

FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Astoria, Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Firebugs today were blamed by officials for the \$12,000,000 fire here yesterday. Local radicals are suspected. Twenty-four blocks were burned. Twenty-five hundred persons are homeless. The ruins are still smoldering today. The relief committee announced that food and clothing is needed at once. Portland is sending a special train with supplies and soldiers to aid the police as guards.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The business district of Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, is in ruins, two are dead, hundreds of persons are homeless and property losses estimated at \$15,000,000 was caused by a fire here today. For ten hours the fire held sway, eating an ever-widening path through the city until shortly after noon when dynamite stayed the flames.

Banks, newspaper plants, hotels, stores, theaters and numerous buildings housing a variety of business places were destroyed. According to Fire Chief E. B. Foster, the fire got out of control because it burned the piling beneath the buildings upon which the business section of the city was built. He attributed the disaster to failure to fill the space beneath the piling.

Morris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped dead of heart failure while the fire was at its height.

The body of C. J. Smith, a transient, was found hanging under the sidewalk of the water front, but whether he had ended his life because of the fire or for other reasons the police were unable to determine. He had spent the night in a cheap lodging house on the waterfront.

Thirty blocks were wiped out by the flames. Many homes in the older business district were destroyed and about 50 families living in an apartment house were made homeless by the destruction of that building. In addition to these many persons occupying rooms in the destroyed area are homeless. They are except the few who have been taken to the city hall.

At Mayor James Bremner and planned immediate relief measures. They were assured of help from Portland and Seaside. Every restaurant and hotel in the city had been destroyed as well as stocks of goods in the stores and there is prospect of immediate want. Portland bakeries sent loads of bread and Seaside sent word that the hotel there was open to receive those without shelter. A large number of summer cottages at the beach resorts were offered to the homeless and homes in the residence district were thrown open to give aid and food to the needy.

The Budget, an afternoon paper, which attempted to get out an edition today at Seaside, issued mimeographed sheets.

J. S. Dellinger, publisher of The Astorian, the morning paper, announced he would probably get out tomorrow morning's edition on the press of the local Finnish daily, The Toveri.

Telephone exchanges and telegraph offices were burned. Communication with the outside world was maintained throughout the city by means of a long distance line temporarily set up.

The hotel keepers of Oregon, in session at Portland, donated \$5,000 for relief and railroads offered free transportation and other aid.

The Columbia River Packing association donated the use of two steamers for housing purposes and facilities in churches and other buildings were listed for housing.

A detachment of the Oregon National Guard was due to arrive to aid the local police. Orders were issued to keep every person out of the burned district tonight.

Court Proceedings

James Melwood, plaintiff, vs. John Lockman, defendant. Suit for damages. Verdict: "We find for the plaintiff the sum of one hundred dollars."

J. M. Gault, executor, vs. Reuben Harmon, et al. Suit to protest a will. Verdict: 1. Did the said Anna Gray Coleman, deceased, at the time of the execution of the alleged last will and testament have sufficient mental capacity to make a will and to direct the drawing of the same, or not. Answer: No. 2. State whether or not the paper alleged to be the last will and testament of Anna Gray Coleman, deceased, was procured by undue influence extended by any party interested in sustaining the same, on the said Anna Gray Coleman, deceased. Answer: Yes."

Mrs. C. T. Murphy has been quite sick at her home on S. Mountain street for several days.

Miss Helen Linder is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Porter M. Bailes, in Greer.

HARRISON TO BE RESENTENCED

Ira Harrison may be brought before Judge Mauldin this morning to be resentenced. The Richland criminal court will convene at 9:30 o'clock for the last day's session and if the remittitur in the Harrison case reaches Clerk Hinnant before adjournment hour, the young prisoner will be sentenced to die in the electric chair. Harrison was tried jointly with Frank Jeffords and Glenn Treese for killing J. C. Arnette, business partner of Jeffords, and Jeffords and Harrison were given death sentences. Treese is serving a life term. Jeffords has been resentenced to die December 22.

Harrison's attorney made a move before the supreme court to take an appeal to the United States supreme court, but lost the motion. The remittitur in his case was withheld from the Richland county court officials until the motion was decided. If the remittitur appears at the court house this morning, Harrison will be sentenced for the second time. Richland county officers were ready yesterday to act in the event that the important legal instrument was filed at the court house.

Attorneys for Jeffords and Harrison exhausted their legal fight in the state courts and efforts were made to get to the United States supreme court on a writ of error. The movement was frustrated by the state supreme court and a direct appeal to the United States court is the only avenue left through which the prisoners may hope for an extension of life through legal channels.—The State.

Twenty Persons Injured When Trains Crash

Charleston, Dec. 9.—I. R. Edwards, of Sumter, died in a local hospital several hours after the wreck. The hospital officials said 18 others were injured seriously enough for treatment, including W. A. Williams, of Florence.

At the crash, two persons were injured, two seriously, when a second section train No. 80 of the Atlantic Coast Line crashed into the rear of train No. 52 at Hanahan station, 12 miles from here.

George Scruggs of Greenville, mail clerk, and Ike Edwards, of Sumter, a traveling man, were seriously hurt. The injured were brought to the hospital here.

The collision occurred in a fog that obscured the signals set by No. 52, which had stopped on account of a hot box. A relief train was sent to the scene. Doctors proceeded by automobile.

Train No. 52 is a local between Charleston and Greenville.

The second section, No. 80, consisted of baggage and express cars, the passenger section leaving several hours earlier, hit the steel Pullman, which tore into the coach of the local train.

Union High School Monday Night

The second number in the lyceum course will be given at the high school Monday night at 8 o'clock. This number will be the Pease Twins. Their program will be delightful from beginning to end, and will include Mid-night Fantasy, which is a charming sketch and introduces both old fashioned and modern music, and altogether will be an evening long to be remembered with pleasure.

The season tickets are on sale at Tinsley's elry booth. g siCoeremf Tinsley's Jewelry Store for adult single ticket \$2.50 or two for \$4.00. There will be four other numbers beside this one Monday night. The next number which comes the first of January is the Pam Panga Filipino Quartet. The music of the Filipinos is so ancient that its origin has been lost in the mists of time, and one can't afford to miss the haunting melody and dulcet streams of love and romance which will be given in this number.

Give a friend one of these tickets for a Christmas present and see how much they will appreciate the opportunity of hearing something good and high class in lyceum.

Death of H. P. Goforth

Mr. H. P. Goforth died at the Old Soldiers Home at Columbia, S. C., last Sunday and was buried at Gilliam's Chapel on Monday evening.

Mr. Goforth was 82 years old and a Confederate Veteran, a member of the S. C. Regiment Co. K. The Veterans are passing away.

Mr. Goforth leaves one son, W. P. Goforth of Converse, S. C., and one daughter, Mrs. Florence Ligon of Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Goforth was a gallant soldier and it was interesting to hear him relate the stirring times of the 60's. Ada D.

DRY FORCES WIN FIGHT IN HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 8.—Friends of prohibition, in complete control in the house, made a clean sweep today in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the treasury supply bill which, they claimed, were designed to weaken enforcement of the Volstead law.

Standing alone at times, Representative Hill (Republican) of Maryland sought to limit the money spending activities of the prohibition unit, but his proposals were thrown out bodily after 30 minutes of bitter debate in which the manner of the law's enforcement was commended and condemned. Numerous references were made to the annual address to congress delivered earlier in the day by President Harding, and there was vigorous applause when members recalled that the president had said the 18th amendment was here to stay.

The bill stood like a stone wall against attacks by Mr. Hill's group, which often included only himself. It had not reached the point of passage tonight because of an agreement to defer until tomorrow action on a provision for substituting fast power presses for hand presses on which the government's money long has been printed at the bureau of engraving.

The biggest vote against the prohibition group was seven, that number of members supporting an amendment by Representative Tinkham (Republican) of Massachusetts, providing that men employed in enforcement work should be appointed from the civil service, against 56 in opposition.

Representative Tinker (Republican) of Kansas declared the Hill amendments were in keeping with the attitude of those who had attempted to defeat prohibition enforcement. He said he did not know why Mr. Hill should object if the Ku Klux Klan tried to suppress moon-shining.

Characterizing Mr. Hill as the minister plenipotentiary of the Association Opposed to Prohibition, Representative Tinkham declared that Michigan moon-shiners were not to be suppressed.

amended by hamstringing the enforcement unit. Mr. Crampton asserted that the fight had been brought to the house on the heels of "the splendid appeal of the president, and Mr. Hill interjected that while in the senate Mr. Harding had stated the American people had the right to repeal any law. "Any association has the right to attempt to repeal a law," Mr. Crampton shot back, "but so long as that law remains in effect it is the duty of every American to strive to make it effective."

The only purpose sought by the association, Mr. Crampton went on, was not to repeal the Volstead law, but to destroy it by indirection. Taking issue with statements that the prohibition forces had suffered house losses in the November election, Mr. Crampton said that out of the 80 Republican seats lost, the net dry loss was only nine.

Representative Thorpe (Republican) of Nebraska, elected for the short term ending in March, said he was proud to vote with the friends of prohibition.

Representative Knutson of Minnesota, Republican whip, told the house he voted for the 18th amendment and the Volstead law, but found now that "as the appropriations for enforcement go up whiskey prices come down." He asserted that thousands of illicit stills flourished in the country and "that boys and girls in their teens are coming home drunk."

On the other hand, Representative Raker (Democrat) of California denied that liquor was easily obtainable and asserted that nothing in 25 years had done as much for the manhood and womanhood of the country as prohibition.

Clemenceau Given Great Ovation At Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Georges Clemenceau speaking here today urged America to come back to Europe and help spread independence throughout the world. He was given an ovation as he appeared on the platform at the Academy of Music.

Raise Technical School Standards

Tokio, Dec. 9.—The government has decided to raise the Tokio and Osaka higher technical schools, the Kobe Higher Commercial School, the Tokio Higher Normal School and the Hiroshima Higher School to a university status. A new dental college will be established, and post-graduate courses will be added at 16 higher schools. The course of study at the Tokio Foreign Language School was extended, but no announcement made as to its length.

FLORIDA MOB BURNS NEGRO

Perry, Fla., Dec. 9.—Perry was peaceful today following the burning at the stake during the night of Charlie Wright, a negro, by a mob of several thousand men. He was alleged to have confessed to the slaying of Miss Ruby Hendry, a teacher. The police said the mob dispersed quietly.

Perry, Fla., Dec. 8.—Charlie Wright, negro accused of the murder of Miss Ruby Hendry, young school teacher, was taken from the sheriff and burned at the stake at the scene of the crime early tonight by a mob estimated at several thousand men.

The negro, along with Albert Young, negro, was taken from the sheriff and his party as they returned to Perry to lodge the two men in jail. Wright had been arrested at Madison, Fla., early in the day and Young was taken at Kinderhook, Ga. Capture of the two negroes came after a six day search in which hundreds of men from Florida and Georgia counties had participated at one time or another.

Both negroes were taken to a small stream, a few hundred yards outside the town, where last Saturday afternoon the young woman's body was found by a passing train crew. Both negroes were given an audience and Wright is said to have confessed Young as the second negro who waylaid the young woman. He committed the murder, he is said to have confessed, while another negro robbed her. He did not name the other negro but said it was not Young.

Following Wright's talk, the mob proceeded to strap him to a stake. Pine wood and grass were placed at his feet and the work then set afoot. His body was burned to a crisp.

Young was turned back to the authorities and tonight is in the county jail. No other disorder was attempted. The mob which began to stream into Perry throughout the day began to break up.

Throughout the day parties of angry men had maintained a vigil on the road leading from Perry to Madison, awaiting the execution of the negroes.

Sheriff Lipscomb apparently got word that he could not get through the human barrier before the county jail and early tonight the word was passed around that he had already lodged the negroes in the Perry jail and that he and his deputies were barricaded with them, well prepared to ward off any attack. The report served to divert some, but others held steadily their watch on the road and when the sheriff came into view, they were quick to act. Sheriff Lipscomb and his deputies were powerless to resist the attack.

The hoots and yells of the crowd heralded the two negroes' entrance into town. Although composed of men from many counties, including some from south Georgia, it is understood, its common purpose gave the mob an organized appearance. No time was lost in rushing the negroes to the scene of the murder.

Late tonight the mob was well in the way of disintegrating. The precision with which it acted in dealing differently with the two negroes, led to the belief that it considered its vengeance accomplished and that there would be no further disorder.

In the sporadic disorders of the past few days, the negro settlement here lost four of its public buildings, a negro church was burned last night while a school house, lodge and amusement hall have been destroyed.

Poincare Says Something Radical Must Be Done

London, Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Allied premiers conferred here for two hours today. The heads of the British, French, Italian and Belgian delegations spoke. Premier Poincare was reported to have failed to reach the point of definite proposals, but was reported that he declared the reparations question had arrived at a stage where something radical must be done.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
December	24.82	24.88
January	24.82	24.92
March	25.05	25.12
May	24.95	25.08
July	24.70	24.58
N. Y. Spots		25.10
Local market		24.75

Notice

The Young Men's Gypsy Smith Bible club will meet Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock instead of Monday evening, at the home of Mr. Evans Goodwin, on East Main street. Be sure to come and bring a friend with you. Joe Earl Berry, President.

DAUGHTERS CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING

Greenwood, Dec. 8.—After choosing Newberry as the next meeting place and electing officers, the 26th annual convention of the South Carolina division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, adjourned here tonight after a three days' session.

Mrs. Chapman J. Milling of Darlington was reelected president. The constitution was amended so as to create the offices of first and second vice presidents and do away with third and fourth vice presidents. Under the new amendment, each of the four districts of South Carolina will have a district director instead of a vice president.

Mrs. J. H. West of Newberry was elected first vice president; Mrs. Alonzo Kellar, Greenwood, second vice president; Mrs. Martha Rivers, James Island, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Janie B. Flowers, Bishopville, recording secretary; Mrs. S. J. Mauldin, Pikesville, treasurer; Mrs. A. Woodson, Edgefield, recorder of crosses; Mrs. O. D. Black, Johnston, registrar, and Mrs. Frost Walker, Union, historian.

Resolutions of courtesy were adopted at the close of the meeting, thanking the city of Greenwood, the Robert A. Waller and John McKellar Reynolds chapters for their hospitality and others who had helped to make the convention a success. Officials said it was one of the most successful conventions in the history of the division.

A banner was presented the Robert A. Waller chapter, Greenwood, for having enrolled the greatest number of new members of any chapter in the division.

The convention voted to undertake the work of marking the spot where 200 Confederate soldiers were buried at the crater at Petersburg, and \$189 was pledged to this fund on the floor of the convention.

Many delegates left for their homes tonight.

South Carolina division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, ranks second in the entire organization for its achievements in historical work.

convention. Many false statements in histories used in schools have been corrected through the agency of the U. D. C. Mrs. West said and the organization is continuing its efforts to have accurate and fair history taught in the schools. The convention voted to appropriate \$117 for use in helping to carry on the historical work in this state.

Mrs. Chapman J. Milling, division president, reported to the convention that the condition of the Old Soldiers' home in Columbia was gratifying, and the convention voted to recognize the splendid service of Superintendent Stewart of the home.

Mrs. St. J. A. Lawton, director of the Lee Memorial fund and the Jefferson Davis highway program, reported that she had heard from 40 chapters and had received \$447.50 toward the Lee memorial fund, placing South Carolina second. She urged continued effort to have the Davis highway marked from ocean to ocean. Mrs. J. S. McWhirter's report on the Davis monument fund showed that most of South Carolina's \$1,000 pledge had been paid.

A number of winners of medals and prizes were announced. A gavel, given by Miss Lois Reynolds of Columbia, and made from wood from the home of Jefferson Davis, was presented to Mrs. J. R. Tarrant, president of the John McKellar Reynolds chapter, of Greenwood.

Announcement of the following prize winners was made: The Arthur Tompkins essay prize, \$10, won by Miss Catherine Calvert, Jonesville; the John C. Calhoun medal, offered by Mrs. St. J. A. Lawton, won by Edgar T. Thompson, Dillon; the Calvin Crozier medal, offered by the Calvin Crozier chapter of Newberry, won by Miss Lilla Stephenson, Marion; the Sue M. Abney prize, offered by Mrs. A. A. Woodson through the Edgefield chapter, won by Miss Catherine Simon, C. Irvine Walker chapter, offered by the Drayton Rutherford chapter, Newberry, and won by Winifred Davis chapter, York. The Robine Davis chapter, Westminister, won the division loving cup for the best original collection of manuscripts.

The following general prizes were announced: The Anna Robinson Andrews medal, won by Miss Marion Jones, Newberry; the Rose loving cup, won by Mrs. J. E. Ellerbe, Marion, for the second time, this year on an essay on Sidney Lanier.

Three prizes were bestowed in the department of the Children of the Confederacy. The White prize was won by Miss Anne Galliard Stacker won by Miss Agnes M. Rice of Union. The division prize for the best essay on "Robert E. Lee, the Boy," was won by Gabriel McColl of Bennettsville.

COAL COMMISSION TO MEET SOON

Washington, Dec. 8.—Taking cognizance of conditions which indicate the possibility of another national coal strike in the bituminous mines after April 1, the United States Coal commission today announced that mine operators and miners' union officials concerned would be invited to meet with it in Washington next week.

The session would mark the beginning of an endeavor to "procure mutual concessions in the interests of the common good," the announcement said, and was necessary because of "grave danger that another paralysis of the business of the country" is impending. Action by the commission followed the adjournment this week of a joint committee of mine operators and union officials, which met at Chicago but failed to achieve a satisfactory preliminary arrangement for wage negotiations which would assure continuance of operations after April.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America in Washington were later informed that John L. Lewis, its president, would not be able to respond to the commission's invitation before Thursday. It is expected that conferences on the subject will be taken up then, and that the commission will proceed to executive consideration of the situation.

Wage agreements, which now fix pay scales and working conditions in the unionized coal fields, were made at Cleveland last summer and run only to April 1, but contain a paragraph providing for joint committee meetings of the bituminous employers and the union to consider terms of a wage contract which might run after that date. The committee created included for the employers Phil Penna, representing Indiana operators; T. H. Watkins for central Pennsylvania; H. N. Taylor for southwestern operators and others, while Mr. Lewis, Philip Murray, vice president of the union, and William Green, its secretary, represented the men.

After several sessions the employers' committee brought forward a proposal for wage scale.

the movement of coal prices. There was also some consideration of district agreements, but the proposals were declared today by union spokesmen, who conferred with the coal commission to have been immediately rejected by the miners' representatives.

The committee accordingly adjourned its negotiations finally, leaving the whole problem of wage contract to be taken up on January 3 by a joint wage conference of the central competitive field. Though both operators and miners will constitute this conference, only the territory known as the central competitive field, composed of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, will be covered in its deliberations. The committee, which has adjourned, gave representation to mining territory outside as well as inside this area.

Under the law creating the coal commission, it is obliged to make a preliminary report by January 15 with the object of assisting in attempts to fix the new wage scale. Since its creation, the commission has employed many agents, some of whom have been investigating wages and expenditures of miners in various coal districts.

Choral Club Organized

The Choral club, which Mrs. Devaux Turner is training, elected officers yesterday afternoon and the following will serve for one year: Mrs. W. T. Beatty, president, and Miss Fannie Duncan, treasurer and custodian. The next rehearsal will be held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. W. H. Burris.

Christmas Bazaar

The ladies of the Episcopal church are to have a Christmas bazaar Tuesday at the store room on Gadsden street, recently erected by Mr. J. Ben Foster. The booths are in place and such delicious things are being prepared for the dinners and lunches and such beautiful things for the fancy work and substantial booths and—oh, everything cute and pretty will be sold and it is just the place to be sold and it is just the place to purchase Christmas gifts. The ladies invite you to inspect their bazaar and eat dinner with them and meet your friends and have a good time generally.

Mrs. Ida Belue, of Route 4, was among the shoppers in Union today. Lieut. Sam Brabson left this week for Camp Meade, Md., after spending a fortnight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes, where Mrs. Brabson and little son are spending the winter.

Promiscuous Shooting in Dublin

London, Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Promiscuous shooting marked the night in Dublin, according to reports received here.

TIGER COMFORTED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Georges Clemenceau, closing his visit to Washington this afternoon with a "formal" address, expressed the hope that diplomacy would find a way to bring America back into European affairs through what he interpreted as an "overture" by President Harding in the annual message the executive had read to congress a few hours earlier.

"I was greatly comforted," said the war time premier of France, "when I read in the message of your president the following lines. They are not very long, but they are very suggestive:

"The four power pact, which abolishes every probability of war on the Pacific, has brought a new confidence in maintained peace, and I can well believe it might be made a model for like assurances wherever in the world any common interests are concerned."

"So you see," continued the Tiger, "that even those who are supposed to disagree, really agree at the very bottom of their feeling and reasoning power. That is what I ask, and I hope this is something like an overture, that some light will be coming, and I will be very glad if it comes from America and I hope that diplomacy will have something to say about it, and talks may be engaged in, which, I am sure, can bring nothing but good for us all."

When Clemenceau's reference to the president's message was called to the attention of the White House, it was said that there was no comment to be made and that there was no intention of elaborating on the president's statement to congress.

Clemenceau's address, delivered before an audience, which included many diplomats, government officials and members of both houses of congress, was, in its essence the "peace message" he first delivered at Chicago. But apparently sensing that official Washington would judge him and his mission by this speech, he spoke deliberately and chose his words with care.

assertion that France could not pay those of Germany, and argued that America should help to make Germany pay.

M. Clemenceau asked why the United States went to war; whether it was to help France or to make democracy safe. If it was for the latter reason, he asked that the United States look afar and see the barbarism of the Turks and the anarchy of Russia.

The "Tiger" boarded his special train shortly after 9 o'clock to go to Philadelphia, where he is scheduled to speak tomorrow morning.

Former Convict Has Reopened Murder Case

Harlan, Ken., Dec. 9.—An independent investigation by John Bramley, a former convict, was started while in prison and continued after release, today was credited with reopening the Laura Parsons murder case here. The Harlan county grand jury has indicted John Marcum, former head of the convict road camp at Dillon, and Jerry Reed and James Robinson, convicts. Miss Parsons was killed in 1920. Dr. H. C. Winnes of Cincinnati, a veterinarian, was tried for the crime but the jury failed to agree and the case was later dismissed.

Mr. J. C. Ong to Speak

The Salvation Army is very much pleased to announce that Mr. J. C. Long will speak at the Salvation Army hall over Glymph's Pharmacy Sunday at 3 o'clock. These services are growing in interest and a different speaker will speak every Sunday and hear Mr. Long speak. No man public to come out to this service Sunday and hear Mr. Long speak. No man in Union county has made a better star in Christian work since the Gipsy Smith meeting than Mr. Long and it will be a great encouragement to him for you to attend this meeting. A special invitation is extended to every member of the Gipsy Smith club.

Oyster Supper

The Y. P.'s of Green Street Methodist church will serve an oyster supper Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the hall over Union Mill store. The public is cordially invited. ltpd

Rev. D. W. Garvin of Chester will preach for the congregation of the Westside Baptist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. J. T. Jeter of Santuc is among the visitors in Union today. He is recovering rapidly from a recent serious illness.