loss of Over \$1,000,000, Besides Destruction of Near-By Stables.

East St. Louis, Ill., Special.—The Union Elevator, containing a million bushels of wheat, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of more than \$1,000,000. The fire spread to the stables of the St. Louis Transfer Co., and 200 horses and 200 wagons were burned, as well as the stables. The fire started in a brick engine house 30 feet from the elevator. Before the arrival of the fire department the flames had spread to the elevator. Assistance was sent from St. Louis and the effects of the firemen were principally directed toward preventing the fire spreading to adjoining elevators and warehouses, the Union Elevator having been converted into furnace within a few minutes after it caught fire.

Seven dwelling houses were destroyed, being covered with burning oil by the explosion of four tanks. The occupants of the houses escaped unhurt.

The oil tanks which exploded were standing nearly 400 yards north of the elevator. They belonged to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

\$140,000 Fire at Valdosta, Ga.

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—A fire starting in the paint shop of the Henderson-Crawford Buggy Company caused a loss of \$140,000. The property destroyed being the paint shop of the buggy company, including the Georgia Southern Railway freight depot, eight loaded cars, 16 cottages, the Valdosta Laundry, and Armour Company's warehouse. The heaviest lossers are the Henderson-Crawford Buggy Company, which carried a stock valued at \$60,000 and occupied a building worth \$30,000. The company carried insurance for about two-thirds of this loss. The railroad losses were from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Much of the merchandise in the depot was carried out, though considerably damaged.

Factory Burns in New York.

New York, Special.—The six-story factory building at 107-113 Grand street at the corner of Mercer street, in the heart of the silk and linen district was burned with a loss exceeding \$250,000. Charles Schoonhouse & Sons, manufacturers of ribbons, lost \$100,000, fully insured, and Bernard, Ullman & Company, dealers in yarns, embroideries and braids, \$150,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was spectacular, bursting from all the windows within a few minutes after the first alarm was sounded. So many thousands of people were attracted to the scene that police reserves from eight down-town precincts had to be summoned. A fireman and a policeman were slightly hurt.

Not Half Over at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The Greene and Gaylor trial will enter upon its fifth week and the introduction of documentary evidence will be continued. It is expected that the week may see the close of evidence along this particular subject of contracts, which has been followed for the last few days, and that witnesses may be examined touching the character of the work done in the river and harbor improvements. The progress of the trial continues slow and it is not believed to be half over.

Fierce Rioting in Paris Church.

Paris, By Cable.—As a net result of rioting though the inventory was taken in but one church, that of St. Pierre-Groceillon, over 50 persons were severely injured and a further considerable number slightly injured. The latter included a number of police and firemen, who were almost blinded with cayenne pepper. Fifty arrests were made.

Storms in North Atlantic.

St. Johns', N. F., Special.—The steamer Ulunda, Captain Chambers, of the Furness-Allen Line, which sailed from Liverpool January 23, for St. Johns' and Halifax, arrived here after a stormy passage. Last Sunday during a hurricane a member of the crew was washed overboard and drowned. The steamer sustained sundry damages from being swept by seas. The schooner Canadian, Captain Miesner, which sailed from Cadiz December 30, for this port, also arrived bringing reports of terrible weather experienced in the North Atlantic.

CONGRESS AT WORK

What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

The Rate Bill.

Discussion of the railroad bill continued in the House. Incidental to it, two speeches, the efforts of Mr. Campbell (Kan.) and Martin (S. D.) took a wider range and swept the horizon of "trust evils" generally.

Mr. Bartlett (Ga.) a minority member of the committee reporting the bill, made a two hours' speech in which he discussed the legal and constitutional questions involved and advocated the passage of the bill as a proper remedy for an intolerable condition. The first speech, in opposition in the discussion, was made by Mr. Perkins (N. Y.). He based his opposition to government control of rates on an inherent aversion to government control of private enterprises. Red tape and fixed condition, he said were an inseparable part of government action on any matter.

A bill was passed granting a Federal charter to the Carnegie Foundation, for the advancement of teaching. The fund consists of \$10,000,000, the income of which is to furnish a pension to retired educators.

Shipping Bill in Senate.

The Senate passed thirty or forty miscellaneous bills and devoted several hours to the consideration of the shipping bill. Bills were passed authorizing the election of a Delegate in Congress from Alaska; authorizing the construction of a revenue cutter vessel for duty at Savannah, Ga.; authorizing the construction of a bridge across St. Andrew's Bay, Fla., by the Birmingham, Columbus & St. Andrews Railroad Company, and providing for lighthouses, fish cultural stations, etc.

Most of the time devoted to the shipping bill was consumed by Mr. Penrose in a set speech in support of the measure.

Mr. Tillman's resolution calling on the President to send the senate all the letters from the United States minister to Santo Domingo to the State Department in 1904, was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Tillman made no objection, but said that he only wanted light as to whether Santo Domingo had been coerced into the present arrangement. He said the newspapers had said that this was the case, while Mr. Patterson had said that the arrangement was made at the solicitation of the Dominican government.

After Mr. Tillman had made a brief statement concerning the bills holding railroads responsible for injuries to employes, Mr. Elkins withdrew his motion for their reference to the committee on the judiciary, thus leaving them with the committee on inter-State commerce.

Mr. Tillman said he had not been aware of the frequent change of reference for the bills. He said that he had been instrumental in the effort to secure the change of reference because the inter-State commerce committee was so much engaged on the railroad rate question.

At 2 o'clock the shop subsidy bill was taken up. Mr. Bacon said that he would be inclined to support the shipping bill if its operations were confined to granting aid in the way of liberal mail subsidies to steamship lines between ports of the United States and other ports with which there is now no direct communication, such, for instance, as the ports of South America. He believed that such lines should be encouraged. Mr. Spooner suggested that the bill would afford encouragement only to large concerns, as vessels would receive subsidy for but 10 years. Such vessels would then come into competition with subsidized ships, with the inevitable result, as he thought, of forcing their scale to the larger companies operating subsidized vessels.

Mr. Gallinger intimated a willingness to amend the bill to meet the objection.

Mr. Penrose declared that for 20 years after 1873 no trans-Atlantic vessels had been launched on the Delaware and that the record for thirty years was only ten while the Clyde had launched hundreds. He contended that American labor should be protected in the ship yards as well as in the factories.

Mr. Carter expressed the opinion that the bill would be endorsed by the entire Rocky Mountain region. Mr. Penrose declared the report that there was a ship building trust to be "a figment of the imagination."

Col. Mosby at White House.

Washington, Special.—Col. John S. Mosby, who commanded an independent Confederate cavalry force during the Civil War, presented to the President a letter written by General Jos. Wheeler, a week before his death, recommending the appointment of an Alabaman man to a Federal office. The President promised to give the matter consideration.

DEADLY EXPLOSION

Fire On Transport Threatened Great Destruction

SUSPICION OF DANGEROUS PLOT

At Pier in San Francisco, Transport Meade's Forward Hold Was Suffocating Furnace for Three Hours and Firemen Worked in Danger of Flames Reaching Tons of Explosives.

San Francisco, Special.—Three men were killed and 58 injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade \$2,000 as she lay at the Folsom street pier Thursday morning.

For three hours after midnight, the forward hold of the big troop ship was a suffocating furnace from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the after part of the vessel and the firemen worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment.

Owing probably to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manila Friday.

Major C. A. Devol, chief of the transport service, is investigating this theory with great care. He is having the cargo taken from compartment No. 2, where the fire started to ascertain the real cause of the disaster. The flames did not spread from compartment No. 2. Dock Captain DeBelieves that some of the officers had packed matches in their trunks and that some of these were ignited in loading.

A thousand pieces of baggage were ruined. Trunks, boxes, and barrels were water-soaked or burned. Wearing apparel and household furnishings were ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at \$50,000. The vessel is not seriously injured and will be ready to sail for Manila on Saturday.

For N. & W. Stock Fraud.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—C. S. Northrop, accused of using the United States mails to defraud was bound over by the United States Court at Omaha, Neb. He gave bond in the sum of \$2,000. Northrop is charged with having written letters while under the jurisdiction of the Omaha court by means of which he disposed of worthless Norfolk & Western stock.

Northrop, it is charged, secured in excess of \$20,000 by his operations in Knoxville and Jefferson City. Some of the land which he secured on money raised on alleged worthless stock was deeded back to parties involved, but in spite of this, Northrop is said to have gained several thousands.

Order Big Advance in Lumber.

Norfolk, Special.—The most sensational advances ever recorded in the price of lumber in the South Atlantic States was ordered at a meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association here Thursday.

The price on all grades of lumber was advanced \$2 a thousand feet for some of the better grades and \$5 on some other grades, principally the lower.

West Virginia Mine Disaster.

Roanoke, Special.—A report reached here of the terrible explosion which occurred about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon in what is called the "Ball Knob" Mine, No. 2, one of the operations of the Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company, near Delorme Mingo county, W. Va.

Up to 7:30 o'clock one miner already dead, and three others seriously injured, have been taken out of the shaft. The names of the victims are not yet known.

The victims are believed to number many more.

Kills Man Found With Wife.

Moultrie, Ga., Special.—Dr. R. C. Lindsey, a prominent physician of this city, returned to his home and found P. J. Williams with Mrs. Lindsey. Dr. Lindsey drew a revolver and opened fire upon Williams killing him instantly. At a late hour Dr. Lindsey was still at his office and no effort to arrest him had been made. The coroner has ordered an inquest.

SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

Gather in Greensboro and Arrange a Programme.

City Superintendent Walter Thompson, of Concord, President of the North Carolina Association of City Superintendents, through Superintendent I. C. Griffin, of Salisbury, Secretary, has announced the program for the convention of the Association to be held in Greensboro, February 8 to 10.

Former Superintendent Preston W. Search, whose reputation is national, will take part in the deliberations. He is regarded as one of the foremost educators in America.

A meeting of more than usual interest is expected, and there will be a large attendance.

The program is as follows: Thursday, 8 p. m.—Opening address—Supt. J. T. Alderman.

Address—Supt. Bruce Craven. Subject: The Effect of Moral Training in the Public School on the Community Life.

Discussion of Report of National Committee on History—Led by Supt. E. C. Brooks.

Friday—Report of Committee on High School Course of Study.

Report of Nature Study Committee.

Address—Differences in Children—Former Supt. Preston W. Search.

Discussion by Supts. F. H. Curtis and S. G. Harden.

Reports from Committees on Manual Training and Music.

Business.

Address, Educational Waste—Prof. J. I. Foust.

Address, Flexible Graduation—Hon. Preston W. Search.

Discussion, Supts. D. Matt. Thompson, W. S. Snipes.

Saturday—Unfinished business.

Wilson's Industrial News.

Wilson, Special.—From Mr. R. P. Watson, president of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade, we learn that during the month of January 1,200,952 pounds of leaf tobacco were sold on the local warehouse floors.

During January last year 1,539,978 pounds were sold. The total sales this season to date amount to 14,676,555 pounds against 13,006,864 pounds for the corresponding period last year. The cotton receipts this season to date amount to 9,500 bales, which is some smaller than the receipts last year for same time. The total receipts this season will be in the neighborhood of 15,000 bales, against 17,000 last season.

Husband Wins Odd Suit.

Durham, Special.—A most unusual case was settled by the court. This was to the title of a lot of land worth about \$1,000. In 1894 Mr. McD. Tilley and Miss Athalia Mangum were united in marriage. The husband thought she owned certain property, but after the marriage he found that she had sold it to her brothers and sisters for \$5 and love and affection.

He then brought suit to recover the property and the court held that he has a right to the property, and has so ordered. In holding this it was decided that to dispose of the property without letting her future husband know of the deal was a fraud on the marriage contract.

Homicide in Kinston.

Kinston, Special.—A homicide occurred at the home of Brvant Dixon, colored, near Kinston. A church festival was in progress at Dixon's home and Will Gilbert, colored, went there drunk and became diorally. Gilbert was ordered away by Dixon's wife. This enraged Gilbert, who was in the act of cutting the woman when Dixon shot at Gilbert, but struck his wife in the arm. Dixon again, striking Gilbert in the stomach, which caused death in a few minutes. Dixon is in jail.

Fire at Georgia Normal.

Athens, Ga., Special.—Science Hall, at the State Normal School, was completely destroyed by fire. The building was the contribution of James M. Smith, Geo. Foster Peabody and the State, and was to cost about \$30,000. It was just about completed and caught from a stove in the second story being used to dry the plastering.

The State Normal School fire brigade and citizens attempted to check the flames, the building being beyond the city limits.

The Discussion Was Spicy.

Winston-Salem, Special.—At a meeting of the Winston aldermen application was made in the name of the Winston Distilling Company for license to operate a large whiskey manufacturing plant in this city. After a lively and spicy discussion the application was withdrawn.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	11 1/2
Strict middling	11 1/8
Middling	11 1/4
Strict low middling	11 1/8
Good middling tinged	11 1-16
Stains	9 1/2 and 10

General Cotton Market.

Houston steady	10 15-16
Augusta quiet	11
Memphis quiet	11 3-16
St. Louis dull	11 1/4
Louisville dull	11 1/2
Galveston quiet and steady	11
New Orleans steady	10 7/8
Mobile steady	10 1/4
Mobile steady	10 3/4
Savannah quiet	10 1/2
Norfolk quiet	11
Baltimore nominal	11 1/2
New York quiet	11.35
Boston quiet	11.35
Philadelphia quiet	11.60

For Executive of the Laws.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn sends the following letter to every Sheriff in the State: "It is my duty to see that all laws are properly executed and, as some newspapers have those arising under the Watts and Ward acts, are not being enforced by county officers, I write this personal letter to urge you and your deputies to do everything in your power to rigidly and promptly execute all laws. The best way to suppress crime is to bring about quick detection and sure punishment. Counties in which peace and good order most prevail are those in which officers are most efficient and watchful. I would call your attention especially to sections 3533, 3534 and 3526 of the new code, or chapter 498, sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, acts of 1905 setting forth your duty, and trust you will let nothing interfere with your promptly carrying out those provisions by having warrants sworn out and executed."

"Our State was never more prosperous in its history than it is today, so let none of us, upon whom has been placed the duty of preserving order, shirk this duty, but let us do all we can to bring all criminals to speedy justice by offering rewards, or by asking for requisitions from other States, when needed. I assure you, you shall have my hearty assistance in seeing that every citizen and community shall be protected from lawlessness and violation of plain statutes."

The Governor requests all newspapers and citizens who know of any officers refusing or neglecting to discharge their duties not to make a general reflection on all officers by saying they fail to do their duty, but to call his attention to the officers so acting, and he will at once put the matters in the hands of the solicitor of the district for investigation and, if found to be true, he will see that said officer is prosecuted and punished according to law. The Governor does not think it is right to make faithful officers suffer for the wrong doing of bad ones, hence his suggestion that charges be made special and not general.

Farmers Institute Held.

Currituck, Special.—A Farmers' Institute has just been held at Currituck Court House. There were two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Questions of interest were discussed by Dr. H. H. Hume, State Horticulturist, and by Mr. T. B. Parker. The attendance was quite large.

New Twin-City Concern.

Winston-Salem Special.—Letters of incorporation have been sent to the secretary of State at Raleigh, incorporating the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, which company will take over the business of Brown & Williamson, tobacco manufacturers, of this city. The incorporators are Geo. T. Brown, Robert L. Williamson and Walter R. Leak, of this city.

The authorized capital stock is \$1,000,000, of which \$400,000 has been paid in.

This is the Approved Method. She runs to the gate as he comes, there to meet him: The joy that she feels in her smile is expressed. With wifely embraces she lovingly greets him: She knows he is weary and needs a good rest. But first, it is certain he ought to have dinner. He'll feel a deal better, she's sure, after that. The lady is what we would all call a winner. She knows what to do when she wants a new hat.

She wears his pet gown and she's mighty good looking: She has, which is lucky, his favorite daisy. The coffee is worthy the rest of the cooking: He seems to have all a mere mortal could wish. She talks to him gayly, her silvery laughter rings out at his joking so ready and pat. He has his suspicions of what she is after. But then it is cheap at the price of a hat.

She brings his old jacket when dinner is ended. His slippers and pipe, not forgetting And when on the lounge he is fairly extended. She gets out her basket to darn and to patch. Oh, syntax may sneer at the marriage relation. But what half so sweet as that nice, cosy chat? And what does it matter if soon conversation Insensitively turns to a new winter hat? —Chicago News.

Sweetest. Where the river brawls loud In the depths of the glen. And the trees bend above. I can see you again; I can see the blue grapes. And can hear the stream call Us away to the meadows. Where daisies are tall.

And the cliffs are as high. And as broken and brown. And the path that of old We so oft clambered down Still twists down its face. As it then used to do. Past each steep where of old I was glad to help you.

And I know where the shallows Sang sweetest to you. And I know that these memories Are sweeter by far Than the scenes of to-day. That I wander in are. —Houston Post.

Stories Told of Prof. Park. Prof. Park, so long the especial light at Andover Theological Seminary, when a young man studied in Germany. His acute mind made him the terror of the professors. The eminent Dr. Tholuck, after being driven into a corner in an argument with the young American, exclaimed, "Now I am sorry that Columbus discovered America."

When Prof. Park, at Andover, was asked by a student the reason for the tower of Pisa, he quickly answered: "No doubt the contractor did not pay his men promptly, so that they were compelled to put a lean on the tower."

Prof. Park was very particular to call his students by name. One day he met a man by the name of Jones. Not wishing to betray the fact that he could not recall his name, he said: "By the way, how do you spell your name?" The student with some surprise, exclaimed: "Jo-n-o-s. Is there any other way of spelling it?"

Father is always after us children to save our money. "And do you follow his advice?" "We did for a while, but what's the use? The old man borrows it all. So. 6-'06.

OVER SEA HABIT

Difference on This Side the Water.

The persistent effect upon the heart of caffeine in coffee cannot but result in the gravest conditions, in time.

Each attack of the drug (and that means each cup of coffee) weakens the organs a little more, and the end is almost a matter of mathematical demonstration. A lady writes from a Western State:

"I am of German descent and it was natural that I should learn at a very early age to drink coffee. Until I was twenty-three years old I drank scarcely anything else at my meals.

"A few years ago I began to be affected by a steadily increasing nervousness, which eventually developed into a distressing heart trouble that made me very weak and miserable. Then, some three years ago, was added asthma in its worst form. My sufferings from these things can be better imagined than described.

"During all this time my husband realized more fully than I did that coffee was injurious to me, and made every effort to make me stop.

"Finally it was decided a few months ago, to quit the use of coffee absolutely, and to adopt Postum Food Coffee as our hot table drink. I had but little idea that it would help me, but consented to try it to please my husband. I prepared it very carefully, exactly according to directions, and was delighted with its delicious flavor and refreshing qualities.

"Just so soon as the poison from the coffee had time to get out of my system the nutritive properties of the Postum began to build me up, and I am now fully recovered from all my nervousness, heart trouble and asthma. I gladly acknowledge that now, for the first time in years, I enjoy perfect health, and that I owe it all to Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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