

MAYOR AND CANNON IN LIVELY TILTS

Much Feeling Displayed
at First Session of
Committee.

INVESTIGATION IS BARELY BEGUN

Mayor Says He Heard Member
of Finance Committee Remark
That It "Didn't Make
D—d Bit of Difference
Whether Charter Was
Violated or Not."

The special joint committee of City Council, authorized by resolution to investigate certain charges made by Mayor Cannon in recent addresses with reference to the Finance Committee and certain transactions involving the destruction of city bonds and the sale of others below par, last night began its work. It is but a simple statement of the fact when it is said that the inquiry was begun. Little more was accomplished last night. In fact, at the rate of progress made the conclusion of the investigation is far distant, and the record will be voluminous.

Without definitely determining its procedure the committee called upon the Mayor to make his statement. He was not sworn, and he was not told that he was to undergo a legal cross-examination or that he was on the witness stand. He was not asked if he desired counsel, nor was he informed that the Finance Committee would appear by counsel and claim the right of examination, cross-examination and rebuttal. He made a somewhat long and characteristically vigorous statement of the first transaction under investigation, the charge that the Finance Committee violated the charter in making up the budget of appropriation ordinance. In this statement he denied nothing, but reiterated his assertion and challenged refutation of it.

Refused to Answer.

When the Mayor had resumed his seat, Mr. James E. Cannon, a member of the Finance Committee, questioned the Mayor, beginning by asking him how long he was special accountant before he was Mayor; then asking whether he intended all his remarks relative to derogatory charges made by the Finance Committee to apply to the present committee. With these as a beginning he produced a copy of The Times-Dispatch and proceeded to read therefrom excerpts from the report of a speech by the Mayor and omitted to whether or not he made certain statements therein attributed to him. This examination was proceeded quietly with Mr. Cannon making occasional questions characteristic of deliberation, when he asked if the Mayor intended to say or to imply or to intimate certain things. At this point the Mayor interrupted, declaring that he would not answer, and the committee had nothing to do with what he intended to imply or infer or insinuate. Mr. Cannon insisted upon an answer, and appealed to the city attorney for his opinion as to whether the Mayor could not be compelled to answer.

City Attorney Pollard, who had been summoned as a witness, here explained that his son was a member of the Finance Committee and that he was not a lawyer and that he was not an attorney and that he was not an attorney and that he was not an attorney. He reminded the committee that there were able attorneys whose presence and services might be obtained, but begged to be excused from participating as counsel in the proceedings. The attorney was stated that the investigation was developing into an investigation of various statements by the Mayor, and held that the specific clause of the resolution under which the committee was proceeding was the charge that the committee violated the charter in making up the annual budget. This ruling was met with vigorous and stormy protest from Mr. Cannon, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Dabney and Mr. Mills, but the chairman adhered to his ruling, adding that the committee would have their turn in due time.

Cross-Examined Mayor.

Meanwhile a recess had been moved and agreed to, in order that the members of the Finance Committee might formulate their policy with respect to the investigation, and it was after this that Mr. Cannon assumed the role of cross-examiner. He explained that as some of the members were not summoned, and were not present, and others were there by accident, he would represent himself and those members who were present in the investigation.

SHOOTING MAN DOWN FOR 70 CENTS

Charles Lindamood, Aged 19,
Instantly Kills J. H.
Leonard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, TENN., April 30.—J. H. Leonard, a prosperous lumberman, forty years of age, was shot through the heart at Atkins, Smyth county, yesterday by Charles Lindamood, a boy nineteen years old, who had been in Leonard's employ. The shooting resulted from a dispute over a difference of seventy cents in an account. Lindamood ran to the mountains, but later returned and surrendered, stating that he killed Leonard in self-defense. Lindamood is in jail at Marion. The shooting occurred at Leonard's home when his wife and six children were near.

THOUSANDS OF CAMELS NAMED AFTER ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—W. W. Newell and E. S. Truesdale, of Brooke county, New York State, who have been recently traveling in Europe and Africa, and elsewhere, were among the President's visitors today. They told the President that he was the best-known man in the world, and that in Egypt they found at least ten thousand camels named after him.

ENGINEER EPPERSON IN NORLINA WRECK



TWO VIRGINIANS KILLED IN WRECK IN NORLINA YARDS

Engineer Epperson and Fireman
Johnson Crushed to Death
When Trains Collide.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., April 30.—A wreck occurred this morning at 1 o'clock on the yards at Norlina, when second No. 8, a northbound through freight, collided with a shifting engine, Engineer N. S. Epperson and Fireman B. P. Johnson, of No. 8, were instantly killed.

The accident occurred in the edge of the yard south of Norlina, both engines being badly smashed and eight cars wrecked. The wreckage was piled on the track in such a confused mass that the main line was blocked until nearly noon, and transfer of all baggage and passengers was necessary. No. 31, the southbound passenger train, due to arrive in Raleigh at 3:20 in the morning, was more than six hours late. All of the other morning trains were delayed by the accident. Second section of No. 8 left Raleigh yesterday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Conductor Hugh in charge.

Engineer Epperson, who lost his life in the wreck, was only twenty-seven years old, and has been running as an engineer but a few months. He was single, and his home was in Petersburg, Va. Fireman Johnson was from Gray, Va., and he was twenty-four years old. The remains were brought to Raleigh to-day, prepared for burial, and will be sent to their homes in Virginia.

STEAMSHIP MATES GO ON A STRIKE

Demand for Advance in Wages
Refused by Merchants' and
Miners' Line.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 30.—The threatened strike of the second and first mates of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company to enforce a demand for higher wages was begun to-day. Some thirty-four men at this and other ports, touched by the line quit their posts. The company on its part claims it has new men enough to man all its boats, and that there will be no interference with its service at any of the ports. The mates ask for an increase of \$20 per month—\$180 for first, and \$80 for second officers. The company declined to accede.

Captain N. L. Cullen, first vice-president of the American Association of Masters and Pilots, who is in charge of the men's fight, to-day said only that the men considered their demand just and would remain out until it is granted. The Merchants and Miners Company operates a fleet of seventeen steamers between Baltimore, Norfolk, Savannah, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston, with headquarters in the first named city.

ASKS FREEDOM FOR JANUARY

President Urges That He Be
Pardoned Outright or That
Sentence Be Commuted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—President Roosevelt, in a note to the Department of Justice to-day, expresses the opinion that John William January, of Missouri, should have his sentence commuted at once or be pardoned outright. January was convicted some years ago of being a post-office inceptor, and served the greater portion of a five-year sentence at Leavenworth. He then escaped, and after nine years of liberty was rearrested in Kansas City and returned to prison. Many petitions have reached the President asking for January's pardon. He had lived in Kansas City under the name of Charles W. Anderson during the time he was at liberty. After his escape January, under his assumed name, secured employment and eventually established himself in business, which he was successfully conducting at the time of his arrest. He married and has a child.

MINERS REACHED AND FOUND WELL

JOHNSTOWN, PA., April 30.—After being entombed since last Friday noon in the Berwind-White Coal Company mine, No. 38, at Foustwell, near here, the seven miners who were shut out from the world by a sudden rush of water, caused by the breaking of a wall of an abandoned mine, were reached by rescuers at 10 o'clock to-night.

WITNESSES EXAMINED.

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Made a Brigadier.

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MINE EXPLODES IN PATH OF ESTRADA

Guatemala President's
Narrow Escape From
Assassination

HE LOOKS AROUND; RETURNS HOME

Horses Killed and Chief of Staff
and Other Officers Wounded.
Promise of Revolution
Which Administration
Will Be Unable
to Control.

GUATEMALA CITY, April 29.—Estrada Cabrera, President of Guatemala, narrowly escaped assassination to-day. He left his residence at 5:30 in the morning for his customary drive, accompanied by his staff. While passing along Seventh Avenue, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets, an explosion, at first supposed to have been caused by a bomb, occurred, killed the horses attached to the President's carriage, wounded the coachman, and injuring several staff officers, including General Orellana, the chief of staff. The President, who was not injured, displayed great presence of mind. Alighting from the carriage he inspected the surroundings and then returned on foot to his residence.

A careful examination showed that the explosion had been caused not by a bomb, but by a mine. The conspirators dug a tunnel from one of a group of houses rented by a man named Rafael Rodri, placed explosives under the roadway, and connected them by a wire with a battery in Rodri's house, and from there discharged the mine. Many suspects have been arrested, but it is not known whether the would-be assassins are among them.

A Despotic Ruler.

Cabrera was elected President of Guatemala September 9, 1898, succeeding President Barrios, and in March, 1905, he assumed the presidency for a second term. He was said to be very unpopular, was reported to have been shot at and wounded in April, 1905, and the following month it was again rumored that an attempt had been made to assassinate him. Later it was stated that the President had been accidentally shot in the leg.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

They are specifically charged with having "unlawfully conspired together for the purpose of obstructing the due administration of the laws of the State of New York, with relation to the election of the directors of the New York Life Insurance Company." The warrants were issued on the complaint of Assistant District Attorney Walter B. Howe.

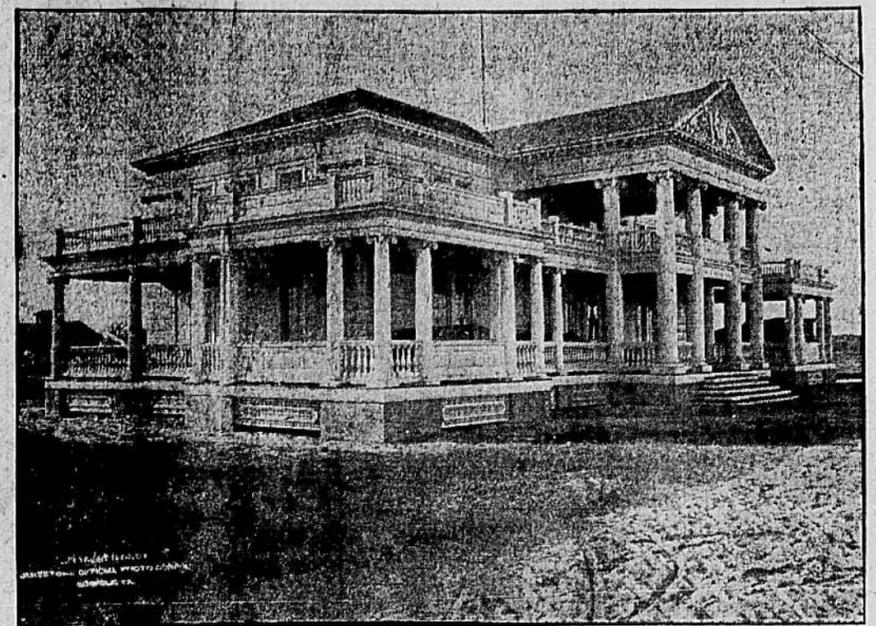
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SCRUGHAM, MANAGER, PUT UNDER ARREST

Man Who Inspired Investigation
of New York Life's Election
Charged with Conspiracy.

OTHER ARRESTS FOLLOW

Alleged to Have Conspired to
Obstruct the Law in the Election
of Directors.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Sensational results have quickly followed the inquiry by the district attorney's office into the recent election of directors of the New York Life Insurance Company. George R. Scrogg, manager of the international policy-holders' committee, which inspired the present investigation, making grave charges against those who conducted the election, was himself placed under arrest at Albany to-night, and put aboard a train leaving for New York at 1:15 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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HON. JAMES H. HIGGINS,
Governor of Rhode Island.

OVER \$400,000 FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Baptist Board Closes Books and
Announces Most Notable Record
in Church's History.

CABLES TO MISSIONARIES

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention closed its books promptly at 12 o'clock last night, with every assurance of a notable victory. The board is well beyond the \$400,000 mark, which it had set as the standard for the year, and the contributions to missions will aggregate at least 25 per cent. more than those of the preceding twelve months.

NOTABLE RECORD.

During the past ten years the Foreign Mission Board has increased its force from 160 missionaries to 500 missionaries. The reports from the workers on the field indicate a gratifying increase in the work. The year was begun with a slight debt and the board has been most careful not to allow this to be increased. Notwithstanding the payment of this indebtedness, however, the board has made during the past year a greater record than in any other years of its history.

CHARTER GRANTED FOR UNIVERSITY

Approved by State Corporation
Commission and Placed on
File Yesterday.

The charter of the University of Richmond was approved by the State Corporation Commission yesterday and placed on file. The instrument was drawn by Mr. John Garland Pollard, with the assistance of Hon. A. Caperton Braxton, and is regarded as a model statement of the purposes and scope of the university movement.

TWO BROTHERS SHOT BY BROTHER-IN-LAW

ROCHELLE, GA., April 30.—News has just reached here of the shooting of two brothers and a brother-in-law by William Harrison at the latter's place, eight miles from here. Grover is reported dead and Frank fatally wounded. The Newworths and Harrison are brothers-in-law. Details are lacking. There has been bad blood between them for some time.

TWO BANKS BURN.

NEW ORLEANS, April 30.—A fire at Leesville, La., early to-day caused a loss estimated at \$200,000. Among the larger buildings destroyed were those of the First National Bank, the Bank of Leesville, the Mt. Vernon News, B. H. Lyons Dry Goods Company, Powell Weeks Dry Goods Company, Leesville Drug Company, city hotel and post-office. The flames swept the entire business portion of the town, burning three blocks.

AT ROSA PINE, LA.

At Rosa Pine, La., a lumber town, seventeen miles from Leesville, a block of business houses and two dwellings burned. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

MAN SETS FORTH TO MURDER THREE

Killed Negro Woman and
Made Vicious Attack
on Late Employer

AFTER PROMINENT RICHMOND MEN

Declared He Has Engagement to
Kill Well-Known Merchant
This Morning—Regretted
That He Did Not Make
Good Job with Fore-
man Smith.

"I have an engagement to kill Mr. Pettus to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock," remarked James B. Pettus, a young white man, who was locked up yesterday on the charge of murdering a colored woman, Lizzie Allen, and attempting to murder a white man, Foreman William H. Smith, in the new annex to Miller & Rhoads's store. In the blank space was the name of one of the best-known business men of Richmond.

Pettus shows every mark of having been on a protracted spree, and, indeed, admits drinking heavily for several days. Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock he attacked Lizzie Allen, colored, about fifty years old, the cook at the home of Mrs. E. B. Kidd, No. 111 North Nineteenth Street, cutting her throat from ear to ear, and killing her almost at once. Later in the morning he made a similar attack with a razor on the plumbing workman, by whom he had been recently discharged, and almost succeeded in committing a second murder.

Commissioned to Kill.

When seen in his cell at the First Police Station last night, Pettus seemed much excited. "Almighty God told me to kill three persons, and I did it," he said. "Two of them were in Fulton yesterday, and one was on Broad Street."

He Denied any Knowledge of Having Murdered Lizzie Allen.

He denied any knowledge of having murdered Lizzie Allen, the colored woman, saying that he hadn't seen her since yesterday. On other matters Pettus seems reasonably clear-headed, though somewhat wrought up. He was able to give his address, and to tell of his past life with some degree of accuracy. He is a Richmond man, about twenty-six years of age, and says he was born on the 12th of April, 1881. He was somewhat wild as to his relatives, however, mentioning a number of well-known Richmond people as his first cousins, among others two young society men, whom he has never seen, but whom he says he gets out, because of their failure to go to see him.

Grand Band Concert.

In the afternoon a grand band concert was given in the auditorium, followed by a piano and song recital and later by an organ recital, to which many visitors listened. To-night the grounds were brilliantly lighted for the first time, and large crowds of guests were in evidence. Governor Swanson is away on a short visit to Richmond, and Mrs. Swanson is having gone to Norfolk to attend several social functions.

MURDER OF NEGRO WOMAN.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock Lizzie Allen, who was cook and house servant at Mrs. Kidd's boarding-house, No. 111 North Nineteenth Street, went up to Pettus's room to clean up, and what happened there is largely conjecture. Certainly Lizzie had been drinking. By the way, she was in the Police Court a few days ago for that same offense.

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