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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROW IN POLICE COURT

Mrs. Bane Put Under Bonds. Appeal in a Sunday Liquor Case.

A neighborhood row was ventilated in the Police Court yesterday, and as a result, Mrs. Willie Bane was placed under bonds for two days. She was alleged to have said things about her next door neighbor, and when some boys in the neighborhood threw some rocks at her house, she appeared at the front door and fired a pistol. Then she was alleged to have said some more things, and a policeman arrested her. The evidence, to the mind of Justice John, was against her, and the bond was required. The case of Morris Nowan was not gone into. A verdict of guilty was handed down from the throne, and an appeal was taken. Nowan was fined \$20 for selling liquor on Sunday, and \$100 for selling to a minor. He was also given fifteen days in jail. A conviction in the upper court carries a revocation of license with it. The other cases netted the following results: While Robinson, for breaking into a blacksmith shop, was sent to the grand jury. John Nicholson got sixty days for threatening his wife. Joe Lewis paid \$5 for being disorderly in the street. Thomas went down for four months for shoplifting. Dave Lamb was charged \$50 for having a pair of brass knuckles concealed about his clothes. Some plain drunks followed.

## ANDERSON ON TRIAL. He Is Accused of Robbing the Postoffice at West Point.

The United States District Court was engaged up to adjournment at 3:30 yesterday afternoon with the trial of the case of John Anderson, alias Joe Anderson, white, charged with breaking into and robbing the United States postoffice at West Point, Va., and stealing therefrom certain stamps, money, etc. Anderson had been indicted on Tuesday. The accused was represented by Attorney Harry M. Smith, Jr., while the government was represented by District Attorney L. L. Lewis and his assistant, Mr. Hugh Gordon Miller. The testimony for the prosecution was begun and concluded yesterday, but owing to the absence of certain material witnesses for the defense, the taking of the money for the prisoner was not begun, but will be taken up to-day. The evidence adduced yesterday is substantially the same as that offered before Commissioner Brady at the preliminary hearing before him recently, the witness being the same. The government apparently has a strong case, but the evidence of the defendant may change the aspect of the case. No other business was taken up yesterday by the court, which adjourned until 10:30 A. M. to-day.

## Lecture on Liquid Air.

The Lecture Committee of the Mechanical Institute announces that the next lecture of the course will be given at the auditorium of the institute this evening at 8 o'clock by Professor J. Rufus Hunter, of

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# NEW ISSUE OF STOCK.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. - Will Retire Immense Floating Debt.

## STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

They Have Been Called for May 18th—Business Re- vival.

A letter has been sent out to stockholders of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, calling a general meeting of stockholders in this city on May 18th to consider and act upon a proposition by the board of directors to issue six million dollars of preferred stock of the company, with which to retire the floating debt of the company, incurred last summer.

The board after mature consideration and justified by the gratifying growth and condition of the company's business, will recommend to the stockholders the increase of the company's preferred stock from twelve to eighteen million dollars, the next issue of six millions to be on precisely the same basis, and paying eight per cent, just as the outstanding preferred stock.

The entire stock of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company now consists of twelve millions of preferred and twenty-eight million dollars of common stock, a total of forty millions. The proposed issue of preferred will increase the total capitalization to forty-six millions.

"The company borrowed six million dollars last summer," said an officer of the company yesterday. "Of that sum it has been found necessary to use only four and a half millions. The proposed issue of six millions of preferred will enhance rather than depress the value of the common stock. Certainly that is the opinion of the directors, and it can be demonstrated to any business man. It is more desirable to retire a floating debt and have in its stead an issue of stock, the dividends on which are dependent on the business of the corporation. The floating debt must be paid at a stated time, and the interest likewise. My belief is that wiping out the floating debt and issuing preferred stock instead, will have the effect of enhancing the value of the common stock, and I believe any financier will agree with me. The preferred stock will pay eight per cent. "The business of the company has steadily increased. It increased twenty per cent. last year, and has already increased more than eight per cent. this year, and is in a healthy condition."

## STOCKHOLDERS SANCTION.

The board could not take this action without the sanction of the stockholders, and it is for this reason that a letter has been sent out calling a general meeting of the stockholders at the general offices in this city on May 18th. The purposes of the meeting are clearly stated in that letter.

It will be remembered that the necessity for the issue of preferred stock arose from conditions in the money market as a result of which the banks refused to discount the notes of merchants given to the company for fertilizers purchased by them. Since then conditions have improved, but the company has sought to realize on this paper. The loan secured at that time has been more than sufficient to meet the company's needs, and a million and a half of the sum borrowed remains unexpended.

There seems to be no doubt that the stockholders will ratify the proposition of the board, and it is confidently expected that the effect of the proposed retirement of the floating debt will be to immediately and permanently enhance the value of the stock.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

Prison Association Will Take Up Important Business.

The annual meeting of the Prison Association of Virginia will be held at the rooms of the T. P. A. at 8 P. M. to-day. This meeting is for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and it is important that every member of the association be present.

In his communication signed "Member" was published, asking a number of questions in regard to the president's report, and as it is probable that these questions will be answered at this meeting, it will prove to be one of more than usual interest, and it is hoped that there will be a larger attendance than there has generally been at the annual meeting.

## WEDNESDAY CLUB BOXES BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Owing to the demand for boxes at the music festival of the Wednesday Club and their limited number, the board of governors have decided to put them up at auction.

They will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction, to be held at the club office, No. 821 East Main Street, on Friday, April 16th, at 1 P. M. All persons interested are cordially invited to be present at this sale.

## Medical Association Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Church Hill Medical Association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the Virginia Club.

Several interesting papers will be read at this meeting.

## The Chamber of Commerce.

The first quarterly meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for the year 1904 will be held in the assembly hall of the chamber this evening at 8 o'clock.

## THE REASON WHY.

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NEW YORK

## ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE ATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE CORPORATION.

ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—S. ADOLPH LEVY.  
Secretary—FREDERICK L. CADOGAN.  
Principal Office—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RICHMOND, VA.  
Organized or Incorporated—DECEMBER 5, 1900.  
Commenced Business—DECEMBER 5, 1903.

CAPITAL.	
Amount of capital stock subscribed.....	\$50,000 00
Amount of capital stock paid up in cash.....	50,000 00
ASSETS.	
Cash in the company's principal office.....	50,000 00
Gross premiums (as written in the policies) in course of collection, not more than three months due.....	4,002 20
Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value.....	\$54,002 20
LIABILITIES.	
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks running one year or less from date of policy, including interest on premiums and perpetual fire risks, \$5,000.00; Unearned premiums (60 per cent.).....	\$ 1,800 20
Total unearned premiums as computed above.....	1,800 20
Commissions, brokerage and other charges due and to become due to agents and brokers, on premiums paid and in course of collection.....	1,520 20
Return premiums.....	401 81
Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus.....	\$ 3,722 20
Joint stock capital actually paid up in cash.....	50,000 00
Surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities.....	540 00
Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid up capital stock and net surplus.....	\$54,002 20
RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.	
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year.....	\$ 4,002 20
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date.....	50,000 00
Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement and return premiums.....	\$ 401 81
DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.	
(Signed) S. ADOLPH LEVY, President.	
(Signed) FREDERICK L. CADOGAN, Secretary.	

State of New York, city of New York—  
Sworn to March 28, 1904, before E. LOUIS JACOB, Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

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**LARGE SUMS FOR MISSIONS**  
Announcements Just Made by the Presbyterian Executive Committees.

Reports from two of the most important executive committees of the Southern Presbyterian Church of the amount of contributions in the church year which closed on March 31st are most encouraging. Dr. Chester announces that the receipts of the Foreign Mission treasury for the fiscal year were \$66,523.72, a gain over those of last year of \$6,070.43.

"The books of the Home Mission Committee closed on April 1st, showing that the total receipts for the year were \$1,742.94, being \$3,556.87 larger than the previous year. These figures are very gratifying, and the Presbyterians here are much pleased with the showing.

**MILITARY HOP.**  
Walker Light Guard Entertain Their Friends.

The monthly reception given by the Walker Light Guard last night proved to be a most enjoyable affair.

The company was formed at 8 o'clock and was put through a stiff drill by Captain Miller. When this had been completed the dancing commenced and was continued until a late hour. A string orchestra furnished the music, which added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, all of whom seemed to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

**GAME SATURDAY.**  
Double Header Between Montreal and Twin City Leaguers.

Manager Charlie Atherton has arranged to play a double-header at Broad Street Park on Saturday with two teams of the Twin City League.

The games will begin at 2 o'clock. The first game will be with the Brownies and the second with the Olympics, and these clubs are strong ones, and the Montreal do not anticipate a walk-over in either event.

The games will be ones in which the strength of two of the strongest teams in the Twin City League will be shown.

**Famous Wrestler Wants to Come to Richmond.**

A letter has been received by the sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch from Martin Muldoon, asking that a match be arranged for him to meet Ernest Roebber here within the next two weeks.

**Roebber is a leading exhibition wrestler. He and Muldoon traveled about the country for several years. He is considered the champion Greco-Roman wrestler of the world, now that Muldoon has retired.**

Professor Dwyer said last night he would have no objection to meeting Roebber after he has finished with Pardello.

Pardello is expected here this week to give next week.

Professor Dwyer will go to Charlottesville to-day to give a match at that place to-night.

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1903, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE PROVIDENT SAVINGS LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the company in full—THE TRAVELERS' INSURANCE COMPANY. Location of home or principal office of said company—HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE. President—W. VESTER C. DUNHAM. Secretary—JOHN E. MORRIS. Organized and Incorporated—JANUARY 17, 1863. Commenced Business—APRIL 1, 1864. Name of the General Agents in Virginia—A. BERNIE BLAIR AND T. GARRETT TABB. Residence—RICHMOND, VA.

Amount of capital stock.....	No.	\$1,000,000 00
Amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year.....	49,028	\$120,146,821 00
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby.....	7,226	\$17,017,875 00
Total.....	56,254	\$137,164,696 00
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year.....	8,209	\$7,477,064 00
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year.....	48,045	\$129,687,632 00

**RECEIPTS.**

Amount of premiums received.....	\$5,069,227 35	Life..... \$1,006,406 72
Amount of annuities received.....	659,072 22	Accident..... 43,697 43
Amount of interest received.....	103,072 22	Life..... 1,897,998 28
Amount of rents received.....	81,159 18	Accident..... 14,815 24
Amount of other receipts, viz: Sale on maturity of ledger assets.....	735 42	Life..... 75,732 58
Profit and loss.....	735 42	Accident..... 1,151 04
Total.....	\$5,446,254 17	\$3,223,935 28

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Amount of losses paid.....	\$1,655,451 07	\$1,758,549 53
Amount of matured endowments paid.....	877,815 93	877,815 93
Amount paid annuities.....	1,111,880 00	1,111,880 00
Amount paid for surrender values.....	2,231,920 00	2,231,920 00
Amount of dividends paid to stockholders.....	250,000 00	250,000 00
Amount paid for expenses.....	2,040,421 93	2,040,421 93
Total.....	\$1,625,872 00	\$5,296,487 51

**ASSETS.**

(Life and Accident.)

Bonds, market value.....	\$20,252,273 08
Stocks, market value.....	4,013,382 87
Real estate, unencumbered, market value.....	790,138 84
Loans secured by first mortgages on real estate.....	8,073,614 00
Cash in banks, trust companies and company's office.....	1,667,626 44
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral.....	2,423,826 00
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds.....	2,525,251 72
Interest due and accrued.....	819,098 34
Uncollected and deferred life premiums.....	782,005 60
Carried out at market value—Total.....	\$40,099,237 28

**LIABILITIES.**

(Life and Accident.)

Amount of losses unpaid (Unadjusted, \$170,207.51; Reinstated, \$10,050.00).....	\$ 280,257 51
Amount of matured endowments unpaid.....	2,458 00
Reserve for claims against employers.....	1,111,880 00
Reinsurance reserve for accident and health.....	2,231,920 00
Amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1903, on basis of 1/16 per cent. American experience mortality table.....	80,730,316 00
Accident liability department, including unearned premium.....	69,696 82
Repts, taxes, etc., due or accrued.....	99,000 00
Total.....	\$31,895,841 14

**BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1903.**

Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1903.....	No.	\$1,000,000 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1903 (commuted value and on "paid for basis").....	235	\$61,604 00
Total.....	1,029	\$1,061,604 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1903.....	74	\$15,720 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1903.....	955	\$1,045,884 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year 1903.....	18	\$16,280 23
Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year 1903.....	18	\$10,289 23

Aggregate.....	\$17,287,254 00	\$56,700 10	\$33,700 10	\$11,314,408 28
During the year 1903 in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other expenses.....				
Life.....	\$ 70,425 14			
Accident.....	42,271 04			
Employers' liability.....	83,204 81			
Health.....	8,241 83			
Total.....	\$185,802 84			

(Signed) S. C. DUNHAM, President. JOHN E. MORRIS, Secretary.

State of Connecticut, city of Hartford—  
Sworn to January 22, 1904, before JAMES L. HOWARD, JR., Notary Public.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS.**

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BLAIR BANCROFT & CO.	NOFOLK, VA.
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718 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.  
State Agents for Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, and Liability Department of South Carolina.

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Amount of capital stock.....	No.	\$100,000 00
Amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year.....	40,223	\$8,146,633 00
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby.....	10,505	\$4,581,047 00
Total.....	50,728	\$12,727,680 00
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year.....	15,083	\$7,385,645 00
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year.....	35,645	\$5,342,035 00

**RECEIPTS.**

Amount of premiums received.....	\$3,810,046 86
Amount of annuities received.....	27,174 00
Amount of interest received.....	193,884 00
Amount of rents received.....	10,821 35
Amount of other receipts.....	180,521 47
Total.....	\$4,222,457 68

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Amount of losses paid.....	\$1,907,002 40
Amount of matured endowments paid.....	10,000 00
Amount paid annuities.....	236,879 61
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders.....	138,709 33
Amount of dividends paid to stockholders.....	1,511,331 53
Amount paid for expenses (including taxes, \$35,301 78).....	74,157 24
Total.....	\$3,808,082 11

**ASSETS.**

(Life and Accident.)

Bonds, market value.....	\$ 722,338 23
Stocks, market value.....	2,299,000 00
Real estate, unencumbered, market value.....	883,125 11
Loans secured by first mortgages on real estate.....	2,542,500 00
Cash in banks, trust companies and company's office.....	2,388,622 47
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral.....	225,251 72
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds.....	2,525,251 72
Interest due and accrued.....	7,000 00
Uncollected and deferred premiums (net).....	273,168 81
All other assets.....	273,168 81
Carried out at market value—Total.....	\$7,251,158 17

**LIABILITIES.**

(Life and Accident.)

Amount of losses unpaid (Unadjusted, \$41,810.00; Reinstated, \$4,070.00).....	\$ 45,880 00
Amount due for matured endowments.....	10,000 00
Amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1903, on basis of 1/16 per cent. combined and American mortality tables.....	6,011,123 03
Amount of other liabilities.....	31,525 03
Total.....	\$4,527,528 06

**BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1903.**

Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1903.....	No.	\$1,000,000 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1903.....	97	\$428,118 00
Total.....	109	\$1,428,118 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1903.....	74	\$30,000 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1903.....	35	\$1,398,118 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies unpaid December 31, 1903.....	1	\$14 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year 1903.....	1	\$14 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year 1903.....	1	\$14 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year 1903 in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for dividends, commissions, or other expenses.....	1	\$17 18

(Signed) W. B. HARDY, President. W. E. STEVENS, Secretary.

State of New York, city of New York—  
Sworn to February 24, 1904, before CHARLES EDGAR WILLS, Commissioner.