

**WIRELESS SAVES 130 LIVES.**

**PANNONIA RACES 180 MILES TO AID OF BURNING SHIP.**

Cunarder was on Way to New York. When Call for Help Reached Her She Turned Round, and Racing at Full Speed Arrived in Time to Save Passengers of Spanish Steamship, whose Cotton Cargo was on Fire. Rescue Work Effected in Stormy Mid-ocean.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 16.—The Spanish steamer Balmes, with her cotton cargo on fire, was towed into St. George's harbor this morning, conveyed by the Cunard liner Pannonia. The Cunarder had on board 139 passengers of the Balmes taken off the burning ship Friday morning in mid-ocean, while heavy seas were running, after a race to the rescue in answer to wireless calls for help.

The Pannonia, when she had finished her task of conveying the Balmes, pointed her prow toward New York and steamed away at 10 o'clock this morning, the passengers of the Balmes lining her decks and cheering lustily.

The fire on the Balmes, which was discovered Wednesday night at 11 o'clock while the steamer was ploughing eastward on her trip to Cadiz, Spain, from Galveston and Havana, spread rapidly.

The wireless operator then began sending out calls for assistance. The call reached the Pannonia, 180 miles to the north, bound for New York, and Capt. Robert Capper answered he would come to the Balmes' aid. The British cruiser Suffolk also answered the steamer's call, but her message was indistinct.

Turning south the Pannonia, under forced draught, raced at top speed toward the spot where the Balmes had said she was in distress. All of Wednesday night and throughout Thursday Capt. Capper pressed the Pannonia. Thursday night the Spanish vessels was sighted by the Cunarder, which was soon alongside the burning vessel.

Capt. Capper stood by the Balmes until morning and then took off her passengers, the captain and crew electing to remain on their ship to navigate her and fight the fire.

The Balmes' crew fought the fire throughout Friday, but all the time it continued to gain headway. Saturday night the flames had reached such proportions it was thought they might spread to the rum in the hold and that the vessel might have to be abandoned.

The crew, however, never ceased their endeavors. When the tugs picked up the Balmes and towed her into St. George's this morning, the powerful pumps put aboard, soon quenched the flame.

**NAVAJOS ON THE WAR PATI.**

**Fifteen Hundred Rally in Defence of Renegades in New Mexico.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 17.—Fifteen hundred Navajo Indians have rallied in defence of eight renegades and are reported in armed encampment on Beautiful Mountain, thirty-five miles southwest of the Shiprock Agency, defying United States Marshal Hudspeth to take prisoner the outlaws, who are wanted on Federal warrants charging horse stealing, assault and bigamy.

Two troops of cavalry have been asked for by the marshal and the request has been referred by the war department to Major Gen. Carter, in command of the border patrol.

It is feared that before the cavalry arrives the renegades will be joined by many in command of the medicine men and of the plural wife men, who are reported to be stirring the Navajos to rebellion.

The Indians are fortifying a high table mountain, the summit of which is approachable by only one tortuous road.

An investigation during the day by the marshal and the Indian agents showed that the Indians surrounding the renegade leaders had rounded up their cattle and sheep, harvested their corn and otherwise made ready for a siege. The Indians are led by Chief Black Horse and 150 young bucks. Their encampment surrounds the Noel trading post on Beautiful Mountain.

**BRYAN CALLS FLORENCE MAN.**

**Dr. Bass Asked to Take Examination for Diplomatic Corps.**

Florence, Nov. 17.—Rev. Liston D. Bass, of this city, publisher of the Commonwealth, a weekly newspaper at this place, has just received a letter from Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan to accept a position in the diplomatic service, and to come to Washington in January to stand the requisite examination under the civil service commission.

Dr. Bass finds, however, that under the rule his age may disbar him unless by special permit of the president, whose assistance in this matter will be asked by Dr. Bass and members of the South Carolina delegation.

**TO INVESTIGATE RATES.**

**COMMERCE COMMISSION TO PROBE COAL CHARGES.**

Inquiry Will Cover Freight Tariff on Freight From Fields to Many Points in South.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The interstate commerce commission announced today that a sweeping investigation of coal rates throughout all the Southeastern part of the United States would be made at once.

It appeared that rates for the transportation of bituminous coal, the commission said, from points in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee to points in Virginia, the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida have been the subject of formal complaint to the commission. It is ordered that proceedings be instituted into the rates maintained by common carriers subject to the act to regulate commerce for the transportation of bituminous coal in the territory just named. It has been decided to ascertain by a thorough investigation whether present rates are fair and just.

The roads which will be investigated are the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Louisville & Nashville, Norfolk & Western Southern and Virginian.

No time has yet been set for this investigation to begin, but it will be in its nature one of the most thorough the country has ever known.

**BRUIN DELAYED THE TRAIN.**

**Big Bear Drops on Top of Coach and Trouble Follows.**

Chesterfield, Nov. 17.—One of the unlooked for amusements in connection with the Chesterfield County Fair, which has just closed with such success, was the detention of the afternoon train for Cheraw in a unique manner. There was exhibiting here at the Fair what is known as a Bear Man, viz. a big brown bear, which was shown by his swarthy keeper. The Fair grounds are just across the street from the station of the C. and L., which railroad occupies the centre of the street. Just before the arrival of the train the keeper of bruin, for a cash consideration, had him to climb a large elm tree, which has a limb which projects over the railroad track. When the train arrived somewhat behind time and with several passengers anxious to make the Coast Line connections in Cheraw, Bruin became frightened at his high perch and proceeded out on the limb, from which he dropped to the top of the coach. Now the problem was before the railroad as to whose duty it was to remove the bear. The station agent protested that it was out of his line of duty, as did the conductor. Finally, after much delay and a general caucus, several pieces of timber were run over to the cars on the siding next to the cotton platform and Bruin was persuaded to transfer his perch, from which place he was led on down on the cotton bales and on to the ground.

**A "SOCIAL WAR ON AT CAPITAL.**

**Wives of Members of Congress Vs. Wives of Cabinet Members.**

Washington, Nov. 16.—Feeling between the wives of the members of the house of representatives and the wives of the cabinet members has become so bitter that a serious situation exists—so serious, in fact, that it has aroused the anxiety of the administration leaders, including President Wilson himself.

The trouble has been brewing ever since the wives of the members of Mr. Wilson's cabinet announced last May that on account of the great number of members of the house they had decided not to call on the wives of the representatives. Senators' wives were not included in this "ban." That made it worse; and so did the refusal of Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice President, to omit the congressional calls. Mrs. Marshall called on every congressional "Mrs." before her husband had been much more than six months in office.

Indignation in the Texas delegation in the house became acute recently, when the wife of Representative Slayden learned, by a direct question and answer, that Mrs. David F. Houston, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, who had been her friend for years, considered herself bound by the May agreement not to visit Mrs. Slayden. The ladies of the Texas delegation have met and decided not to call on the cabinet ladies, and it is reported that the Congressional Club, composed of the wives of both Representatives and senators, will not give the usual reception in honor of the cabinet members' wives and daughters.

It has been suggested that persons in the city who have magazines which they have read arrange to give them to some of the rural schools in the country. Many of the schools would be glad to have these magazines on hand for the pupils to read.

**COLUMBIANS TO SUMTER.**

**MANY WILL ATTEND SESSION OF SHRINERS.**

Adluh Drum Corps Will Head Parade of "Nobles" on Thanksgiving Day.

The State.

Mystic Shriners of Columbia, headed by Adluh Drum corps, will go to Sumter Thanksgiving day by special train to participate in a ceremonial session of Omar temple. Announcement of the "fall pilgrimage" is officially made by Julius E. Cogswell of Charleston, potentate, through the recorder, H. O. Strohecker, also of Charleston, in these terms:

"Es salamu aleikum! The children of the prophet will harken to the walls of anguish from the profane without our temple gates and assemble to receive the most worthy supplicants into our caravan now about to cross the hot sands to Mecca. Indications point to this session breaking the record both in point of attendance and the size of the class. . . . Therefore heed, and disobey not, this my royal decree, and fail not to be present at a ceremonial session, to be holden at the opera house in Sumter, S. C., Duh'l Hajja, twelfth month, twentieth day, 1331, or, in plain United States, November 27, 1913."

One feature of the Sumter session will be a parade, in which each Shriner will wear evening dress, with fez and red tie. The floor work in the initiations will be conducted by the following team: J. Elmore Martin, Jesse Sharp, R. Hayne King, O. Frank Hart, J. L. Michie, Frank S. Evans, Henry H. Watkins, L. I. Parrott, I'on Simons and John C. Sherrill. Adluh Drum corps of Columbia will lead the parade. Pierre Mazzyk is captain, Frank N. Ehrlich lieutenant, Theo. A. Bell sergeant, T. J. Goodwyn adjutant, and H. W. Quinn, color sergeant. Privates are: W. E. Aughtry, C. E. Boineau, R. W. Beaty, L. A. Black, W. H. Gayden, H. B. Hair, J. J. Hope, L. A. Holst, L. P. Jones, L. B. Little, G. S. Levy, J. D. Lee, George Morrison, P. M. Paullin, C. L. Schilling, C. H. Suidam, Wm. Watson and Clarke Walker.

Julius E. Cogswell of Charleston heads the "official divan" of Omar temple. Other officers are: C. A. Milford, Abbeville; Zeb Vance Davidson, Chester; E. R. Wilson, Sumter; Wm. M. Bird, Charleston; H. O. Strohecker, Charleston; O. Frank Hart, Columbia. Representatives of the imperial council are: James J. Johnson, I'llian V. Johnson, S. G. Finley, J. E. McDonald. Appointive officers are: R. A. Cooper, James D. Nelson, G. L. Ricker, C. K. Chreitberg, R. S. Marks, C. B. Colson, J. W. Corbett, G. W. Dick, R. W. Freyschmidt, Jesse Sharpe, J. E. Martin, R. Hayne King, L. I. Parrott, R. R. Pregnall, G. H. Webber, J. C. Bissell, G. J. McDowell, C. L. Pearlstine, Junius Parrott, J. L. Hacker, E. N. Wulbern, M. V. Haselden, R. L. Moore, J. H. Williams, W. W. Fennell, R. S. Cathcart, C. B. Earle, C. D. Napier.

**GOMPERS WILL BE RE-ELECTED.**

**Mitchell Refuses to Oppose Him and He is Assured of an Almost Solid Vote.**

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—Samuel Gompers is assured of almost a solid vote for re-election as President of the American Federation of Labor. John Mitchell today refused to be a candidate unless Gompers voluntarily retired.

**URGED TO RECONSIDER.**

**England Exhorted to Help Panama Exposition.**

New York, Nov. 17.—The English government was requested today by a subcommittee of the American committee for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples to reconsider its determination not to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

A proposal to conclude in San Francisco the peace celebration has been approved by Charles C. Moore, president of the exposition.

The full committee will meet in Richmond, Va., December 3 and 4.

Gov. Mann of Virginia will preside at the first day's session and Andrew Carnegie on the second day. The Richmond conference will arrange for the celebration on special days of unbroken peace between the United States and France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Italy and other nations.

**MUST PULL MILEAGE.**

**Georgia Traveling Men Win Victory in Supreme Court.**

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—The Georgia Supreme Court handed down a decision today reversing the lower court and upholding the State Railroad Commission making it compulsory upon the railroads to pull mileage on trains in Georgia. It is a great victory for the Georgia traveling men.

**BOYS' CORN CLUB EXHIBIT.**

**CLARENDON COUNTY BOYS MAKE REPORTS ON CORN CROP.**

Clarence Dinkins of Trinity Section Wins Prizes for Greatest Yield and for Best History—Miss Pauline Hodge Gets Prize for Best Ten Ears.

Manning, Nov. 17.—Pursuant to plans previously announced the boys' corn club exhibit was held in the court house on Saturday. While there were not as many individual exhibits as on former occasions the quality of the samples shown evinced that the boys had profited by the lessons taught in the former contest. Ten-ear exhibits were made by the following: Willie Holladay, Wilson; Francis Castine, Turbeville; Dick Reese, Alcolu; Hugh Kelly, Manning; Kirkland Corbett, Paxville; Clarence Dinkins, Alcolu; James Wells, Davis Station; Harry Bradham, Manning; Willie Young, Alcolu; Bennie Baggett, Wilson; Thos. J. Stukes, Jordan; Miss Pauline Hodge, Manning.

The prize for the best written history of how his crop was grown was won by Clarence Dinkins of the Trinity section. This prize is a gold medal and is held until some one wrests it from the winner by producing a better written account at some subsequent contest. The honor of having carried off this prize for the preceding two years belong to Willie Young of the Alcolu section. Both these boys are pupils of the Trinity rural graded school.

The prize for the greatest yield was also won by Clarence Dinkins, consisting of a \$5 pair of shoes, given by J. H. Rigby. The yield as reported was 79.8 bushels. The second greatest yield was credited to Thomas J. Stukes of the Jordan section, who received \$2 cash on a record of 77 bushels to the acre.

The best ten-ear exhibit was submitted by Miss Pauline Hodge, who received \$3 in cash. The second best ten-ear exhibit was credited to Francis Castine of Turbeville, who received \$2 cash.

The best report made on the government blanks was submitted by Friendly Geddings of Paxville, who won a handsome fountain pen donated by Dr. J. E. Arant.

No prize had been offered for the best single ear exhibited, but a small cash prize of 50 cents was provided and Hugh Kelly was declared to be the winner.

Prof. Carberry, who is engaged in the canning demonstration work for the government, gave a practical demonstration in canning on the court house grounds in the presence of a large and interested bunch of spectators, composed largely of ladies. After this feature Miss Edith Parrott of Winthrop college gave an interesting presentation of what is being done along this line in other counties and showed the authorities of this county how the work can be undertaken here. After all the details had been inquired into a contract was entered into, whereby it is hoped that the work will be launched in full force in this county next year. With girls' tomato clubs working enthusiastically, there would doubtless be a spirit of rivalry aroused in the boys' corn clubs and the whole work would redound greatly to the credit of the county.

**SEIZE MUCH DYNAMITE.**

**The New York Police Find Explosive.**

New York, Nov. 17.—One hundred sticks of dynamite, packed in a small wooden box, were seized by the police tonight in a Washington street barber shop near the customs house and a short distance from the financial district. The proprietor explained that the box had been left by a customer about a month ago. As it was small and not in the way he thought no more about it and did not try to learn what it contained.

Inspector Eagan of the department of combustibles said it contained enough dynamite to blow up a big section of Lower Manhattan and perhaps wipe wall street "off the map."

**THAW WINS A POINT.**

**Federal Judge Refuses to Dismiss Habeas Corpus.**

Concord, N. H., Nov. 18.—Judge Aldrich in the Federal court today refused to dismiss the habeas corpus proceedings which were begun by Harry Thaw, and ordered Attorney Jerome to proceed with his argument. This decision is a point in favor of Thaw.

**JEWELRY TRUST ATTACKED.**

**Suits Filed in Federal Court Under Sherman Law.**

New York, Nov. 18.—The Department of Justice today filed a suit in the Federal court against National Wholesale Jewelers' Association and National Association Manufacturing Jewelers, the charge being monopoly in restraint of trade.

**ADJOURN FOR THANKSGIVING.**

**SENATE MAY WORK CURRENCY OFF IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY.**

No Adjournment will be Taken Without Consent of President—Mr. Wilson Anxious to Have Congress in Session in Event of Emergency in Mexican Situation.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Definite agreement today by both the administration and the anti-administration wings of the senate banking and currency committee to complete their drafts of the currency bill and submit them to the senate by Thursday was followed by general talk at the capitol of an adjournment of congress over Thanksgiving.

Informal discussion of the adjournment on both sides of the capitol, however, failed to take any definite shape. No adjournment will be taken without the consent of the president and he has not yet made known his views. In the senate it was believed the president might agree to a brief recess, although it has been known that he desired to have congress in session in the event of emergencies arising in the Mexican situation.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday have been suggested as possible dates for adjournment in conference of house and senate leaders.

Majority Leader Underwood, due to return from his senatorial campaign in Alabama on Thursday, is expected to take up this question with President Wilson.

Both wings of the senate committee continued work on their bills today. The six administration Democrats reopened their deliberations to consider the advisability of altering the provision in the Glass-Owen bill for shifting the reserves of the country from the present depositories to the new regional reserve banks. It has been suggested that the provision might make too great a demand on the banking resources of the country and result in the calling of loans and consequently stringency.

The Democrats reached no definite agreement, but Chairman Owen agreed to tabulate the figures available on the subject and present them to the committee tomorrow.

Senator Hitchcock and the Republicans continued to write their draft of the bill. They increased the gold reserve to be held against the new currency to 45 per cent and provide that when the reserve fell below that point it would be taxed on a graduated scale down to the minimum of 30 per cent. The bond refunding section was completely changed. As amended it would provide that each regional bank should each year invest 50 per cent of its available capital in the 2 per cent bonds at par, which are the basis of the present bank notes.

The regional banks would then be allowed to exchange the 2 per cent bonds for 3 per cent one-year government notes, agreeing to renew the notes for twenty years. These notes would be available for use in foreign markets to secure gold to maintain the reserve.

The Republicans also made numerous amendments correcting what they regarded as discrepancies in the bill and making the later sections conform to amendments already adopted.

**PRESIDENT N. Y. CENTRAL RE-SIGNS.**

**Generally Believed That Alfred Smith Will Be Successor of William Brown.**

New York, Nov. 18.—William Brown, president of the New York Central railroad, resigned today, the resignation being effective January first.

It is generally believed that Alfred Smith will be his successor. Brown is retiring from business after fifty years of railroading.

**HOT ON MURPHY'S TRAIL.**

**District Attorney Whitman Will Put Murphy's Business Partners on Grift Grill.**

New York, Nov. 18.—District Attorney Whitman this afternoon issued subpoenas for the officers of the Bradley Construction company in which Charles Murphy, the Tammany leader, is heavily interested, to testify in the John Doe graft inquiry. This brings the contract graft investigation into New York city. It has heretofore been confined to up-State firms.

**GAVE BLOOD IN VAIN.**

**Columbia Students Could Not Save Girl.**

New York, Nov. 17.—Miss Edith M. Thomas, a senior in Barnard college, died today of anaemia, despite the transfusion of blood from four Columbia students. The girl's father tried vainly to obtain blood from healthy men through the Salvation Army but could find none suitable. The students, friends of the dying girl, then volunteered their services, but she was so weak that the operation proved without avail.

**M'LAURIN LETTER GIVEN PRESS**

**MARLBORO SENATOR SAYS HE WILL HELP IN MORAL AWAKENING.**

Believes He Could Be of Service to State in Establishment of Warehouse System, Refunding State Debt and Preventing Split in White People.

Columbia, Nov. 18.—Senator John L. McLaurin in making his reply to Senator Tillman's suggestion that he take the stump and help fight Bleasism stated that before either Governor Bleas or Senator Tillman had made statements on his withdrawal from politics he had written letters to friends telling them what he was willing to do and stating that his friends could give out the letter for publication if they wished.

A letter received this morning at the News and Courier Bureau from B. F. McLendon, in Hartsville, enclosed a copy of a letter written Mr. McLendon by Senator McLaurin, and it is supposed to be the one he was talking about. "I state to you the deliberate opinion that factionalism cannot be safely pushed to greater extent," says the senator in this letter.

The senator in giving his reasons for withdrawing from politics said that he was willing to serve the people and that he could be of some service to the State in connection with a State warehouse system. He says that he is willing to respond to a call from a moral awakening in the political world and has received many letters along this line.

His letter in full follows:

"My Dear Baxter: Both of your letters received. I briefly acknowledge No 1 and will now reply more at length to No. 2.

"I know that you were surprised at the statement that I made about retiring from politics, but you remember that I had not said that I would be a candidate for office, only that I was willing to respond to a call from the people.

"I believed that I could be of some service to this State in connection with a State warehouse system, refunding the State debt and preventing a threatened split in our white people.

"These are the motives that impelled me to make so many speeches and to attend a conference, not for the purpose of selecting a governor, but to control the next Democratic State convention and prevent the constitutional restrictions designed to subjugate the negro in the general election, being used in the primary to disfranchise white men and place them on the same political basis as the negro.

"You life work calls you into close contact with our factory and agricultural population. It is a grand work and I am sure you will agree with me that all classes of society need a tighter conception of the rights and duties of citizenship. Your influence and example sways the course and influences the minds of thousands of people in this State.

"I state to you the deliberate opinion that factionalism cannot be safely pushed to greater extent.

"Last year we came near a split and if the storm breaks loose again no man can control it. Is it not wise to stop a moment and see what it is all about? Is not returning good for evil a good rule in politics? I think so. The majesty and power of it is great everywhere.

"A moral awakening in the political world is sorely needed. You cannot regulate primaries and legislate away bribery, too. That must come through arousing the minds and consciences of men.

"My dear Baxter, you teach men that they are brothers in the church. I am trying to teach them that they are brothers in the State. And I am just as willing to serve the people in my way as you are in yours. You are right in saying that no good citizen can refuse to serve the State in any capacity. I only refuse to play the role of office-seeker. I did not know nor am I prepared to yet believe that there is such a demand for my services as you seem to think. If I did I would not hesitate one moment as to my course. I have received many letters like yours, but one can easily be mistaken about these things. As ever your friend,

"John L. McLaurin. "Bennettsville, S. C."

**COMMISSION'S DUTIES OVER.**

**Turns Over Court House and Jail to Calhoun County.**

St. Matthews, Nov. 17.—This has been a day full of interest, locally. The commission in charge of building the court house and jail met today and formally turned over the court house and jail to the county of Calhoun.

City taxes are due and payable this month. The city treasurer has not been rushed thus far, but his busy day will be the 29th.