

Optimistic Spirit Reigns In Augusta

Though Reconizing Severity of Catastrophe, People Are
Not Dowhearted—Steps for Relief Work and for
Rebuilding of Burned District Taken.

Joe Sparks in The State.

Augusta, Ga., March 24.—Augusta was tonight feeding the several thousand fire refugees. Sleeping quarters have been provided for practically every person made homeless by the fire which swept the city Wednesday night and early Thursday morning. The total loss will not reach the \$5,000,000 mark.

Having completed elaborate plans for the immediate needs of the dependents the business men today began to turn their attention to plans for rebuilding the burned district. An optimistic spirit prevails throughout the city and the work will go forward as soon as the insurance has been adjusted. There was much speculation today as to the amounts carried on the larger buildings.

One of the larger banking and trust companies of New York placed an advertisement in one of the papers offering to make loans for the rebuilding of residences and store properties upon reasonable terms.

Hundreds of workmen, including 100 convicts, were clearing the streets and sidewalks of debris throughout today, while lumber is being hauled to many places preparatory to rebuilding. Great numbers of telegrams offering assistance have been received from individuals and the mayors of neighboring cities.

To Help Sufferers.

The chairman of the public welfare committee, W. H. Barrett said this afternoon that the committee expected not only to provide for the immediate needs of the people who lost their all, but also to secure them some furniture and bed clothing. The negroes in the fire district are among the worst sufferers since they had no insurance at all and lost everything. They are being looked after by a committee composed of the Rev. C. T. Walker, Silas X. Floyd and other prominent negroes.

The city is literally full of visitors, thousands having come from all directions by train and by automobile to view the ruins.

Dynamiting the walls of burned buildings which are in danger of falling proceeded throughout the day. There is no demoralization in Augusta now to speak of, and the people are calmly and determinedly facing the future.

The two newspapers, The Herald and The Chronicle, are making arrangements for rebuilding their burned plants. For the present The Herald will be issued from Thompson, a little town about 60 miles from the city. The Chronicle has leased a large building which will very probably be its permanent home.

Members of the special relief committee, named yesterday by the committee of 50 on public safety, continued to receive contributions and every effort will be made to raise \$50,000. This fund it is thought will be ample to take care of the present needs of destitute citizens. More than \$20,000 has been subscribed.

Turn to the Future.

With stout heart and firm determination the people of the city have turned from the disaster and are giving their attention to the future. All has not been gloom. The weather has not been severe. From all sections of the United States messages of sympathy have been received. Telegrams offering aid have been received by Mayor Littleton from many cities throughout the country. No gifts will be scorned, yet the people of Augusta feel that they are well able to care for every man, woman and child who has been left without means and without a home.

While the embers were still smouldering in the ruins on Broad street crowds of business men gathered and talked of Augusta's future. There was a spirit of grit pervading all calculations. There was a spirit of cheerfulness even among those who have lost all of their worldly goods. Many insurance adjusters have already arrived and the Southern Adjustment bureau will open an office here Monday for the adjustment of insurance claims.

Leading business men were of the opinion today that a great business revival will follow closely on the heels of the fire.

Good Service Done.

All organizations and individuals having the interests of Augusta at heart today congratulated the officers, the militia, the sheriff's deputies and others who volunteered during the crisis in keeping the excellent order.

Not a man was arrested for looting. Not one person was fatally injured. The city is thankful for the valuable assistance rendered by the firemen who came from other cities to stem the advance of the flames. The fire has had one distinct result. It has brought Augusta in closer touch with all cities and towns in the South and the country. This the business men realize.

New figures available today would indicate that not more than 20,000 bales of cotton were destroyed by the fire. The cotton destroyed is valued at about \$1,000,000. Cotton on storage is always insured to its full value. The following are the losses by the several firms:

Russell & Allen	5,000 bales
Davidson & Fargo	2,000 bales
Pope & Fleming	2,000 bales
A. J. Salinas	2,000 bales
Neely & Wilcox	3,500 bales
Lufke & Fleming	2,500 bales
Clarke & Butt	1,000 bales
J. P. Doughty	1,000 bales
Garrett & Calhoun	500 bales

Total 18,500 bales
Unofficial figures secured today would indicate that the Empire Life insurance building was insured for \$200,000. This building is 19 stories high and was only partially completed. About \$300,000 had been expended on the structure. The damage to the building was about \$200,000. A policy of \$180,000 was carried on the 12 story Chronicle building. No plans have been decided upon for the remodeling of this building. Contractors will examine the building to determine the advisability of reconstructing. It is not believed that the steel work was damaged in the Empire or The Chronicle buildings. The annex to The Chronicle building, where the composing room of the paper was housed, carried insurance approximating \$51,000. The Dyer building, where the fire started Wednesday afternoon was insured for \$57,000. Insurance of \$40,000 was carried on the Union Savings bank building. The Commercial club property was insured for \$25,000. The Masonic temple was insured for a total of \$24,000.

Some Large Contributions.
Many contributions have been received for the relief fund. Among the large contributions are the following:

J. F. Starr, \$5,000; George R. Stearns, \$1,000; Mrs. Alice M. Wheeler, \$1,000; Cotton row, \$1,000; S. M. Whitney company, \$1,000; Phinizy and company, \$500; William H. Barrett, \$500; Barrett and company, \$500; Augusta Drug company, \$500; Reid and company, \$500; Richmond county commissioners, \$1,000; Southern States Phosphate and Fertilizer company, \$500.

A public concert will be given at the Grand theatre Sunday afternoon, the proceeds to be devoted to the relief fund.

The Augusta Chronicle in an editorial this morning said:
"Well, it is just as The Chronicle predicted yesterday morning—Augusta has already caught step and is marching ahead just as if nothing had happened. Or, rather, as if what did happen calls for a little livelier and firmer step, good spirit and more determination all around."

"This is as it should be. This is the spirit that takes trenches on the war front against odds—and holds them. This is the spirit that wins battles in war or in peace."

"Of course, a good part of yesterday was spent by most people in surveying the situation—and by those most seriously affected in gathering up the broken threads of their business or domestic life—but nowhere was there a pessimistic note, nowhere was there any discouragement; nowhere anything but prophecies of a greater Augusta through a determined pull and a more cooperative spirit all around."

"Already relief measures have been inaugurated that will soon be able to provide for that particularly lamentable feature of the situation which has left so many people homeless and temporarily helpless; so that we may feel assured all actual distress will be taken care of as soon as it is discovered, while the general situation will be handled intelligently and effectively in due time."

"Taking it all in all, therefore, Augusta is worse scarred than scared, for she knows full well that her scars will soon heal and she will come through her ordeal of fire with more confidence in herself and a better community spirit for the future."

"Five millions of dollars—or, maybe, it will be only four millions, or less—is a lot of money for one city to lose in one night; but it is also a lot of money to be spent within the next three, six and twelve months in repairing this loss—and the latter is cash put in circulation. This is one way to look at it. But the get-together and go-ahead way is the best way to look at it, let the profit or the loss be what it may—for then we will profit even by our losses."

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DEATH OF MRS. DICKARD.

Mrs. D. C. Dickard died at her home in Alexandria, Va., on March 19. Her husband and eight children survive her.

Mr. Dickard is well known in Newberry. Mrs. Dickard before her marriage was Miss Marion Chappell of Jenkinsville, S. C.

Throwing Away a Fortune.

Tin is a very valuable metal. It was worth in solid pigs of one picul each (a picul is an oriental standard of weight equal in most places to 133 lbs.), about 40 cents per pound, in New York last week. That is the price in large lots. The present war has not affected the price. The weight of an empty tube of soft tin, the 25c tooth paste or soap size, is 7-8 ounce. Most of these are thrown away. Let the children all over the country get together and make a systematic effort to collect these tubes. Also all tin foil used about gum and tobacco.

A good sum can be realized from the sale. The press of this country will give the movement the necessary publicity. Let's see what can be done right here in Newberry.

The drugstores here say they sell about 300 tubes in a month.

This means 16 pounds of tin tubes per month, worth \$6.40 or \$76.80 a year if it was all saved. The greater part can be saved and sold for at least 40 cents per pound, and the money used to relieve the wants of the sick and the poor.

At the present time there are smelted about 125 tons of pure tin in the world, valued at about one hundred million dollars annually.

The writer does not know whether the tubes are pure tin or an alloy but believes they are pure. Here is indeed a perfectly sane and easy method of getting money. Won't some of the various women's societies here take it up?

Little Mountain Club.

The Little Mountain Home Demonstration club met on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. The meeting this month was of unusual interest, the subject being "Sanitation." Mr. T. M. Mills gave the talk, telling us again, but in a new and interesting manner about screening our homes and fighting flies and mosquitoes. He has a very good model for fly traps, so if you are interested in ridding your home of flies write to him and learn to make one. Miss Wise followed Mr. Mills with a very interesting talk on the same subject but treating only with the interior of the home. Then she gave us all our monthly bulletins which contain many valuable hints for the housekeeper.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administratrix of the estate of Jim Burton, deceased, will make final settlement on said estate as administratrix in the court of probate for Newberry county, on Monday, May 8, 1916, and immediately thereafter apply for letters dismissory as such administratrix. Persons holding claims against said estate will make payment before said date and all persons indebted to the estate will pay the same.

MARY BURTON,
Administratrix of the estate of Jim Burton.
March 21, 1916.

"SINISTER INFLUENCES" SEEKING INTERVENTION

Wilson Issues Warning Against Machinations of Unscrupulous Coterie.

Washington, March 25.—President Wilson tonight issued warning that "sinister and unscrupulous influences" are spreading alarming reports about the Mexican situation with the object of forcing intervention by the United States "in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties."

In a formal statement the president told the people to be on their guard and not to credit such stories. He called attention again to the government's announcement that the sole object of the punitive expedition was to punish Villa and his followers.

The news services had been asked, the president said, to assist in keeping this view constantly before the Mexican and American people. The warning was issued after careful consideration of many official reports from throughout the United States and Mexico saying that alarmists' stories of the intentions of the Washington government were having an undesirable effect upon the Mexican people and the American residents in Mexico.

The possibility that Gen. Carranza's hand might be weakened to a perilous extent should the Mexican public misunderstand the American expedition has been a prevailing factor in the entire operations against Villa.

Drastic steps may be taken if the warning is not heeded.

The president's statement follows:
Only One Purpose.

"As has already been announced, the expedition into Mexico was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the single purpose of taking the bandit Villa, whose forces had actually invaded the territory of the United States, and is in no sense intended as an invasion of that republic or as an infringement of its sovereignty. I have therefore asked several news services to be good enough to assist the administration in keeping this view of the expedition constantly before both the people of this country and the distressed and sensitive people of Mexico, who are very susceptible indeed to impressions, received from the American press not only but also very ready to believe that those impressions proceed from the views and objects of our government itself. Such conclusions, it must be said, are not unnatural because the main if not the only source of information for the people on both sides of the border is the public press of the United States."

"In order to avoid the creation of erroneous and dangerous impressions in this way, I have called upon the several news agencies to use the utmost care not to give news stories regarding this expedition the color of war, to withhold stories of troop movements and military preparations which might be given that interpretation, and to refrain from publishing unverified rumors of unrest in Mexico."

Should Show Clean Hands.

"I feel that it is most desirable to impress upon both our own people and the people of Mexico the fact that the expedition is simply a necessary punitive measure, aimed solely at the elimination of the marauders who raided Columbus and who infest an unprotected district near the border which they see as a base in making attacks upon the lives and property of our citizens within our own territory. It is the purpose of our commanders to cooperate in every possible way with the forces of Gen. Carranza in removing this cause of irritation to both governments and to retire from Mexican territory as soon as that object is accomplished."

"It is my duty to warn the people of the United States that there are persons all along the border who are actively engaged in originating and giving as wide currency as they can to rumors of the most sensational and disturbing sort which are wholly unjustified by facts. The object of this traffic in falsehood is obvious. It is to create intolerable friction between the government of the United States and the purpose of bringing about intervention in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties. This object can not be attained so long as sane and honorable men are in control of this government, but very serious conditions may be created, unnecessary bloodshed may result and the relations between the two republics may be very much embarrassed."

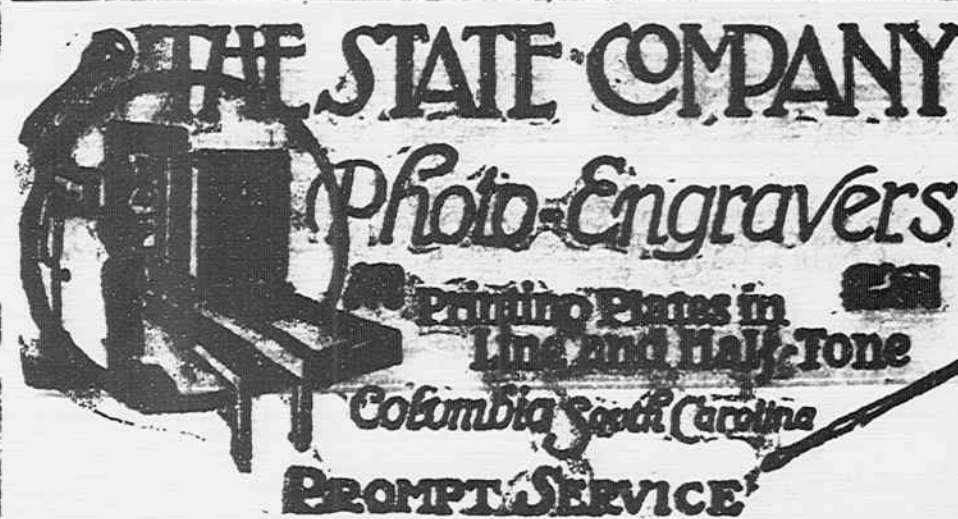
"The people of the United States should know the sinister and unscrupulous influences that are afoot and should be on their guard against crediting any story coming from the border, and those who disseminate the news should make it a matter of pa-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE COKEBURY DISTRICT

The Annual Sunday School conference of the Cokebury District Methodist Episcopal Church South, will be held at Hopewell church, Kinard circuit, April 24-26.

Program and Delegates.

A very strong program has been prepared and some of the best Sunday school workers of the District will take a part in the discussions. These conferences are most profitable and interesting gatherings and it is hoped that every Methodist pastor, every Sunday school superintendent, and one teacher from each school will be present. In addition to these, it is hoped that many others will attend. All who are vitally interested in the great Sunday school work should take advantage of this opportunity.

Entertainment.

The good people of Hopewell church have opened their homes and will royally entertain all accredited delegates. It is needless to say this for their well known hospitality has gone abroad throughout the land. All who come will be gladly welcomed and a rare treat is in store for them.

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SLICK SAM URGED TO RUN FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Editor:

No doubt you have had a like experience, and ain't it hard on a fellow who is satisfied with his occupation to be urged by his friends to run for an office which he does not want? I can heartily sympathize with Mr. Cooper and others, for I, myself, have just been deluged with letters from all over this county, as well as some from Union, Fairfield and Lexington, urging, entreaty, yea, beseeching me to run for the legislature. As I cannot answer each and all of such letters I beg space in your columns to let the boys know my position.

First, would not mind the running but for fear of a sudden stop, somewhere between the starting and prospective point.

Second, I could not spare the time. You see, I am a farmer, and like many, don't make but half a living, and it takes a great deal of my valuable time going to town and around the stores to get up the other half.

Third, Should I be elected, which I am pretty sure I would (for if the letters I have received were votes they would put me in the second race), would certainly hate to be subjected to such embarrassment which would very likely befall a man of good old-fashioned, common horse sense, sitting in the general assembly in these modern times, so believing myself—

Most worthy of your estimation
After long consideration
And much meditation
You possess in the nation.
I have no inclination
For this modern legislation.
In this brief explanation
You see the situation
Beyond calculation
For a man of cultivation
To sit in consultation
With a body in conglomeration.
So with my heartfelt declination
I remain on the plantation
Till we all go to darn-nation.

Sincerely,
Slick Sam.
P. S.—I don't want the boys to conclude that I am afraid to run. If you remember, I run for office once before in this county. Am very proud of the race I made. If it had taken four men to fill the office, I'd sure come in again.

S. S.
Pomaria, R. F. D. 3, March 21, 1916.

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