

TEN PAGES. THE DAY'S SUMMARY. THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, May 12.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; light to fresh south winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was cool in the morning hours, becoming warmer in the afternoon. The reading of the Dispatch thermometer, at the hours stated, were as follows: 6 A. M. 55; 7 A. M. 58; 8 A. M. 60; 9 A. M. 62; 10 A. M. 64; 11 A. M. 66; 12 M. 68; 1 P. M. 70; 2 P. M. 72; 3 P. M. 74; 4 P. M. 76; 5 P. M. 78; 6 P. M. 80; 7 P. M. 82; 8 P. M. 84; 9 P. M. 86; 10 P. M. 88; 11 P. M. 90; 12 Night 92.

MEAN TEMPERATURE 66.2; 3 Government reading: Maximum, 73; minimum, 54; mean, 63.5; range, 19.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, MAY 13, 1902. Sun rises 5:54. HIGH TIDE. Sun sets 7:06. Evening 9:35. Moon rises 5:48. Morning 7:14.

RICHMOND. Fiske's History and "Our Country" dropped from list of public school books—New Constitution lengths terms of city officials and reduces terms of members of Board of Aldermen—State of "Glenham" estate in Henrico, to St. Louis man of means—Water for the "Chesfield" apartment house struck at a depth of 265 feet—Gessanverren Virginia—A notable three-days' festival in July—The Richmond Postmaster issues its work and adjourns—Death of William J. Glenn, an aged citizen—W. P. Lehman to oppose D. A. Wehrmann for Police Board—Graduation of the University College of Medicine announced—The Richmond News-Tribune fire bug, granted a pardon—Atlantic Coast Line stockholders ratify State Fe and Wash consolidation—Theatrical managers summoned to Police Court—A dry Sunday in the city—MANCHESTER—Location in Cowardin Avenue Christian church—A bold sneak-thief—Chesterfield grand jury term.

VIROGINIA. Mass meeting of Democrats at Pamunkey favors proclamation of the new Constitution—Mass meeting at Woodstock, Monday, in behalf of proposed of Democrats and Republicans, declares for submission to the present electorate—Walter Sutherland, of Carroll county, dies from wounds apparently inflicted with suicidal intent—Postmaster Burroughs, of Portsmouth, is missing, and his accounts are \$2,000 or more short—Lynchburgers oppose the pardon of a former drug-bug of that city—Senator Daniel addresses the voters at a public meeting in the city—The city is being unobtrusively proclaimed the new Constitution. The Campbell voters therefore will not instruct him—Carter Glass endorsed for Sixth District Congress—A meeting of the meeting at Rutherford yesterday. What he said about running—William A. Berkeley, veteran of the Spanish war, drowned Saturday night in Fredericksburg—John Tompkins, one of Jim Wright's gang of outlaws, killed near Manassas, in Scott county, Va.—Elks Carnival began in Roanoke yesterday with large crowds in attendance—Death of Major William Childers, a distinguished soldier—The Roanoke Sunday—City of Baltimore may sell her stock in the Valley of Virginia railroad.

GENERAL. Latest advices confirm awful story of destruction of St. Pierre, all essential details—Thirty thousand lives lost. Some seven hundred people also perished by reason of the eruption on the island of St. Vincent—New York stock market is depressed, but closes steady, at some recovery—Agriculture, owing to the early rains, jumps prices in the Chicago grain pits—Ada may win the Bambino stakes at Morris Park—Lieutenant Waller has been detached at Cavite, and will soon sail for home—A Norfolk delegation comes with Secretary of the Interior, and railroad workmen—Last day of the Baptist General Convention is crowded with business. The convention declines to hear Rev. Mr. Diaz, and declares that his relations to the convention are dissolved—The Board of Education of the city of Norfolk secures an injunction restraining the Southern and other railroads from interfering with occupation of rights of way in Clear Fork Valley, held by the La Follette road—West Indian relief, \$200,000—The House of Representatives has appropriated \$200,000, and Senate concurring—The session of the Methodist General Conference is brief, the day having been set apart as a season of fasting and prayer—Delegates to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Convention are ready to depart for Norfolk—The town of Ayden, N. C., visited by a severe fire Sunday; loss over \$20,000—The President urges Congress, in a special message, to appropriate \$500,000 for the stricken West Indians—The light-weight pugilist champion—The hard-core mine workers begin their strike. The number out is 15,000—A negro is lynched at Deatur, Tenn.—Twenty lives lost and persons badly burned by the explosion of train of naphtha cars near Pittsburg.

WARRANTS FOR MANAGERS. Messrs. Lenth and Giffen to Answer Complaint in Police Court. Mr. Henry Gilbert, manager of the Alhambra Hotel, swore out a warrant yesterday for Manager of the Giffen Stock Company, charging them with creating a disturbance in the Academy on May 11.

Mr. Gilbert says the noise of the hammer and saw throughout the evening in building the stage, and the protracted rehearsals of the company disturbs the peace of his hotel, and is seriously affecting his business interests.

The climax was reached Sunday night with the rehearsal of the "Rising Sun Dancers" band, which figures in the production of "Blue Jeans." Upon the stage this organization is anything but a joy to see, and in the midnight hours Mr. Gilbert says it was nothing short of horrible.

Both managers will be in the Police Court this morning to answer Mr. Gilbert's complaint against the alleged breach of the peace of the Sabbath.

Mr. Gilbert says that part of the house was demolished last night, as he was busy engaged on the Academy stage directing the setting of those scenes which are the cause of the trouble.

Lumber-Plant Destroyed. PENSACOLA, Fla.—The extensive planing-mills, lumber-sheds and dry-docks of the Southern States Lumber Company at Muscogee, Fla., with about six hundred tons of lumber, were burned last night.

INJUNCTION AGAINST SOUTHERN. La Follette Road Objects to Occupation of Clear Fork Valley Rights. KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 12.—The Knoxville, La Follette, and Jellico Railroad Company has secured an injunction from Judge J. W. Sneed of this city, restraining the Southern Railway, American Association (limited), Cumberland Railroad and their engineers and contractors from interfering with the occupation of rights of way in Clear Fork Valley, held

AWFUL STORY CONFIRMED IN FULL. The Site of St. Pierre Is But a Seared and Blackened Waste.

THIRTY THOUSAND PERSONS PERISHED. Frightful Scenes in the Debris of the Once Gay and Beautiful City—Piles of Corpses Everywhere—Victims Apparently Suffocated by the Poisonous Gases From Pelee—Great Destruction Also on St. Vincent—Loss of Life at Least 700.

(Special cable (copyright), 1902, by W. R. Hearst.) By Second-Mate Thompson, of the Roraima. ST. KITTS, DANISH WEST INDIES, May 12.—The steamship Roraima left Dominica at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 8th for St. Pierre. At 4 o'clock she ran into intense darkness. Showers of ashes continued to fall until our arrival off St. Pierre at 6:35 o'clock. The decks of the ship were entirely covered with ashes at 6 o'clock. At that time the volcano was throwing up dense smoke. The company's agent came on board the Roraima at 6:30 o'clock, and reported that the inhabitants of St. Pierre were in a state of great anxiety and fear because of the fiery action of Mont Pelee. The agent left the Roraima at 7:45 o'clock. He took with him the mails and the ship's papers, and then started for the ship Roldam, which was then lying at quarantine, about one mile south of our anchorage. THE MOUNTAIN EXPLODES. All hands were on the Roraima's decks at five minutes to 8 o'clock looking at the volcano, which was smoking furiously. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, and a huge black mass was hurled upward, shooting almost straight into the air, and going thousands of feet up. A giant volume of flame flashed along just under it, the great black mass fell back, and the flames burst into a conical shape, to roll down the mountain side on to the city and roadstead, like a great river.

MT. PELEE ERUPTION ON A SMALL SCALE. Twenty Killed and Two Hundred Injured by Explosion of a Train of Naphtha Cars Near Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 12.—The Sheridan yard of the Pennsylvania Railroad was the scene this evening of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years. A score of lives were lost, and about 200 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries. The dead: HARRY F. SMITHEY, leverman; resident at Dennison, O. BILLY TAYLOR, brakeman; Ulrichsville, O. ELMER HUNTER, conductor. ALBERT McKEAN, brakeman; Sheridan. JOHN SWAN, brakeman; Sheridan. DALLAS BYRD, fireman; Sheridan. A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION. The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars, which were being switched at the yard, and in the switching the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leading naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw the flame fifty feet high. Much of the escaping naphtha ran through Crook's Run to Esplanade Borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and the Collins House, on the River Road, and badly wrecking a frame building near-by, in which were congregated 300 or more sports from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races, baseball, etc. Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sherman Hotel, were seriously, and it is feared, fatally injured.

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:30 o'clock, and the spectacle soon attracted a large crowd on the street, lining the hills on both sides of, and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about 5 o'clock, but it was 6:15 o'clock when three more cars of the deadly stuff went up with a roar that could be heard for miles, and that the work of destruction really began.

A torrent of flame belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery, and sending a shower of flame over their heads, resembling Mont Pelee on a small scale.

SCENE OF FRENZY. There was an awful hush for a moment, then followed a scene of frenzy. Men and women, frantic with terror, were scorched and blistered, and their hair burned off their heads, ran wildly shrieking, hither and thither, only intent on escape from that awful furnace of fire. Some gave vent to frenzied appeals to kill them, and put them out of their misery, and little children, with their curly locks and light summer clothing, small pillars of fire, cried piteously, as they were swept along by the tide of burning humanity.

The town's people did all in their power for the stricken victims, and all the Pittsburg ambulances were immediately dispatched to the scene, with a corps of physicians. Any of those not seriously burned were removed to their homes in Sheridan.

The injured were sent to the various Pittsburg hospitals and the dead removed to the undertaking establishments in Sheridan. The property loss will amount to at least \$300,000.

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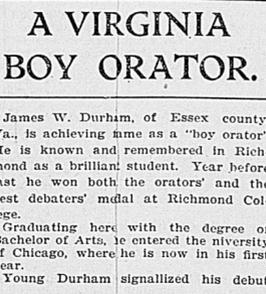
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LOUISA WHEAT PROSPECT. A Short Crop is Predicted—Some Items of News. LOUISA, VA., May 12.—(Special.)—May County Court opened here to-day. A pretty large crowd of farmers were out and the most of them were looking into the merits of the dozen different kinds of labor-saving farm machinery on exhibition. A poor prospect for wheat was reported from every section of the county. A local option petition for Louisa Courthouse District has been signed by a much larger number than is necessary to call an election, which petition will be presented to Judge F. W. Sims in a day or so. The Confederate veterans have invited the ladies of Louisa and the citizens generally to meet with them in the Louisa Baptist church on the 17th inst., to thoroughly organize to raise the necessary money to erect a fitting monument in memory of the Confederate dead of Louisa.

The Board of Pension Commissioners, composed of Wm. Kearn, Captain Overton and W. J. Hart, met here to-day for the first time and organized for work under the new law. The board desires to be satisfied to pensions under the act of 1900 to meet them on June County Court day.

Mr. R. L. Gordon, member of the Constitutional Convention from Louisa, was instructed by a solid Democratic primary vote, through Chairman William Keane, to cast his vote for proclaiming the new Constitution. It would not be too strong to say that nine-tenths of the Democrats of Louisa favor proclamation. The 1,300-acre farm of the Brooke's estate was sold at auction to-day for \$5,500, the Messrs. W. J. and John H. Crank being the purchasers.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 12.—(Special.) A young white woman, neatly attired, who appeared to be in the deepest distress, called at police headquarters this morning and asked for assistance in getting to the home of her mother, in Richmond. She stated that she had been living in Pocahontas with her husband, who was a miner, and that about three weeks ago he had been killed by a fall of slate. She was trying to get to her relatives, and she had been forwarded from Roanoke to this city by Mayor Bryan. Mayor Smith granted her the assistance she asked, and she left on the afternoon train.

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ACTION OF THE STATE BOARD. Confederate and Southern Sentiment Adverse to Both Text-Books. BE ELIMINATED PERMANENTLY. Understood That Action of the Present Board is Forerunner of Similar Action to Be Taken by the New Board Provided in the New Constitution—The Two Histories That Are Now in Use. The Virginia State Board of Education has declined to renew the contracts for two books on the public school list. The two books that have fallen under the ban of the board's disapproval are Fiske's "History of the United States," published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and "Our Country," a history of the United States, written by Cooper, Estelle & Lemmon, and published by Ginn & Co. It seems that the action of the board in looking off the two histories mentioned is based upon the determined effort that has been made for years by the Confederate veterans and others to remove every objectionable history from the public schools of the State. It is understood by those in touch with the school book situation in Virginia that the action of the board in dropping the two histories from August, 1902, to August, 1903, is the forerunner of similar action to be taken by the new board when it becomes operative. The State Board of Education under normal conditions would adopt books August 1st for the usual period, but in view of the changes made in the board by the action of the Constitutional Convention, the present board decided at its last meeting to postpone this important action for one year, to August 1, 1903, and they simply renewed the present contracts with the publishers until that time, so as to give the new board created by the Constitution the opportunity of selecting the text books that would be used in the public schools during the next year. STRONG POPULAR SENTIMENT. They made two exceptions, however, in the case of the histories mentioned, and their action appears to have been influenced by the reports made by the Confederate veteran organizations that Fiske's history and "Our Country" do not represent fairly the war between the States. It is known, however, that a large number of the teachers in the public schools of Virginia are favorable to Fiske's history and also to "Our Country" for pedagogic reasons. They claim that these two histories offer more abundant material for class-room purposes, and present the subject in better form for teachers and pupils.

WHERE ALREADY IN USE. Mr. Frank P. Brent, secretary of the board, stated yesterday that it was not thought that the refusal of the board to include Fiske's history and "Our Country" in the list for the next year would prevent the use of these books for one year in the schools where they were already in use. Among the book representatives who have been in the city it is generally understood that this action of the board will precipitate a hot book fight in August, 1903, when the adoption for four years is made.

THEIR VISIT TO ROANOKE. Hundreds of Locomotive Engineers in Town—Garfield Young's Arrest. ROANOKE, VA., May 12.—(Special.)—The officials and many delegates of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on their way to the convention in Norfolk, arrived here this afternoon, and were met by a large crowd of citizens, who were welcomed at the hotel by Mayor Buckner and other city officials, many members of the local division of the order, together with the officials and committees of the Carnival Association.

The Rev. Mr. Kean, who accompanied the visitors, who came on a train of two sections. The party was given an impromptu reception in the Pythian Hall at 8 o'clock to-night. Mayor Buckner, Joel H. Catchin, the Democratic nominee for mayor, Senator Lyle and the local officials of the Brotherhood delivered addresses of welcome, which were responded to by the Grand officers of the Brotherhood. The eight Norfolk towns, the streets and hotel lobbies are thronged with the visitors, but the committees in charge are handling the crowd with great ease.

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