# CONGRESSMAN S. M. BRINSON BE BURIED TODAY

# Bold Robbery Occurred in Heart of City Last Night

## HARDWARE STORE IN **BUSINESS DISTRICT** VISITED BY THIEVES

Robbers Gain Entrance To Rhodes and Kehoe's Establishment in Early Hours of Last Evening And Open Safe and Cash Register, Getting Away With \$200 And

One of the boldest and most daring robberies to occur in this city in a long while, took place between 6 o'clock and 9:15 o'-clock last evening, when an unknown party or parties broke into Rhodes and Keboe's hard-ware store at No. 86 Middle street, right in the heart of the city, managed to open the big safe in the office and took there-from \$250 and a gold watch worth \$75. In addition to the money and watch taken from the safe, the thief or thices also went into the cash register and took therefrom 35 cents, all the

cash that it contained.

The robbery was discovered by Mr. Claude White, who is emchaude White, who is emed by the firm and who went
the store shortly after nine
ock for the purpose of using
telephone. Going back to the
telephone that one of the
windows was open and that
safe doors were also open.

been taken by the intruder. Fur-ther investigation brought angles light the fact that the cash reg-light the fact that the cash reg-light that also been investigated and its contents takens

How the safe was opened is a mestery. Mr. Kehoe stated that he had placed the day's receipts in the safe before closing for the night, and after closing the doors, turned the combination knob. There was a possibility, be admitted, that in turning the knob he did not get it full a-round and the thief slowly turned this back until the tumblers fell, gained access, secured the money and watch and left via the window route, through which lie had entered.

That the thief or thieves had fair knowledge of the store and a fair knowledge of the store and the location of the various things therein seems probable. This fact is substantiated by the nerviness of the burglary so early in the night and in a building which hundreds of persons were passing every hour. However, the management of the store had no idea as to the identity of guilty party or parties and the police were also in the dark.

sons who were in that section during the early evening were questioned as to whicher they had seen suspicious characters hanging about the place, but, so far as is known, no one of this type was seen about the

DWELLING HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A two-story frame building owned by Edna Bray and located in Sutton's alley, was practically destroyed by fire early this morning. Edna Hill, colered, who occupied the building, escaped with her small grandson, and few articles of wearing apparel. general alarm called both trucks to the scene and the fire was soon under

B. Y. P. U. Prayer Meeting ... The Junior B. Y. P. U., of the Tabernacle Baptist church will conduct a prayer service Friday night at 7 o'clock at the home of Miss O'lie Maud Boone, on George street,

#### Tons of Powder Explode: One Is Known Be Dead

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, W. Va., April James Hill, foreman for the umbia Salvage Corporation, was blown into bits about 11:30 o'clock this morning when an explosion of 20,00 pounds of black powder occurred in an ammunition salvage magazine near the ordnance depot. North Charleston. More than fifty box cars were damaged, and twenty were wrecked. It has not been determ-ined what caused the blast. TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW BERN

We are all deeply touched and mourn the death of our distinguished townsman, Henorable S. M. Brinson. Rarely has there been reared in any community a gentleman of such noble character, possessing the traits of many fine qualities which made him a distinguished citizen and statesman, and endeared him to the hearts of us all. Therefore I feel it fit and proper, in respect to the memory of him whom we all held in love and esteem, to reouest all business houses to close their respective places of cosiness this afternoon. between the hours of three and four o'clock in honor of

him who served so well. Very respectfully, EDWARD CLARK,

Mayor.

April, 14, 1922.

Choir Of Centenary Methodist Church Directed by Mr. Wilson Will Render It

Sunday night the cantata "From epulchre to Throne" will be rendered by the choir of Centenary Metholist church, and the public is cordially invited to attend the service. The choir, under the direction of

B. D. Wilson, has been rehearsing for ome time, and as this cantata has nat een sung in New Bern before, a large ongregation is expected.

HOME BURNS REELSBORO. A report received here yesterday norning by Mr. Jesse Dixon, of Reelsboro calling him home was to the efhome could not be ascertained, but it be on hand. was stated that some insurance was carried on the house and contents. Reports current last night that sevdents at a late hour.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT FOR MR. BRINSON PASSED

Rotary Club of Which Disting uished Man Was Member Pays Its Respects

EBY NAMED PRESIDENT

Election of Officers A Feature of Meeting; Songfest Is Enjoyed by Rotes

Mr. Clyde Eby was last night elected, president of the New Bern Rotary club to succeed Mr. William Dunn, Jr , in a meeting of the board of directors which was held immediately after the regular weekly luncheon which was served in the domes tie science room at the high school by Miss Lillian Chamberlain and her class.

On mo' on of Mr. Harry Jacobs the club last night voted resolution of respons to Hon. Samuel Mitchel Brinson who had been an honorar member of the New Bern club for several years. A treasure that is rrized by the organization is the gavel presented to the club by Mr. Brinson. It was made at his request from a piece of timber from an historic battleship.

The other officers elected were Messrs. John M. Aberly, vice-presi dent; and Mr. Albert Willis, secretary, to succeed himself for his second term. The board of directors named with 39 members voting were Messrs. Eby, Aberly, Willis, Willian Bunn, C. L. Ives, L. I. Moore, and H. M. Jacobs.

A distinctive feature of the meetgram led by Prof. Martin, evangeiical singer, who has charge of the music at the First Baptist church during the revival. He is a Kiwanian of Lynchburg, Va., and an artist in his work. For twenty minutes the Rotarians enjoyed the lusty singing f old favorites.

Selection of a site for a camp for he boy scouts organization was an ounced by Mr. L. H. Cutler o he boys work committee, and ommittee of Messrs. Cutler and H B. Smith appointed by Presiden Dunn to act jointly with a like committee from the Kiwanis club to ascertain the actual cost of erecting and equipping three buildings, two shacks and a mess hall on the site According to Secretary Harrell the

site is located down Neuse river bout eight and a half miles from New Bern and measures two and half acres square, fronting on the

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. L. I. Moore's invitation to the club to be his guests at a barbecue at his farm next Wednesday at 1:30 in the afternoon was accepted by unanimous vote. Autos will leave feet that his home burned down a few the Elks Temple at 12:30 Wedneshours before noon. The value of the day and Rotarians are expected to

ATTENTION, ELKS

Members of the New Bern lodge eral homes had burned ir Bridgeton of Elks are requested to meet at their Predicts That Its Operation fom the forest fire that has raged there lodge rooms at 9:40 this morning to for several days was denied by resi- attend the funeral of their brother,

### BERKLEY, VA. IS SWEPT BY THE WORST FIRE IN HISTORY OF THE PLACE

Fire Destroys More Than One Hundred Houses and Leaves Five Hundred Families Homeless; Covered An Area of More Than One Mile; Loss is Estimated to Be Nearly \$1,000,000

(By Associated Press)

NORFOLK, VA., April 13 .- Berkev. a suburb of Norfolk, was swept by fire this afternoon which destroyed nore than one hundred houses covering an area one mile in length and averaging from two to four blocks in width. Five hundred families are extimated to have been made homeless and the damage will run to nearly a ties and towns in the vicinity of Berkmillion dollars.

The blaze originated in the Tunis Lumber mills, on the southern branch which soon reached Liberty street, one of the Elizabeth river, late this afternoon. Mrs. George Lacey, whose cousin is a watchman at the Tunis docks, discovered the fire from a houseboat in which she and her husband are living. Lacey being ill, she took him to shore in a row boat and then turned in an alarm.

Within fifty yards of the dock where the fire began are the St. Helena Oil Company docks. Three steamers in the river were burned, catching from

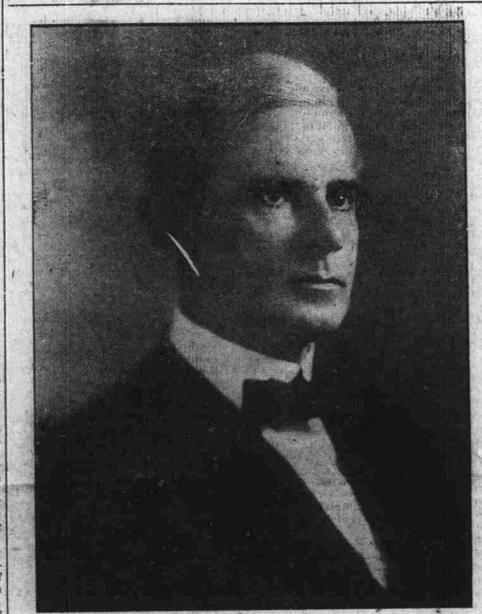
yards or more. Most of the houses in the patch were negro homes of wooden construction. They were as dry as tinder and a few sparks only were re quired to set them afire. At one time there were nine different fires blazing in different places simultaneously.

Although the fire department, both civilian and the navy, from all the ci ley, were called into service, they were helpless against the spreading flames, of the oldest business streets of the

Baptist church, built fifteen years re-writing practically all of the ad tained and could be counted on absoago at a cost of \$100,000 was destroy- valorem rates in the bill. ed. For a time it appeared that a; were at a safe distance from the fire After four hours the fire appeared to have reached its climax, although it he sparks being carried one hundred al parts of the town,

# REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIRD DISTRICT IN CONGRESS DIES FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS Congressman Samuel M. Brinson Died at Loca

HON. SAMUEL MITCHELL BRINSON.



#### DEMOCRAT'S DRIVE FACTIONS IN HOUSE **ON ADMINISTRATION** TARIFF BILL IS ON

Senator Simmons Opens the At- Naval Bill Will Be Fought For tack on Measure With A Warm Speech

SAYS IT IS UN-AMERICAN SAID TO BE IN NO DANGER

Will "Penalize Our Export Business"

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- The demcratic attack on the administration ariff bill was opened today by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking member of the senate finance committee, who, in a statement, characerized it as "the most up-American oill ever framed." He predicted that ts operation would "penalize our exort business, which will mean in the crease unemployment on the farms, n the mines and in the factories,"

At the same time senators of the reconsideration of rates in the measure American valuation at the meeting.

members on record as favoring it, but real test before adjournment for the nany of them are strongly impressed night. with the principle."

Pending a decision on the question by the bloc, Sen. Gooding would not say whether a fight for American valuation would be made on the floor. He said, however, that it might be difficult to have the valuation basis

At their session today, the bloc mem large gas tank owned by the Munici-, bers, after hearing spokesmen for the pal gas plant was doomed, but the South Carolina association, decided gas was turned off by means of safety to support the increased rate asked valves, the opening of valves which fof by the association on peanuts, rice

> Some men think they know encyclopedia for mistakes.

# READY FOR A SHOW

and Against on Saturday

Suggested Delay Until After Easter Is Not to Be Countenanced

WASHINGTON, April .13 .- House actions upholding an opposing the able, gentle; always fighting for th 1923 naval bill, with its provisions right. for an enlisted force of 65,000 were lined up tonight for the first show down probably at Saturday, with both sides claiming victory.

There was no reason cmf wypa There was no ssesion today because of the death of Representative Brinend curtailment of production and in- son, of North Carolina, and meanwhile the round-up of members for and against the bill continued.

Satisfied the house would stand by publican agricultural tariff bloc held it as framed, chairman Kelley who is he first of a series of meetings for the handling the bill on its tempestous voyage, announced that he would not which were fixed by the finance com- agree to the proposal, put forward in mittee majority at figures below those some quarters, to delay until after the suggested by the bloc Sen. Gooding, of Easter holiday the vote on an amend-Idaho, chairman of the bloc, said also ment increasing the strength to eighty that it was the purpose to take up thousand. With easy sailing in the early stages, the enlisted personnel "There is a strong sentiment in the section ought to be reached late tosenate for American valuation." he morrow with enough debate under the said. "I do not want to put all of our five minute rule to prevent the, first

> Mr. Kelley and chairman Madden. of the appropriations committee, de clared the measure would be passed "It is in no danger," they said.

There was no estimate by members town, One block on Liberty street changed in the senate because of the seamen beyond their statement last was completely wiped out. A negro great task that would be involved in night that 194 pledges had been ob-

#### Roads Directors Been Re-elected

ROANOKE, VA., April 13 .- All diertors of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company were re-elected at The fire quickly spread to the north, was still blazing stubbornly in sever- much they ought to look through the the annual meeting of the stockholders here this morning.

Hospital Yesterday After An Illness of Several Weeks: While Not Unexpected, His Death Wa A Shock to the Entire State; Funeral Service Conducted this afternoon and Interment Ma were law students at the Unive

Hon. S. M. Brinson, Represcattative from the Third North Carolina District, passed away yesterday morning at 6:30 at the New Bern General hospital, following a critical illness there since last Saturday morning when he came home from Battle Creek, Mich., where in vain he had sought to stem the tide of failing health that dated back to the close of the campaign in 1918. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at three o'clock from the First Baptist church by Rev. W. A. Ayers, the pastor and the remains will be interred in Cedar Grove cemetery beside the late wife and young son of the deceased.

This city is under a pall of deep grief at the passing of Sam Brinson. And with the feeling of distinct loss that is felt here have come messages from over the state and nation expressing the universal sorrow death. Today New Bern will pause to pay Just tribute to this greatly loved man, joined by friends and associates from out-side who have valued his friend-

ship.

The end came peacefully, without pain or struggle. At six o'clock Mr. Brinson was still conscious and though desperately weak he maintained the same calmness and courage which won for him deep admiration all through the fearful hours of his last days. It seemed that the end was near, and attendants stood by. There was a slight restlessness and unconsciouness followed. Thirty minutes later he passed quietly away.

Mr. Brinson is survived by daughter, Miss Mary Steele Brinson who has been in school in Washington, and a brother, Hon. James M Brinson, prominent Montana lawyer who is in government service wit headquarters at Washington. Miss Brinson was summoned from there Wednesday, but was unable to reach here before her father's death. Hon. Thomas D. Warren, forme chairman of the state democratic ex ecutive committee, whose association with Mr. Brinson was marked by ar intimate friendship, in a statement to the press last night pays high trib ute to his long and valued friend "The death of Sam Brinson," Mr. Warren, "causes universal grie" and sorrow to the people of Nort! Carolina. He was greatly respected and deeply loved by all who knew him. No purer man has lived. Hi was a noble spirit, generous, charit

"He was candid: without guile deception. His heart was always ov erflowing with the milk of hur ar

"I first met him in 1895 when we

of North Carolina. We obtain licenses to practice at the same. and ever since have been intima associated and devoted friends; never knew a finer character.

and saw him pass quietly, with murmur or complaint. He was propared for the end. His life work was over but the meaning of the man and his virtues will survive for future

"The best years of Mr. Brinson life were spent in the cause of education—a cause very near and dea to his heart. He gave up his life work with great reluctance when called to represent his people in congress. His brief service there was signalized by fidelity and devotion to duty. He was rapidly rushing to the front ranks in that body, and but for his untimely death he would have made an enviable record

"I had known him so long and so well that the thought of separation and clean as a womani as ageous as any man I o Tis life was a bee new him. His life was a benediction to all w

Pall bearers who will officiate afternoon were appounded as follows: Messra W D. M. Roberts, Edward Clark, J., T. Hollister, R. A. Nunn and W.-P. Jones: honorary, Mesars, T., D. Warren, W. J. Lucas, H. P. White-hurst, J. A. Jones, W. P. Metts, and A. D. Ward.

Sketch of His Life Samuel Mitchell Brinson. he late William George and Rittle (Chestnut) Brinson, was born in this ity March 20 1870, and received his elementary and high school rening in the New Bern Acade of which he was later to begome trustee, a position held until death. The elder Brinson was -- a prominent man in Craven nd for many years was clerk he court here.

Two North Carolina culteres the University of North Carolina and Vake Forest College, claimed him heir son. Entering the latter at ge of seventeen, he was graduated with the class of '91. Mr. Srineba eturned to his home and taught in he graded schools for bue year. In 895 he matriculated in the univer-sity and read law until Pabriday of the following year when he is license to practice in North Carlina from the supreme court Mr. Brinson opened his office his city the same year. Taking ulte in the building in which ex-

was then and is still occupying. Whe superintendent of education in Cra ven county for many years, resign

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#### Delegation of Senators And Congressmen to Attend Funeral

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 13-The senate late today adopted resolutions presented by Senator Simmons expressing regret over Representative S. M. Brinson's death and also adjourned out of respect. Vice-Presi dent Coolidge appointed Senators Simmons and Overman, of North Carolina; Ashurst, democrat, Arizona; Carraway, democrat, Arkansas; Ladd, republican North Dakota, and Harreld, republican, Oklahoma, as a committee to attend the funeral.

WASHINGTON, April 13-Announcement of the death of Representative Brinson was made to the house today by Representative Pou, dean of the delegation, and as a mark of respect it adjourned.

Speaker Gillette appointed a committee of fifteen members to attend the funeral at New Bern tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Pou said that when Mr. Brinson realized his condition was serious and the end was near. he determined to return to North Carolina that he might die among his own people.