

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$250,000.
The Oldest and Strongest Bank in Aiken County.

The Aiken Recorder.

AIKEN, S. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1908.

Established 1881. Price \$1.50 a Year in Advance.
TOTAL RESOURCES \$600,000
When Times are Hard, do Business
With a Strong Bank, and be Safe.

Arthur P. Ford, Editor and Proprietor

TAMPA FIRE-SWEPT

Fifty-Five Acres in Florida City Laid in Ashes.

EIGHTEEN BLOCKS BURN

Northeastern Section of City Hard Hit. Over 300 Buildings, Including Several Large Cigar Factories, Destroyed—Loss Heavy.

The entire northeastern section of Tampa, Fla., composing the city proper, was destroyed by fire, which raged from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Sunday. The area burned covered fifty-five acres or eighteen and one-half blocks and three hundred and eight buildings were destroyed, with a total loss estimated at \$600,000.

The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factories and numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over two hundred dwellings occupied by cigar makers. The factories burned were M. Stachelberg & Co., loss \$100,000; M. Perez & Co., loss \$50,000; Gonzalez Fisher & Co., loss \$40,000; Esberg Gunst & Co., branch of Stachelberg, loss \$40,000; Fernandez & Brother, loss \$20,000.

All factories carried large stocks of tobacco and cigars. The area swept by fire embraced all that portion of the city between Twelfth and Michigan avenues and Sixteenth and Twentieth streets.

It originated in a boarding house on Twelfth avenue, and fanned by a strong wind, spread out, fan shaped, defying the force of the fire department, which was crippled by very weak water pressure, owing to the smallness of the mains in that section. Occupants of over two hundred dwellings thrown into a panic rushed out, attempting to save but little of their belongings. One fatality is reported, a Cuban woman in a delicate condition, who dropped dead from the shock, her body being rescued from her burning home with difficulty. In the big factories it was possible only to save the most valuable of records, books, etc., and the valuable stocks of leaf tobacco and manufactured cigars ready for shipment was left to the mercy of the flames.

Citizens volunteered assistance to the hard-working firemen, but the spread of the flames was so rapid that little effective work could be done.

Among buildings, other than factories destroyed, were the hotels and cafes of Perez & Castro and Maximo Casas, six saloons, twelve restaurants and ten boarding houses. The fire finally burned itself out at the extreme northeastern corner of the city, half of the people rendered homeless were out of work, owing to the dull season in the factories, and also practically out of funds and their shelter became an immediate problem.

The insurance is estimated at not more than half of the loss. Telegrams were sent to Lakeland, Bartow and other nearby towns for fire apparatus, but later were countermanded.

In the Stachelberg factory was destroyed a solid silver case, in which cigars of the firm were displayed at the world's fairs and expositions, valued at \$25,000.

At the home of Miguel Rodriguez, a cigar maker, the corpse of a child in a coffin awaiting funeral services, was cremated. The state militia was placed on guard Sunday night in the burned district to prevent depredations.

SUDDEN DEMISE FOR HAMILTON

Was Custodian of "Yellow Dog" Fund for Insurance Companies.

Andrew Hamilton, formerly counsel to the New York Life and other insurance companies, and in charge for many years of insurance litigation and legislative matters in all parts of this country and Canada, was found dead in bed Sunday morning at his home in New York city.

GOV. HUGHES REBUFFED.

New York Senate, for Second Time, Ignores His Recommendation.
Without a word of comment or debate on the merits of the question, by a vote almost duplicating that of last year, the New York senate Wednesday for the second time refused to concur in the renewed recommendation of Governor Hughes that Otto Kelsky be removed on the ground of incompetency from the office of state superintendent of insurance.

PRINTING OFFICE REPORT.

Completed by Investigator Rostler and Sent to President.

William S. Rostler, who was appointed recently by the president to make an investigation of the government printing office and submit a plan for placing it on a business basis, following the suspension of Public Printer Stillings, completed that work Saturday, and presented his report to the president. The report will not be made public for several days.

BECKHAM DEFEATED

Bradley Elected Senator in the Kentucky Legislature.

LONG DEADLOCK BROKEN

Successful Candidate a Republican and a Former Governor of the State. Victory Won by Narrow Margin of Four Votes.

A special from Frankfort, Ky., says: Amid scenes of the wildest excitement on the floor of the house of representatives, former Governor, William O'Connell Bradley, republican candidate, was Friday elected to succeed James B. McCreary, in the United States senate for a term of six years, beginning March 4, 1909. He received 64 votes, barely enough to win, and was enabled to gain victory through the assistance of four anti-Beckham democrats, Senators H. S. McNutt, and Albert Charlton, and Representative Chrys Mueller, of Louisville, and Representative E. W. Lillard, of Boyle county.

Until Friday they had voted for democrats for senator, and their sudden rally to Bradley took Beckham men completely by surprise, although the latter claim to have information that a deal was effected by which the liquor forces were to elect Bradley in return for the defeat of the county unit bill in the senate.

The completion of the first roll call showed: Bradley, 64; Beckham, 60; Blackburn, 1; James, 1.

Before the speaker could announce the result the democrats obtained a recapitulation, and attempted to break the quorum by leaving the hall, but came back accompanied by Beckham, who authorized the withdrawal of his name and released the democrats from the primary nomination pledge to him in hope that some other democrat would be named who could defeat Bradley. The four bolting democrats were surrounded by belonging party friends and urged to withdraw their support from Bradley, and elect James B. McCreary, or any democrat they might name, but they remained obdurate, declaring that the proposition came too late. The democratic leaders promised a caucus to select a candidate to which the name of Beckham would not be presented, but the result could not be changed. The ballot, as finally completed after the democrats finished changing their votes, was as follows:

Bradley, 64; Beckham, 15; James, 15; McCreary, 10; Mayo, 5; Allen, 2; Smith, 2; Peak, 2; Newman, 1; Hunt, 1; Elliston, 1; Stanley, 1; Blackburn, 1; Cantrell, 1; McElroy, 1. There was great disorder in the chamber during recapitulation, the republicans demanding that the speaker announce result, and the democrats seeking to delay, hoping to induce one of the democrats to leave Bradley.

In a speech, accepting his election, Bradley thanked the speaker for his fair and impartial rulings. He promised to use every effort, as senator, to secure the repeal of the 6-cent tax on tobacco.

Representative Lillard was the only one of the democrats to explain his vote for Bradley. He said he thought the time to throw off the party shackles and to break up the machine had come, and although he did support the democratic ticket for forty years, he believed his vote for Bradley was the best democratic vote he ever cast.

BOMB AIMED AT SHAH.

Ruler of Persia Has Narrow Escape From Death in Streets of Teheran.

An attempt was made in Teheran, Persia, Friday afternoon to assassinate the shah of Persia by a bomb. His majesty was not hurt. Three of the outsiders who were accompanying him at the time were killed.

MILLION IN BACK TAXES.

Paid Chicago by Trustees of Late Millionaire Field's Estate.

A check for \$1,000,000 in payment of back taxes on the estate of the late Marshall Field was delivered to John R. Thompson, treasurer of Cook county, at Chicago Monday. The payment is made in accordance with an agreement entered into by the trustee with county officials several weeks ago by which suits aggregating \$1,700,000 were compromised.

NAVAL COMMITTEE SEEKS LIGHT

Three Officers Are Questioned as to Faulty Battleship Construction.

The senate committee on naval affairs Saturday heard the statements of three naval officers who have been questioned as criticizing the construction of battleships and upon whose authority has been suggested the charges made by Reuterdaahl were based. The officers were queried concerning their views on naval construction and Rera Admiral Capps asked questions and commented upon their testimony as they proceeded.

LIES ABOUT SOUTH

Regarding Alleged Peonage Exposed in the House.

DENUNCIATION IS SEVERE

Southern Congressmen Declare Rank Stories Are Told to Divert Immigration—Clark Roasts Department Agents.

A Washington special says: An investigation by the immigration commission of labor of conditions in turpentine camps, plantations and other industries of the south, especially the existence of peonage, is provided for in a resolution taken up by the house Monday under suspension of the rules. Mr. Williams of Mississippi said that the circulation abroad of stories regarding peonage had done harm to the south, and he desired an investigation by an important body. In reply to a question by Mr. Mann of Illinois, he said he believed the stories had been put out by labor agents in New York in order to divert immigrants to other sections of the country. Mr. Humphreys of Mississippi supported the resolution.

He charged that a systematic campaign had been waged for the past twelve months throughout the press of the country "by those whose interests could be best served in that way," for the purpose of discouraging immigration to the south. Stories of peonage and white slavery, he said, had been conjured up and given to the press with sensational coloring, and the state of Mississippi especially held up to the world as a slave camp. Agents of the Italian government, he said, had basely themselves "in concocting and circulating these stories. When I deny them, as I do now, I am told that they are lying," he said, "if I want some tribunal created and authorized to swear witnesses and hear testimony, and before which this issue may be tried, to the end that those who have uttered these libels may be compelled to appear and either substantiate them or stand convicted as common slanderers."

In a bitter criticism of the government and some of its officials, Mr. Clark of Florida declared that the state of Florida was prepared to answer "the accounts of 'peonage,' 'slavery,' 'involuntary servitude,' 'brutal and inhuman treatment of laborers,' and other publications which smell of the 'slums' and in some of the most remarkable documents emanating from the department of justice of the United States," which, he charged, were absolutely false in all essential particulars.

The people of Florida, he asserted, courted the fullest investigation of a matter which had been of so much injury to the fair name of their state. He predicted that these people "will come through the ordeal of investigation" without the smell of fire upon their garments and in spite of the batteries of slander which for the past year have been belching their infamous "slum begotten" fabrications.

The department of justice, Mr. Clark charged, had never been especially distinguished "for the legal knowledge of the alleged lawyers who are generally supposed to be housed therein," but he said that usually "something of a lawyer" had been at its head. He feared that the country had fallen into "evil times" with reference to the "big chief" of that department. Whatever may be the qualifications of Attorney General Bonaparte, he said, that official had been unfortunate in the selection of some of his inferiors to whom had been committed peonage prosecutions in Florida and other states. He referred to Attorney General Bonaparte as "this transplanted bud of alleged French nobility," who had become acquainted "with a lady bearing the eponymous cognomen of Mrs. Mary Grace Quackenbos, whose field of labor previous to her acquaintance with the great Baltimore lawyer was in the slums of the 'east side' of dear old Manhattan island." He presumed, therefore, that Mr. Bonaparte considered "this great slum worker" a very proper person to send to Florida to regulate conditions in the south.

Mr. Clark next turned his attention to Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Russell, who was given charge of the investigation, and who, he said, quickly called to his aid Mrs. Quackenbos. "My God," he exclaimed, "what a combination! In normal times it would be an affliction upon any people to send into their midst Charles W. Russell, a southern man and a democrat, and Mary Grace Quackenbos, in combination or separately."

HOLMES PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

Negro Hanged at Darien, Ga., for Murder of Dr. Sands.

Lee Holmes, a negro, murderer of Dr. E. A. Sands, of Glennville, paid, the death penalty at Darien, Ga., Friday. He made no statement.

After praying five minutes the black cap was adjusted by Sheriff Bailey and the trap sprung. Death ensued in about twelve minutes.

BY THE USE OF CASH

Bryan Alleges Opposition Will Attempt His Undoing—Scores Democrats Who Defeated Beckham.

Before the members of the state legislature and several thousand Mississippians, William J. Bryan made a characteristic speech at Jackson Saturday. Mr. Bryan arrived from Memphis at an early hour and was met by Governor Noel and a reception committee. He was escorted to the governor's mansion, where he spent the forenoon. Mr. Bryan was asked concerning a paragraph in the current issue of The Commonwealth, reading as follows:

"Watch the personnel of the delegations to Denver. Money is being used in some of the states of the Mississippi valley to secure delegations who will be obedient to the predatory interests. The democratic masses must not be betrayed by representatives of that system."

When asked concerning the evidence in support of this charge, Mr. Bryan said:

"I wrote that paragraph myself and know what I am talking about. I have my information from a man who overheard a conversation on the subject."

When asked what interests he charged with being behind the movement, Mr. Bryan said:

"I am convinced that it is the interests representing the trusts and the railroads. They do not hope to prevent instructed delegates in the Mississippi valley states, but they are trying to get a personnel of delegates who will be unfriendly to my nomination."

Mr. Bryan then went to the Century theater, where the members of the house and senate, together with a large number of spectators, were gathered. He was introduced by Governor Noel, who paid the democratic leader a glowing tribute.

Mr. Bryan's address throughout was a repetition of subject matter dealt with in former addresses. The only new phase was his caustic reference to the four democrats in the Kentucky legislature who, by casting their votes with the republicans, elected Mr. Bradley, republican, United States senator. He referred to them as embezzlers of power, and declared that the embezzler of power is a worse malefactor than the man who embezzles money.

At the conclusion of the address a resolution endorsing Mr. Bryan, as the democratic candidate, was adopted by a riding vote, every man, woman and child in the theater rising and applauding the Nebraskaan.

WILL CLOSE MANY STATIONS.

Initial Effect of Operation of the New Nine-Hour Law.

A Washington special says: American railroads have made arrangements to comply with the provisions of the "nine-hour law." The operation of the law will mean the employment by railroad companies of several thousand additional operators and the closing of a large number of small stations. The discontinuance of railway service at many points, it is realized, with increase at least temporary inconvenience to the traveling and shipping public, but, in order to reduce operating expenses, which now seems necessary, the operating officials of the railways believe that this is the only way they possibly can meet the situation with which they are confronted.

WU TING FANG ARRIVES.

Chinese Minister, With Large Retinue, Reaches Frisco.

Wu Ting Fang, for the second time appointed Chinese minister to this country, arrived at San Francisco, on Friday, on the Pacific Mail liner Siberia with a large retinue of secretaries, consuls and attaches, numbering seventy persons. He brought with him new consuls for Mexico, Havana, New York and San Francisco, besides three nephews, three secretaries and seven other attaches for the Chinese legation at Washington, and twenty-four students who will enter various schools and colleges in this country.

"NOT GUILTY," SAYS ALIO.

Anarchist Slayer of Priest Arraigned in Denver Court.

Giuseppe Alio, slayer of Rev. Leo, the Catholic priest, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder when arraigned at Denver, Col., Saturday. Judge Greeley Whitmore set his trial for Monday, March 9. Peter Bossie was dismissed as interpreter in the case because of the charge that he is a member of the anarchistic organization.

FOUR VICTIMS OF FIRE.

Father and Three of His Children Perish in Burning Home.

Anthony Schultz and three of his children, Nellie, thirteen years old; Joseph, eleven, and May, eight, were burned to death in a fire in their home in Dopey, N. Y., Sunday. Mrs. Schultz and the four youngest children were rescued.

Lombard Iron Works and Supply Co.

Augusta, Ga.


Engines, Boilers, Cotton,

Saw, Fertilizer, Oil and Ice Machinery and Supplies and Repairs, Machine Tools, Woodworking Machinery, Shafting, Pulleys, Hangers, Leather and Rubber Belting and Hose, Railroad and Mill Supplies and Tools, Steam Pumps, Feed Water Heaters and Hoisting Engines, Injectors.

Capacity for three hundred hands. Estimates furnished for power plants and steel bridges, store fronts.

DON'T FAIL TO WRITE US BEFORE BUYING.

Hotel Melbourne,

604 BROAD STREET, Augusta, Ga.
MRS. P. W. BYASSEE, Proprietress.
First class accommodations for permanent or transient boarders. Thoroughly renovated and newly furnished under new management.
Table supplied with all the delicacies of the season.
Convenient sample room attached.

STONE! STONE!

Estimates given and orders promptly filled for street curbing, and cross-ings, flower bed borders, sidewalks, blocks, hitching posts, door and terrace steps, door and window sills, cemetery lot copings, rough and dressed ashles for fronts of buildings, hearth stones, etc. Latviev stone a specialty. Stone from other quarries if preferred.
H. K. CHATFIELD, Aiken, S. C.

REUTERDAHL RAISES SAND.

Charges that United States Navy is Ruled by Old Fogies.
Harry Reuterdaahl, 40, who has been with Admiral Evans' fleet, and whose caustic criticisms of the United States navy have caused nationwide comment and roused the ire of the officials in Washington, sailed for Callao, Peru, Saturday, for San Diego, on the supply ship Culebra. He is expected to arrive there in a fortnight. Hence he will go to Washington to make reply to those who criticized his own criticisms.
The gist of Reuterdaahl's charges are: The armor of our ships is mostly below the water line.
The powder shafts are not adequately protected.
The open ports are a source of danger in time of war.
The low free board handicaps gunners during high seas.
The great age of commanding officers is a detriment to efficiency.
The bureau which control the navy do not "control" in a proper manner.

SOUTHERN'S NEW MOVE.

Falling in Wage Agreement Road Invokes the Erdman Act.
Because of a failure to reach an agreement in respect to the matter of a reduction of wages of the employees of the Southern Railway company, the negotiations have been broken off, and President Finley announces that he will carry the cases to the interstate commerce commission and to Commissioner of Labor Neill under the Erdman act. President Finley gave out a statement at Washington Tuesday, in which he expresses confidence that there will yet be an amicable adjustment of the controversy between the Southern railway and its men, and expresses regret that the latter cannot see their way clear to accept the wage scale which the management has offered.
The intended action of the Southern railway in seeking the mediation of the interstate commerce commission and the commissioner of labor is regarded as marking the beginning of a campaign upon the part of the railroads when such controversies arise to seek adjustment in that manner rather than to negotiate with their employees.
The proposition of the management of the Southern railway to reduce the wage scale was based, it is stated, upon the ground that the existing business conditions and the falling off in revenue made it imperatively necessary.

Splendid Assortment of Jewelry

For HOLIDAY Presents, Sterling Silverware in Latest Styles, Beautiful Cut Glass, of finest workmanship, Souvenir Spoons, Cards and Golf Prizes.

At Wm. Schweigert & Co's.,

Cor. Broad and 7th, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

SOUTH CAROLINA PINE FOREST INN.

Winter Resort, Summerville, S. C.
High class hotel, strictly in the blues, catering to a select clientele, rooms en suite with bath, elevator, electric lights, steam heat and open fire places, pure water from our own artesian well one thousand feet deep and perfect sanitary conditions. Finest Golf Links in the South. Saddle and harness horses, fine hunting. Address: W. A. SENNA, Manager, Summerville, S. C., or F. W. WAGENER & CO., Proprietors, Charleston, S. C.

Away Above Everything
Lewis 66 Rye
McGuiffy Malt Whiskey
Primrose Tom Gin
All Guaranteed by Us under the Pure Food Law
STRAUSS, PRITZ & CO., Cincinnati, O.
FOR SALE AT YOUR DISPENSARY

J. MILTON ALLEN,

IMPORTER
PARK AVENUE, NEAR POSTOFFICE.
Unique Novelties Shown, Consisting of:
Porcelain, Faience, Glass, Bronzes, Leather.
FOR EX AMPLE
Picnic Baskets from Austria and England, fitted for two, four, six, eight people; Parisian Brocades for table covers, pillows and cushions; Nuremberg Brass and Copper Concoits, for table and veranda; Damm-Frees, de Nancy France; Artistic.
BAR HARBOR, MAINE; NORTHEAST HARBOR, MD., AIKEN, S. C.

The New York Shop,

PARK AVE., AIKEN.
Fine Art Needlework, Foreign and Domestic. Many Novelties for the Holidays.

THIS BANK PAYS 4% Compound Twice a Year

Through the United States mail you can open a Savings Account with this bank and have the benefit of the perfect security offered by its strong financial responsibility.
Our plan of banking by mail enables you to deposit or withdraw any amount from one dollar up, as conveniently and safely as if you lived next door.
Asa G. Candler, president of the Coca Cola Company, is president of this bank, and its board of trustees is composed of successful business men whose names assure safe and conservative management.
Write for booklet, free.

TOTAL ASSETS \$3,000,000.00

Asa G. Candler - President
W. H. Ferguson - Vice-President
J. S. Owen - Cashier
A. F. Gales - Trustee
W. B. Owen - Asst. Cashier

Central Bank & Trust Corporation

CANDLER BUILDING, ATLANTA, GA.

We Do All Kinds of Plain and Fancy Job P...