

ASSEMBLY AFTER COAL TRUST NOW

Resolution Calling for Investigation Introduced in Both Branches Yesterday.

RHEA EVIDENCE TO BE PRINTED

House Concurs With Senate, but Work Will Require Some Time. Bill to Prevent Publication of "Objectionable Matter" Refers to Blackstone Charges.

BY LEWIS H. MACHEN.

After a day of storm in the Legislature there is generally a lull. Especially on Saturdays, when the members are worn out with their week's work and some of them go home or elsewhere for a brief rest, the probability is likely to be devoid of special interest.

The session of the Senate yesterday was devoted to local Senate bills and the consideration of purely routine matters.

In the House the bills introduced and discussed were of general, though not absorbing, public interest. One, providing a penalty of \$500 for the publication of objectionable matter, stated in the preamble that the moving cause for the bill was the printing by an afternoon Richmond paper of the full text of certain petitions presented to the House of Delegates in the Blackstone matter. It is said that a number of other papers in the State did likewise. The petition in question was a public document received, and was to be considered by the House of Delegates in an open session, and its publication in full would seem to be a matter of taste on the part of newspaper editors. Complaints, if any, would come more properly from the patrons of the papers than from the Legislature.

After Coal Octopus.

The delegate from Portsmouth is after the octopus, but whether he will catch it remains to be seen. If his resolution does not accomplish the purpose he might try the Sherman anti-trust law, which has developed astonishing vitality in recent years. After much debate the House decided that the members of the several boards of supervisors in the State should receive a compensation of \$2 per day instead of \$1 as at present. This appears to be a reasonable provision for officers charged with important matters of county government, and it is believed that the Senate will adopt that suggestion.

The most significant act of the House, however, was the adoption by a large majority of the Senate resolution providing for the printing of the testimony in the Rhea case. The Superintendent of Public Printing says that the work cannot be completed in less than a week. It is supposed that the joint committee will be ready with its report before the end of that period. It is not likely that the Legislature will act upon it until the members have had time to examine the evidence to themselves. There seems to be a disposition upon their part to deal with the case strictly upon its merits, without reference to personal, partisan or political considerations.

The Blackstone matter is shaping itself for the hearing which is to begin Tuesday. A large number of witnesses have been summoned, and it is predicted that some of the testimony will be somewhat lurid, if not fringed around with tinges of pink and yellow. Perhaps a censor should be appointed to see that nothing gets to the public which could possibly bring a blush to its maiden cheek.

SESSIONS OF TWO HOUSES

Lower Branch Votes to Print Evidence in Rhea Case

Speaker Byrd presided in the House of Delegates, and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. M. Rowland, of Manchester. Many members sought the usual Saturday leave of absence, and a number of bills were offered and referred.

The chair laid before the House the Senate joint resolution providing that 250 copies of the testimony in the Rhea investigation be printed. It was advocated by Messrs. Montague and Curlett and agreed to.

A resolution offered by Mr. Curlett was adopted, providing for three sessions of the House daily, beginning at 10 o'clock to-morrow. When the calendar was taken up, Senate bills on their second reading were considered, and a number of them were advanced to their engagement.

The bill designed to increase the compensation of members of the boards of supervisors from \$3 to \$4 per day caused some discussion. It was advocated by Messrs. Talliferro and Putnam and opposed by Messrs. Read, of Mecklenburg; Johnston, of Montgomery; and others.

Mr. Fager, of Hanover, was the author of an amendment raising the per diem from \$3.50 as set out in the original bill, to \$4, and this was adopted after a strong speech by the patron. The bill was then ordered to its engrossment and third reading.

After Coal Trust.

Mr. Markham, of Portsmouth, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Currency and Commerce:

Whereas, it is understood that the price of coal is being raised by the shipping agencies of Newport News and Norfolk is the same, and that the rise and fall at the same time and rate, and without any reference whatsoever as to the supply of coal on hand;

Whereas, the said uniformity seems to indicate that a combination exists to keep up the price of coal at these ports to the detriment of the American people and the foreign commerce of Virginia;

Whereas, the Constitution of the State declares that the Legislature shall enact proper laws against combinations, monopolies and trusts;

Therefore, the House of Delegates concurring,

TO INVITE COMMITTEE

Business Men Want Great Post-Office Building at New Hill

At a meeting of directors of the Business Men's Club held in the club rooms yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Messrs. Charles A. Brown, Charles W. Culp, John S. Howland, John A. Latham, W. W. Northrop, H. W. Rowland, O. N. Sands and N. D. Sills present, a resolution was adopted expressing the hope that the bill recently introduced in the General Assembly by Speaker Byrd, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new post-office building at the intersection of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, would not become a law.

Upon information received after full discussion, the board determined to support the bill in the Chamber of Commerce, the T. P. A., the Retail Merchants' Association, kindred business organizations, the city government, and public-spirited citizens generally, in extending an invitation to the Congress to accept the site of the new building, which has been offered by Representative Lamb's bill, appropriating \$1,000,000 additional for the enlargement of the Richmond Post-office, to come here as a general office for its use, if the appropriation is made. There is good reason to believe that the committee will accept the invitation.

The business of the post-office is not only a major industry, but a condition of much serious inconvenience by reason of delays in mail—but it seems certain that if the rapid growth of Richmond continues, and only the money now appropriated for the enlargement of the building is used, the relief will be but temporary, and within a few years or less the congestion will have become again as bad as it is now.

KNOCKED THIEF DOWN

Victims of Ex-Convict Attacks Him On Main Street

With the road to liberty stretching before him and his ill-gotten gains safely stowed away, Julian T. Lane, ex-convict and general bad character, was recognized by one of his victims, Thomas Reynolds, yesterday morning on Main Street, and, in the ensuing melee, went down and out. Lane, who is nearing the sixty-year mark, put up a game fight, but the odds were against him, and he was no match for the younger man. Thomas Reynolds, ex-convict, appeared on the scene, and the ex-convict was escorted to the First Police Station. Captain Tomlinson has against him six warrants, all charging robbery of boarding houses, and the old man is said to spend a few more days behind the prison bars.

COLLEGE IN QUARANTINE

Suspected Case of Smallpox in Roanoke College at Danville

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., February 15.—The Roanoke Female College, operated here under the management of Mrs. J. M. Gentry, of Virginia, was placed under quarantine to-day by the Board of Health, on account of the development in one of the lady boarders of a disease having the symptoms of smallpox. The authorities deemed it best to close the school, and as a result the sixty young ladies, boarders at the institution, and the members of the faculty have been forbidden to leave the building until the exact nature of the malady can be determined. The student body is Miss Isa Horton, of Roanoke, N. C., and is getting along nicely.

LITTLE SON MAKES TROUBLE

Picked Up Jewelry in a Hotel and Faded in Another Suffer for It

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, VA., February 15.—Robert M. Hudson, wife and two sons, who were arrested at Lexington for trial, charged with larceny at Glasgow, had their trial this afternoon before Justice M. H. Gentry, who imposed a fine for trespassing.

Mr. Hudson and family are from Baltimore, and are traveling South. They were picked up at the Norfolk Hotel, Glasgow. The little seven-year-old boy picked up several articles of jewelry and carried them off. The father, brother and sister, the second night after leaving Glasgow, and when confronted in Lynchburg with a warrant by Mr. Woolfolk, handed over the jewelry. The little brother did not tell where he got the jewelry. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson appear to be cultured people and greatly deplore the affair.

DECORATE MAINE WRECK

Tenth Anniversary of Sinking of Battleship Maine at Havana

HAVANA, February 15.—The tenth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine was observed here to-day with customary ceremonies. A fleet of tug boats launches congregated about the wreck of the battleship on which were deposited many floral offerings, including wreaths sent by the States of the American Revolution, Governor Magoon, the American minister; General Barry, commander of the American forces in Cuba; the American Consul, and others.

Probably this was the last time the wreck will be decorated, as it is expected it will be removed within the year to the entrance to Havana Bay, to be constructed by the government.

HAMPTON GIRLS ROBBED

Found by Chicago Judge in Station House and Without Funds

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHICAGO, Ill., February 15.—Carrie Smith, aged thirteen, and Mary Tennes, aged eighteen, both of Hampton, Va., half-starved, their clothing bedraggled and their hands bleeding, were arrested as disorderly characters and locked in the police station, where they were found by Judge Beidler to be victims of robbers.

They had lived with widowed mothers in Hampton, where they worked in a factory until it closed. They left for Los Angeles, where Miss Smith has a brother. When they got here they found the money for their trip without money or ticket. They were taken to the streets and were finally arrested.

WILL CUT SALARY OF EVERY EMPLOYEE

Pretty Well Settled That Reduction of Southern Will Affect All 42,000.

OFFICERS AND WORKMEN TALKING MATTER OVER

Representatives of Machinists and Other Branches in Conference With Railway Officials in Washington—Expect the Men to Accept.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Washington, February 15.

Vice-President and General Manager C. H. Ackert, of the Southern Railway, disclosed the fact this afternoon that it is the intention of the management to reduce the salary of every employee of the company. He made the statement that between 40,000 and 42,000 men would be affected.

The wage adjustment now under way in Washington, which effects only conductors, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, firemen and carmen, will be followed by other conferences within the next week or ten days, applying to engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, flagmen and all other classes of skilled or unskilled labor in the service of the company.

"Before it is over about 42,000 employees of the Southern Railway will have been affected," said Mr. Ackert.

Wks. Only First Step.

The preliminary steps looking to the wholesale reductions occurred some weeks ago, when resident Finley announced a reduction in the salaries of all executive officers and their office forces, from the president down, of 10 per cent. This reduction was effective February 1st, and was largely local to Washington, where most of the executive and general offices are located. Its effect was felt to-day, when the officers and employees received their salary checks for the first two weeks of February.

Although there is no question as to a general reduction all along the line, it is impossible to ascertain positively the extent of the reduction. An estimate of how much money the Southern Railway will save by its policy of retrenchment. None of the officials will discuss this feature, and the employees profess to have no idea.

Conference With Men.

Representatives of the machinists, carmen, blacksmiths, boiler-makers and firemen, headed by James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, held a preliminary conference with President Finley, General Manager Ackert and Superintendent of Motive Power Stewart to-day. The railroad officials suggested a reduction of the scale of wages in effect prior to the general increase about a year ago, and this is the question under consideration. No definite conclusion was reached to-day, and the conference will be resumed at a later date. It was stated that the machinists to-day was that an agreement between employer and employee would largely depend upon the reduction proposed and the length of time it would be effective. The order will favorably and not view unfavorably any of the great permanent reduction in their wages. The conference, it was said, was called by the Southern Railway, and not by the machinists themselves.

Among the representatives to-day were Howard C. Bueck, secretary of the committee of Salisbury; Vice-President A. C. Hollingsworth, Macon; Edward Gardner, Richmond; W. J. Smith, Columbia, S. C.; J. Allmieda, Charlottesville, and Delegate Dunkel, of Salisbury. Archie McGillivray, of the International Association, acted as chairman of the committee.

Expect Them to Accept.

From an unofficial source it was learned that the railroad company is confident that its proposal for a reduction will be accepted, and it is stated that it is laying much store to the fact that over 40,000 machinists are out of employment, and that the fact of their unemployment will force the machinists to accept the terms offered.

GEORGIA, SOUTHERN AND FLORIDA MAKES A GENERAL CUT

MACON, Ga., February 15.—The Georgia, Southern and Florida Railway has announced a cut of 10 per cent. in the salary of employees, beginning to-morrow. The order will affect persons getting \$100 per month and more. Employees getting more than \$50 and less than \$100 will suffer a cut in wages of 15 per cent.

The course follows that of the Southern, under whose control the Georgia, Southern and Florida now is.

HAVE JOINT MANOEUVRES

Plan On Foot at Navy Department for Great Display

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 15.—A plan for joint manoeuvres between the Navy Department and the Army Department to have joint manoeuvres between the naval militia of the Atlantic coast States and the torpedo flotilla, the submarines and the motor torpedo boats, Assistant Secretary Newberry has sent letters to the Governors of the various States inviting their cooperation in the movement. It is proposed to have the manoeuvres off Gardner's Bay, at the eastern end of Long Island, probably the latter part of July. Eleven States have ships assigned to their naval militia by the Navy Department, and they are mostly converted yachts, Great Britain. It is thought, with the civilian militia men by actual contact in these proposed joint manoeuvres with the regulars.

FATAL ROW OVER A DEBT

Wealthy Sawmill Operator of Texas Killed in the River

HATTIESBURG, MISS., February 15.—As the result of a quarrel over a payment of \$2,500, J. F. Vidler, a wealthy sawmill operator, president of the Mississippi Pine Association, and one of the leading lumbermen of the South, shot and killed W. L. Booth, today at Hattieburg, on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad. Booth was a real estate dealer of Dallas, Texas. A small boat, with the sheriff and Vidler, was on the river for the purpose of

MR. HUFF RESIGNS

Will Become President of Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company.

In order to accept the presidency of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company of Brooklyn, to which position he has just been elected, Mr. S. W. Huff, for several years past the general manager of the street car and lighting system in Richmond and Petersburg, has tendered his resignation to Messrs. William Northrop and H. C. Chapman, receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, with the request that it take effect as soon as may be convenient.

Mr. Huff is a Virginian by birth, but his profession as an electrical and mechanical engineer and street railway operating expert has taken him at times far from his State. He has the enterprises with which he was connected requiring his residence in San Francisco and several Northern cities.

In July, 1902, Mr. Huff, who had been recently engaged in the work incident to the consolidation of the street railway of San Francisco, was offered the position of general manager of the street car system here just after the various street car and electric lighting companies came under one ownership.

His unusual ability as an organizer caused him to do most effective work in welding into a harmonious whole the various properties which had been antagonistic for so many years, and the rare combination of diplomacy, strength and conservatism which he possesses in marked degree had ample scope in the street railway strike which occurred in the summer of 1902, and which he was able to bring to a conclusion eminently satisfactory to the public and the owners of the properties under his control. When these properties were, in July, 1904, placed in the hands of receivers, through no fault, but because of excessive capitalization and the controversial spirit of some of the former owners, Mr. Huff's success-



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TO ARREST MORSE ON ARRIVAL TO-DAY

Warrant to Be Served on the New York Banker When Etruria Comes In.

OFFICERS ON CUTTER MEET HIM IN HARBOR

Will Be Taken Off at Quarantine and Carried to Home of Judge Dowling, Who Will Fix Bail—Made Loans of Over \$2,500,000.

NEW YORK, February 15.—Detectives, attached to the District Attorney's office, were given a warrant to-night and instructed to arrest Charles W. Morse when the steamer Etruria, upon which the banker is a passenger, from Liverpool, reaches quarantine. The Etruria is expected to-morrow morning.

Morse has been indicted by the New York county grand jury, which has investigated some recent banking transactions.

Two officers will go down the harbor on the United States revenue cutter, and will meet the steamer at quarantine. Arrangements have been made to take Morse from the cutter pier directly to the home of Judge Dowling, who will fix bail. It is understood that counsel for Morse have arranged to have a bondsman on hand when he is arraigned.

From the disclosures made as the result of writs of attachment on Charles W. Morse's property, which were served on every bank and trust company in New York, as well as upon many brokers and individuals, a schedule was prepared to-day. Loans to a total amount of \$2,532,500 are shown in the schedule and are in the hands of individuals, but all the real estate standing in Morse's name or in which he has an interest, and the policy of ownership, included in the list, but not separately itemized, are loans obtained from large numbers of individuals and companies and individuals outside of New York City, aggregating \$1,135,000.

SPOTTED FEVER AT BEREA

Three Deaths Occur at Mountain College and Students Become Sick

LEXINGTON, KY., February 15.—Spotted fever or spinal meningitis has broken out at Berea College, the great mountain educational institution founded by Andrew Carnegie and other philanthropists, and so far has been limited to students who have occurred there during the past two weeks.

The dead are Porter Chambers, sixteen; Effie Hendricks, eighteen, and Floyd Robertson, fifteen.

The newly discovered serum of Dr. Simon Flexner, of Rockefeller Institute, New York, was rushed to Berea to-day, and the students are being treated with it.

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WHEELING SITUATION GRAVE

Over 1,000 Families Must Flee from Their Homes—Much Suffering.

WHEELING, W. Va., February 15.—With the river rising at the rate of nine inches an hour to-night, and now standing at a stage of twenty-seven feet, Wheeling District is on the verge of a destructive flood, which will bring more suffering among the poor than any similar visitation for many years. Forecasters from Pittsburg, to-night predict forty-five feet on Monday as the top notch of the flood, and preparations are being made all along the line for at least that much water. Forty-five feet will flood much of Wheeling Island, Southside, Benwood, Martins Ferry, Bellaire, Bridgeport, and the lower lying sections of the city proper, causing more than 1,000 families to flee from their homes to higher ground.

This afternoon the Wheeling Board of Trade relief committee conferred for over an hour with Chief of Police W. E. Binks, preparing a program of relief work for to-morrow morning. It was decided to order to-night immense quantities of bacon, rice and other foodstuffs, which will be put up in small packages and distributed to the suffering poor under the auspices of the department. The Board of Trade will also assist in moving families from their homes.

In the wholesale district and in a portion of the retail district hundreds of merchants are to-night moving out of the path of the rising waters.

DAYTON IS THREATENED

Fearful Lewiston Reservoir Will Break, Resulting in Great Damage.

DAYTON, OHIO, February 15.—Late news from Lewiston, Pa., to the effect that the Lewiston reservoir, which broke, as was reported early to-night, although its banks are overtopped and there is danger of a collapse. In the event of a break serious damage would be done to mills.

The Great Miami River, which would have to carry the water, is running a few feet from the top of its banks, and the levees in the different parts of the city are showing the strain. Wolf Creek and Stillwater and Mad Rivers are raging torrents, and only a heavy rain will send the water over their banks.

Already many hundreds of dollars' worth of damage has been done in the city, several of the low-lying residence districts being under water. Rescue of a dozen families had to be made by boat, and it is feared that further rain will imperil scores more. White City, a pleasure resort, is under water entirely.

BUFFALO STREETS FLOODED

Two Square Miles of Lowlands Under Water—Many Places Suffering.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 15.—A heavy rainfall and melting snow, under a high temperature, to-day sent Buffalo and Scarsdale Creeks out of their banks, and the water is rising in streets in South Buffalo were under from two to five feet of water. The flood covered an area of about two square miles. The water is slowly receding. The weather began to grow colder toward midnight, and daylight will see conditions greatly improved.

Many points in Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania report high water. At Cuba, N. Y., a large section of the town is under water. Dynamite was used to blast out ice jams. The headwaters of the Allegheny River are about as high as during the great flood of three years ago.

Heavy damage by the flood is reported from Jamestown, N. Y. The Buffalo and Southwestern Branch of the Erie is washed out between Cherry Creek and Kennedy. The highways are under three feet of water. In Bradford, Pa., R. R. Caldwell, seventy-one years old, was struck by a train and killed.

HEAVY RAINS IN VALLEY

Young Farmer Comes Near Being Drowned in Swift Stream

LURAY, VA., February 15.—The heaviest rain-storm ever seen in the Valley of Virginia to-day, and it began early this morning. The damage done to roads and farm lands cannot be estimated at this time.

One man, watching the flood in a north-south stream one mile north of Luray, Va., was returning to his home on horseback, and was leading two horses. He was washed down the stream, and after lodging against a footbridge, was finally rescued by several men on the bank of the stream.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Rivers Overflowed as Result of Recent Rain—Ice Gorges.

READING, Pa., Feb. 15.—As a result of heavy rain throughout the Schuylkill valley during the last twenty-four hours and the melting snow, the Schuylkill river to-day is overflowing its banks at many places north of the city. The water is rising in the lowlands. In that section some of the residents moved out of their homes and others are preparing to vacate. The ice is breaking up and trouble is feared if any ice gorges are formed. The inhabitants of the Schuylkill are already bank full.

NO DANGER HERE

River Reported Nineteen Feet Above Low Water Mark at Columbia.

Torments of rain, which had been preceded by other showers during the week, have caused the river to rise to the property-holders and those others who seek and earn their living along the river front yesterday.

The Mobjack is said to be in the danger point. The latest report from Columbia, where the Rivanna meets the James, was that the water had reached a height of nineteen feet above low water level, and was standing. Along the docks here it was said that the water was still rising, but that it is claimed by the fact that it takes some time for the flood to travel the hundred or more miles it has to come before reaching Richmond.

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WATERS RUN HIGH ABOUT PITTSBURG

Smoky City in Grasp of Flood, Spreading Ruin and Disaster in Its Path.

WORKS CLOSED DOWN AND FAMILIES MOVE

General Flood Warning Sent Out for the East and South—Every Preparation Made to Lessen the Loss and to Aid Those Made Homeless.

Flood Warning

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 15.—A special river bulletin, issued to-night by the Weather Bureau, apropos of flood conditions existing by reason of warm rains throughout the East and South.

At a half past midnight the water in the Ohio River, twenty-two feet, flood stage being at fifteen. Flood stages will be exceeded by Sunday morning in the lower Ohio, lower Tennessee, Wabash, James (Virginia) and the Chesapeake Bay. At New Orleans, the Mississippi, the Black Warrior, Tombigbee, upper Potomac and upper Susquehanna Rivers.

PITTSBURG, PA., February 15.—Spreading ruin and disaster in its path, the annual flood of the rivers and small streams of this section holds Pittsburg in its grasp to-night. A half-foot of water has reached a stage of twenty-six feet and was rising a half-foot an hour. The Weather Bureau predicts thirty feet by to-morrow morning and possibly a foot higher when the crest of the flood arrives in late afternoon.

While the weather conditions are much colder and snow flurries are experienced at intervals the changed conditions will have absolutely no effect on the high water.

At the headwaters the rivers continue to rise and scores of cities and towns in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are partially inundated.

The record flood of last year, when the water reached a stage of thirty-six and a half feet, was reported to-morrow at \$100,000,000, but sufficient warning was given this year to save much property. A conservative estimate places the number of men thrown out of work by the flood here at 20,000. This year's increase in the number of unemployed is expected to result in much suffering. The men are employed in the mills, manufacturing plants, business houses and coal mines located in the flood zone. For weeks charitable organizations have been soliciting funds for the unemployed, and to-day additional appeals were made for contributions to assist the flood victims.

The high water has been responsible for numerous narrow escapes and thrilling rescues, but up to late to-night no fatalities have been reported. At the flood stage last year a score of persons met death.

All lowlands submerged. All the lowlands of Greater Pittsburg are submerged. The tracks of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia, the Erie, Baltimore and Ohio, Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston and several other roads are under water at a number of points. Along the latter line heavy landslides have occurred, making transportation both dangerous and difficult. Trolley lines in the flood districts are crippled, and on several lines service has been entirely abandoned.

A number of street pavements collapsed in this city to-day, and thousands of cellars are filled with water. A great number of families have been compelled to move their household goods to upper stories. They go to and fro in skiffs. On the north side of the flood, to-night the policemen are patrolling their beats in skiffs.

At Wheeling, W. Va., Steubenville, Ohio, and other points below this city the flood waters are expected to reach proportions later Sunday night or Monday morning.

PLUMBERS ARE INDICTED

Over a Half-Hundred Masters to Answer Antitrust Violation.

NEW ORLEANS, La., February 15.—Fifty-one plumbers, and three plumbing firms to-day were indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust law. The indictments make a total of over 125 indictments in two days under the Sherman act, seventy-two labor union representatives, members of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, and one member of the Plumbers' Association, having been indicted yesterday.

To-day, in addition to the indictment against the plumbers, a second indictment was returned against seventy-two Dock and Cotton Council representatives.

The indictments are charged with conspiring to restrain a New Orleans plumbing manufacturer from selling goods to the city of New Orleans. The plumbers are indicted as members of the Master Plumbers' Association. The second indictment against the Dock and Cotton Council, together with all machinery, lumber and a lot of chairs and stock, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

CHAIR FACTORY BURNED

Works of the Davis-Kirkman Company at High Point, Consumed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HIGH POINT, N. C., February 15.—The main plant of the original Lindsay Chair Company, now known as the Davis-Kirkman Company, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with all machinery, lumber and a lot of chairs and stock, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

The fire was discovered in the dry kiln a few minutes to 1 o'clock, and quickly spread over the entire building. The wind blew at a terrific gale, and it was with much difficulty that the fire was confined to this one building. The net insurance on the building was \$10,000.

Flotilla Reaches Talcahuano. TALCAHUANO, CHILE, February 15.—The American torpedo boat flotilla arrived here to-day.

Councillor Is Recalled. TOKIO, Feb. 15.—The recall of T. Myokichi, councillor of the Japanese Imperial Embassy at Washington, was gazetted to-day. He will be succeeded by K. Marui, now filling the same position at