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Five Million Dollar Fire in City Of New Orleans

Vast Freight Terminals of Illinois Central Wiped Out

Twenty Thousand Bales of Cotton Destroyed—Dozen Squares of Splendid Wharves and Hundreds of Loaded Cars.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—Fire involving millions of dollars' loss in physical property and that strikes a serious, if temporary, blow at the immense export trade of New Orleans, swept the river front tonight and wiped out the vast freight terminals of the Illinois Central, known as the Stuyvesant docks. Nearly a dozen squares of modern wharves and freight sheds, two magnificent grain elevators, hundreds of loaded cars and vast quantities of freight, including 20,000 bales of cotton, were destroyed, together with a large number of small residences. The fire was still raging at midnight, at which time it had almost reached the upper end of the Illinois Central property. It has not yet been determined whether there has been any loss of life. The ocean-going shipping seems to have escaped serious damage. A number of firemen and employees of the docks were injured. Actual estimates of the losses are impossible tonight, though they may exceed \$5,000,000.

The Stuyvesant docks extended from Louisiana avenue to Napoleon avenue, a distance of twelve squares. The wharves between these two points were covered with miles of trackage and steel and iron sheds ran the whole distance. The two grain elevators were of the most modern construction, the upper one having a capacity of a million bushels. Thousands of bales of cotton, several thousand packages of sugar, great quantities of cotton seed oil and oil cakes, lumber and every conceivable variety of freight filled the warehouses and sheds. Practically all the export business handled by the Illinois Central was put aboard ships at these docks. The docks and improvements have been under construction for 10 years past, elaborate extensions and immense investments having been made after the constitutional convention of 1898 made it possible for the road to invest permanently at this point.

DISCOVERED AT 7 O'CLOCK.

The fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock. It was said to have resulted from a journal that had not been sufficiently oiled. The whole plant was equipped with gigantic water tanks and fire extinguishing apparatus, but the blaze, small at the beginning, almost instantly got beyond control, communicating through the conveyors to the lower elevator and some of the sheds. The response of the fire department was prompt, but owing to the fact that the terminals were inaccessible owing to fences and tracks the engines found difficulty in reaching the flames. In half an hour the fire covered two squares, the lower elevator was practically consumed and it was sweeping with irresistible fury both up and down the river. As soon as it became

known that the scene of the fire was the Stuyvesant docks, harbor tugs hastened to the wharves and vessels that were moored there were pulled out into the river.

At the same time switch engines were rushed to the wharves and hundreds of box cars loaded with freight were drawn to points above the upper end of the terminals before the fire reached them. Many hundreds more, however, were consumed.

An Attempted Murder.

Special to The State.

Bennettsville, Feb. 25.—There has just reached here a meagre account of an attempted murder in this county, 15 miles south of here, last Friday night. Tom Gray, the 18-year-old son of D. A. Gray, a prosperous planter, was cut and beaten into unconsciousness and left in a creek. There he was found the next morning, still unconscious. He was taken home, and it is now thought that he will recover. Your correspondent's informant says that it is not known positively who committed the assault, but suspicion points to several young men in the community who are thought to have had a grudge against young Gray.

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Union's Lawyers Not Ambitious for Roosevelt Appointment.

Special to News and Courier.

Union, Feb. 23.—Strange to say, Union is not putting forward any candidate for Federal appointments under the bill now pending before the United States Senate for the establishment of a new Western district. Nor has this town made any bids for the holding of a Federal Court here. Spartanburg seems rather hungry. She now has the solicitor and Judge of this circuit, but this does not satisfy her ambitious spirit. She wants the new district attorney, ship, and Congressman Johnson, a citizen of that town, seems resolved to defeat the bill for a new Federal district unless the Senate agrees to provide for a term of Court there. To say the least, Spartanburg is not overly modest in her demands.

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Carnegie Proposes Giving University of Virginia Half a Million Dollars.

Washington, February 24.—It was reliably reported in Washington last night that Andrew Carnegie had offered to give \$500,000 to the University of Virginia on the condition that the authorities of the institution would raise a similar amount from other sources. Mr Carnegie's offer, it is stated, was made several days ago and will be accepted.

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Fire Kills Three at Hot Springs.

One Million Dollar Property Loss—One Hundred Houses, Including Court House and Jail Being Destroyed. Bucket Brigade Was

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 25.—Fire swept over the southern portion of this city today, doing immense damage and causing the death of three persons. The losses are variously estimated at from one to two million dollars. Besides three charred corpses found among the ruins several persons are reported missing. The death list may be increased. The identity of the victims has not been established, and probably never will be, as they are so badly burned.

The fire started at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Grand Central hotel.

A high wind was blowing and the flames quickly spread to the southwest.

The Plateau Hotel, the Hotel Moody, the Garnier flats and several lodging houses were quickly destroyed.

The firemen put forth every effort to save the county court house and jail, but their efforts were of no avail, both structures being consumed. Many valuable records were burned and the 20 prisoners in the jail were rescued with great difficulty.

The Jewish Synagogue, Central Methodist Church, and the residences of Mayor Belding and Sheriff Williams were completely destroyed.

About one hundred houses were destroyed before the flames were checked.

Over 2,000 people are homeless. Fortunately, the cold weather has passed and springlike temperature prevails.

Springs Gets Two Years

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22.—Will Springs, who a few weeks ago killed Rural Officer S. B. Cole and also shot but not seriously injured S. B. Nabors, while they were endeavoring to arrest him, was today convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in prison.

Cole was without authority to arrest Springs and the judge charged if Springs had not fired on Cole after he fell he should be acquitted.

Well Known Atlanta Man Dies by Own Hands.

Atlanta, Feb. 23.—Col. Charles S. Arnal, one of the best known insurance men in the south and a distinguished citizen of Atlanta, committed suicide today at his residence by shooting. No reason is known for the act. He represents a Hartford, Conn., company.

Japs Gain Victory.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Sachetun dated February 24, says:

"The Japanese in superior numbers forced the Russians detachment at Tsinkhetchen to abandon their base at Beresnoff Hill. The battle has been desperate on both sides. The result is not yet known."

Dr. J. W. Flinn Resigns.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, February, 24.—Dr. J. William Flinn, who for many years, has filled the chair of moral philosophy, tendered his resignation. It was accepted to take effect at the close of the present session. Dr. Flinn has for seventeen years been connected with the College, and is much beloved by the young men who have been under him.

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Gives One Thousand.

Columbia, Feb. 24.—As a contribution to the fund for the organization of cotton growers the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has sent a check for \$1,000. The accompanying letter states that the company is thoroughly in sympathy with the movement.

For Coughs—at your druggist or direct from *Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.*—*Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar. 25c for large size bottle.*

Oil Can Exploded With Fatal Results.

Charlotte, N. C. Feb. 25.—A six year old daughter of A. J. Clemmer was burned to death at Lowell, N. C., today, her mother probably fatally burned and two other children seriously injured as the result of the explosion of an oil can. One of the children was pouring oil into a wood heater containing fire.

FIENDISH SUFFERING

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at Funderburk Pharmacy, J. F. Mackey & Co., and Crawford Bros., drug stores; guaranteed.

Action of the Edgefield Farmers.

Special to News and Courier.

Edgefield, Feb. 24.—The following resolution, passed by the Edgefield Cotton Growers' Association generally conceded to be most equitable and just, has gone far toward reconciling the renters of land to the plan of reducing the cotton acreage 25 per cent, and is given in hope that the other counties of the State may heed the worthy example and take similar action:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Edgefield Cotton Growers' Association that in order to insure absolute fairness and to facilitate and promote the furtherance of our plans to bring about a general reduction in the cotton area this year, we recommend that all landowners should allow tenants who rent land the option of paying one fourth of their rental in corn and fodder and other crops, in lieu of requiring an all lint cotton rental as has been the prevailing rule heretofore in the county."

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Col. Jas. L. Orr Dead After Brief Illness.

A Leading Figure in South Carolina's History.—His Career Varied and Active.

Special to The State.

Greenville, Feb. 26.—Col. James Lawrence Orr, one of the State's best known men, died at 9 o'clock tonight at his home, after a week's illness.

For several days Col. Orr has been a desperately sick man. A week ago Friday he was taken sick, and erysipelas developed, first about the mouth and he had been delirious, and it was known that his chances for recovery were slight, but it seems hard for Greenville to believe that such a man could succumb so quickly to disease.

At the time of his death Col. Orr was president of Piedmont Manufacturing company at Piedmont and the Orr Cotton Mills at Anderson, two corporations that together represent an investment of \$1,500,000, with four large mills at Piedmont and the one at Anderson. In addition Col. Orr was vice president of the American Spinning company and the Mills mill at Greenville, and was interested in several other cotton mills in this section. He was president of the Greenville News company and a director in the First National bank, the People's bank and the American bank of Greenville. In the domain of manufacturing and finance there was perhaps no other man in South Carolina who stood higher than James Lawrence Orr.

The Orr mill was established in 1900. For nine years before that Col. Orr had made his reputation as a cotton mill man. On the death of his father-in-law, Col. Hammett, the founder of the great Piedmont corporation, he was made president, and in order to accept he had to resign the office of solicitor, in which he had made such a notable record as a prosecuting officer. Under his presidency the fourth mill was built at Piedmont in 1895.

This call to take up the life of a captain of industry cut short what had been a most brilliant and successful career at the bar and in politics. Col. Orr was a fine advocate, irresistible before a jury, and yet a fine office lawyer. Col. Orr leaves his wife and six children.

THE FIGHT OF 1892

Even after Col Orr had practically retired from the bar he was called on to take a most important part in the bitterest political fight of recent years in South Carolina. When the Conservative forces organized in 1892 to make the last stand against Tillmanism, Col Orr was in the forefront and he was given the nomination for lieutenant governor. He did his full share of the work allotted to him, his magnificent presence and his great courage were an inspiration to those who knew they were fighting a hopeless battle. His speeches in reply to Gov Tillman and in arraignment of his administration and policies were largely the hope of the Conservatives, but the Sheppard and Orr ticket was doomed to defeat, and that was Col Orr's last appearance in politics.

Personally, Col Orr was a most companionable and pleasant man, possessing the faculty of winning men to him and treating young men with a consideration that was inspiring.

What the Farmer Knows

That Fertilizer Develops Cotton—Then What Develops Children?

Barnwell New Sentinel.

Long years ago we learned from that wonderful little book, the Autobiography of Benjamin, never to say "I know," for there is little we know, but always to say, "I believe," "I conceive," or "It is my opinion," that so-and-so is true. With this in mind, then, we begin to talk to a practical people about a practical question. The question of education is old as the world and has been talked about almost since the time of Adam, yet the world, or at least, that big part of it called South Carolina, is just now beginning to realize that a common school training is a necessity. It is not necessary to argue with a farmer that fertilizer placed beneath his cotton will make the plant larger, more healthful and more capable of abundant yield. He knows this, because he sees the example of it every year. It ought to be just as easy to show the same man that a little educational fertilizer put behind his boy or girl will be productive of a better looking child, one who is capable of producing in his turn. We say it ought to be just as easy, but it isn't. Every year we watch the farmer haul his guano from the ear over to his farm, with confidence looking for the greatest yield; but we see few hauling the children from the farm over to the school and exhibiting faith in the human stalk.

Thus we find a few who make it necessary to argue that an education pays, or that it is worth while to train the youth of the land. There are still a small number who carry their horses and give their dogs careful training in order to get a better breed, but let their children "root hog or die."

PUBLIC AROUSED

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medical tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidney. Mary H. Walters, of 547 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy, drug stores; price 50c.

SAILOR COMMITS SUICIDE.

Georgetown, Feb. 22.—Monday night a sailor, Arthur L. Hare by name, a mere boy of 22 years, committed suicide with chloroform on board the schooner Edwar C. Ross in Winyah bay. From appearance, young Hare belongs to people of means and possessed an excellent wardrobe. He was the pet and life of the crew. Letters containing endearing terms in excellent composition and handwriting were found on his person from his father in Toronto, Canada, and his sweetheart, a Miss Bertha Hayes of Chicago.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.