

CITY GOVERNMENT IS EXTENDED TO NEW TERRITORY

Police and Fire Department Guarded Annexed Section Last Night

OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN BY MAYOR

School Board Informed of Duties and Instructions Issued to Departments — Money Problem Chief Matter to Be Held.

Greater Richmond became a reality yesterday when Clerk H. Stewart Jones entered the order following and embodying the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

In actual results, however, the only branches of the city government which are now actively operative in the new territory are the police and fire departments. Last night the residents of the annexed territory slept under the protection of the police of Richmond city. Chief of Police Werner, acting under instructions from Mayor McCarthy, detailed eight men to patrol the new territory.

The fire department has been given similar instructions through official channels, and the board of school trustees has been officially informed of its duties, responsibilities and limitations. Complete fire protection will be impossible until the water mains are extended into the new territory, but generally speaking, practically all the new territory can be reached and protected by the city's fire brigade with their apparatus.

Much, of course, remains to be done, and all cannot be accomplished at once. New fire alarm boxes are ready to be installed as soon as the locations are determined and the wires have been strung. In the same way, the police boxes must be located and connected with the headquarters of the two districts. All this will take time and money.

Money Needed First.

The first thing to be provided is the money. As indicated yesterday, there are two plans by which the city may secure sufficient funds for these immediate needs. It may be provided by the action of the Council, which has authority to set aside twelve per cent. of the assessed valuation of real estate taken in for the equipment with certain facilities, improvements and benefits. Such a bond issue, amounting to from \$450,000 to \$500,000. Another alternative is the setting aside for three years of \$50,000, to be expended for the immediate equipment, and improvement of the new area, in which event that sum would have to be expended in the East End and half in the West End.

There is still another possibility by which funds may be raised immediately upon the basis of the new acquisition, but the initiative in this plan must originate with the newly created citizenship, and specifically with the land-holders thereof. Upon petition of the majority of the freeholders the Council may raise a tax on the taxation in the new territory without delay.

The most intelligent view of the situation, and the judgment of the officials of the city seems inclined to the bond issue proposition. The initiative in this is with the city, and it may be taken at any time. It is not until the funds are realized upon, supply sufficient money to meet the pressing necessities of the situation.

Such money must be provided somehow, some way and that without delay. The bond issue proposition would operate to relieve the city from the expenditure out of the old city's revenues of \$50,000 annually, and would make the new territory dependent upon the money raised by bonds upon its own reality.

Much of the expense incident to and attendant upon incorporation of the suburban areas will be the final cost. It will probably be necessary to increase the police and fire departments slightly, possibly to provide another police and another engine station, and to extend the police and fire alarm telegraph service. It will increase the city's hose supply. After this, with the usual extension of water mains, the supplying of a sewerage system and increase of lights.

Of course, no one can tell, even approximately, what the extent and cost of the sewerage, water and lighting systems will be.

Will Hold Conference.

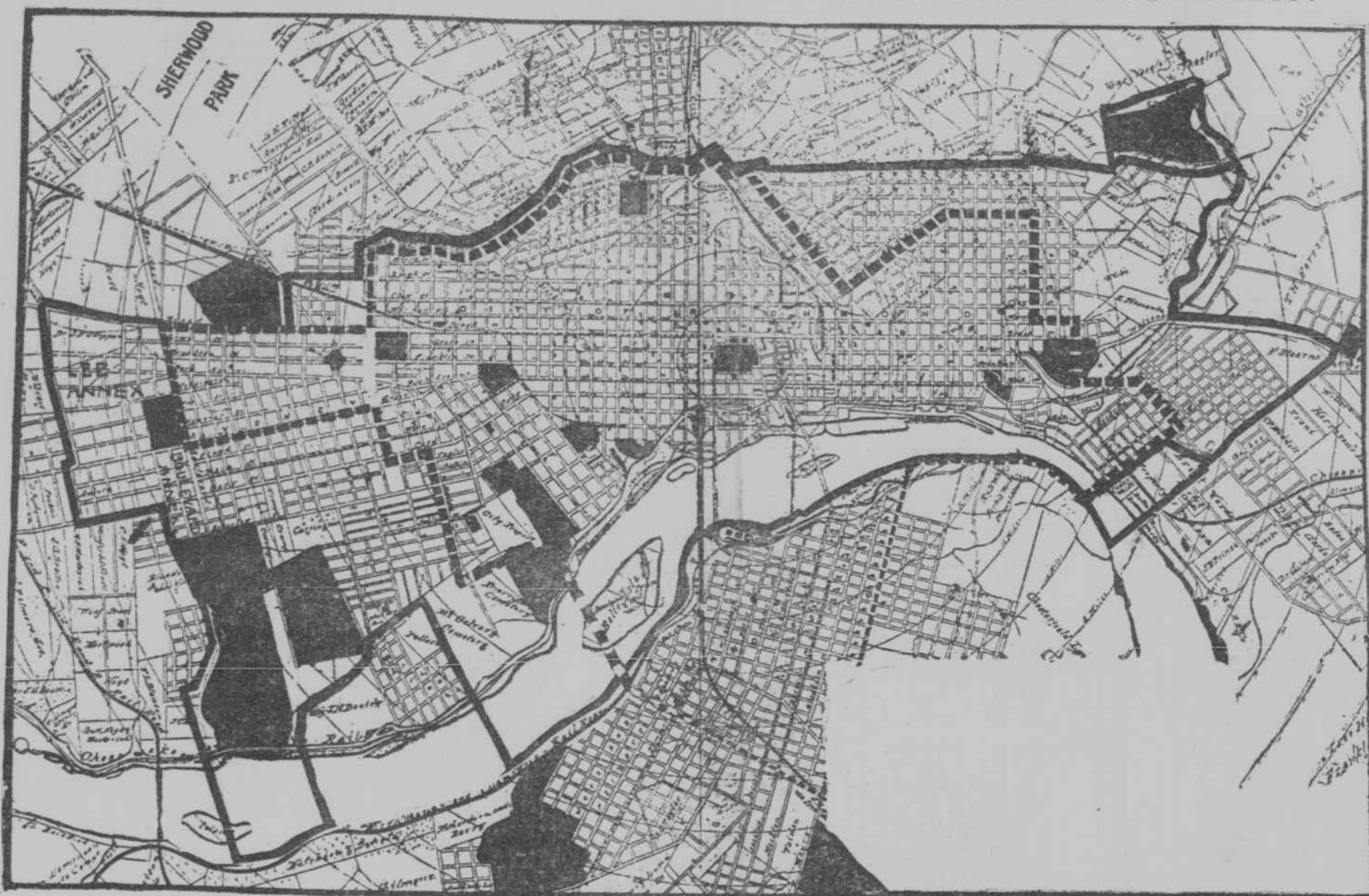
Nothing will be determined upon as to ways and means and procedure until a conference of the heads of the various departments can be had. This is expected to take place next week. Mayor McCarthy, Chairman Wood and Sub-Chairman Pollard, of the Council Finance Committee; City Engineer Cutshaw, Superintendent of Water-Works Bolling, City Attorney Pollard, Commissioner of the Revenue Hawkins, Chief of Police Werner, Fire Marshal Puller and probably others will be asked to participate in such a conference and canvass the situation in order to intelligently recommend some course.

Anything that might be agreed upon by such an informal conference would have no other force than that of a recommendation, based upon the judgment of the officials at the heads of the several departments. Action in the matter will have to come from the Council, and the subject promises to inject into that body a new and important question, overshadowing even those already present for solution.

Meanwhile City Engineer Cutshaw and his force have all the work they can handle in the platting of the area incorporated and its accurate description and definition by metes and bounds. This is no small or easy task, but will require a great deal of careful labor, since many legal entanglements might follow any error or inaccuracy.

City Accountant Crenshaw, too, has his busy days, thick and fast upon him. He must compile from the land books of Henrico county the assessed valuation of all real estate, and the proportion of all

BOUNDARY OF GREATER RICHMOND PROCLAIMED YESTERDAY



PULLED BURNING CAR FROM DEPOT

Trainmaster Sent Dangerous Blaze Sailing Down Track Behind Engine.

STATION NARROWLY ESCAPED

But for prompt and intelligent work by Trainmaster Carter Jones, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, last night, the station at Seventh and Byrd Streets would very probably have been seriously damaged, if not destroyed, by fire.

Western Union camp car No. 2, which was standing under the shed at a depot, was ablaze when Mr. Jones walked out of the office of the train dispatcher. The flames were leaping up to the ceiling and the station was in danger of being burned.

Without asking the advice or the assistance of any one, Mr. Jones ran up the yards until he found an engine, and, acquainting the engineer with what was happening, he rushed the engine back through the yards and into the sheds without any delay.

Pulled It Out.

Two cars were coupled to the engine, but this mattered little. The burning car was hooked to the train. Several brakemen had their hands burned as they were making the coupling. Within one minute the camp car was on the siding, some two squares from the depot.

There it burned. A still alarm was turned in, and a chemical engine responded. An alarm was turned in, and the fire department responded. From plugs on Seventh Street and Byrd Street hoses were hitched and the streams were thrown on the burning car until the fire was extinguished.

The car—the value of which is about \$500—was practically ruined. Nothing was saved but the trucks.

The origin of the fire is unknown. None of the employes of the Western Union who had been in the car during the day were near the depot when the fire started.

WAIL OF BABY SAVED STORE

Father Got Up to Care for Child and Found His Place Afire.

The wail of an awakening baby probably saved the Solomon's Department Store, at 122 East Main Street, from destruction by fire last night.

Mr. Solomon had retired with his family, and was aroused by his baby's crying at 11 o'clock. Upon going to the child Mr. Solomon found his room filled with a dense volume of smoke proceeding from the floor. Hastily donning a few garments, and telling his wife to run downstairs with the baby, he went to a bedroom on the next corner below and sent in the alarm. Nos. 2, 3 and 7 steamers and truck No. 2 responded. It was found that the job was run into the chimney on the second floor had taken fire. Mr. S. T. Leder, a neighbor, ran upstairs with the hose, and, after chopping away much of the flooring, Chief Puller and his men soon succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

The damage will amount to a few hundred dollars, the main injury being done to the toys stored on the second floor, which were flooded with the water. The store and its contents are fully covered with insurance.

SOON TO ERECT \$50,000 CHURCH

Christian Scientists Purchase Beautiful Lot in West End and Plan Big Building.

GROWTH OF CHURCH HERE

The congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, who have been worshipping for the past twelve months in Belvidere Hall, have just secured, through J. Thompson Brown and Company, a beautiful corner lot in the heart of Lee District, on which will be erected a \$50,000 building. The site fronts 127 feet on Park Avenue, at the northeast corner of Meadow Street. This is considered one of the best corner lots in Lee District for church purposes. It is immediately in front of Lee Park, the pretty triangle bounded by Meadow, Ivy and Park Avenue, which was acquired last year by the city, and upon which the city has already begun improvements, to be followed up, it is said, by a liberal appropriation in next year's budget.

The lot has a fine southern and western exposure, in addition to a wide alley on its northern boundary. The purchase price was \$5,000. It is the intention of the congregation to begin at once a preliminary improvement, which will be followed later by a \$50,000 building, in addition to a library.

The Christian Scientists began in Richmond five years ago, with only six members, meeting in the parlor of a private residence. From this small beginning sprung up quite a large following, necessitating the obtaining of Belvidere assembly-room. Now the congregation has outgrown its quarters there.

Last week Judge Scott appointed Mr. John Bernard, Mrs. Helen L. Younger and W. R. Ciolek, trustees, who will hold title to the real estate.

SPENCER'S ESTATE TO HIS FAMILY

Will of the Late President of the Southern Railway Is Admitted to Probate.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The will of the late Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, was today admitted to probate. The document was executed in New York City July 27, 1895. All his household furniture, pictures, paintings, plate horses and carriages are given to the widow, Mrs. Louisa Vivian Spencer, absolutely. Mrs. Spencer is also given the residence and real estate in Tuxedo Park, Orange county, N. Y., and the residence and real estate in this city.

The residue of the estate is to be divided in three parts, one of which is to be given absolutely to Mr. Spencer, another share is to be held by the executors in trust for Mrs. Spencer during her life, and at her death to revert to the children of Mr. Spencer or any descendants of deceased children, the remaining part of the estate is to be divided among the children.

The heirs of Mr. Spencer are stated to be Louisa V. Spencer, the widow; Henry B. Spencer, Virginia Spencer, Layne and Vivian Spencer, his children.

The personal estate is given a separation in excess of \$100,000 and the real estate is estimated at \$7,000. The executors are the widow, two sons and son-in-law, James B. Layne, Jr.

CORONER'S JURY CONVICTS NELMS OF MURDER

GATF CITY, VA., December 7.—The coroner's jury investigating the cause of Dr. Cam Anderson's death this afternoon returned a verdict charging James Nelms with the murder. A motion for bail will probably be made. Nelms is nineteen years of age, and a brother to Dr. Anderson's widow.

SPEEDED FOR HELP, COVERED IN BLOOD

Dynamite, Powder, Gasoline and Oil Exploded by Spark From a Steam Shovel.

DOCTORS IMPORED TO COME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEDFORD CITY, VA., December 7.—A magazine containing several cases of dynamite, a few barrels of powder, and some gasoline and oil, was exploded this afternoon by a spark from a steam shovel at Lowery, about six miles east of Bedford City, burning the depot, a store and a number of other buildings, as well as damaging the steam shovel.

No one was seriously injured, though a number of men were cut and bruised by the falling of window-glass and splinters of wood.

The telegraph and telephone wires were cut, and the buildings were brought here by a messenger on horseback. His face was badly cut, and his horse covered with foam and perspiration from the race here. He reported many seriously injured, and begged all of the physicians of the town to hurry to the scene of the disaster. Most of them followed him promptly on horseback, there being no train available, to find there was little need for their services.

A remarkable escape was made by a man, the shanty in which he was seated being blown entirely away, but when he was dug from beneath the debris he was entirely unharmed.

INDICT THE MEN; WARRANTS ISSUED

Federal Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Harriman and Gould Officials.

BILLS AGAINST COMPANIES

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, December 7.—The Federal grand jury that is investigating the alleged frauds in Utah and charges that railroad corporations have discriminated against certain shippers made a partial report to-day. Indictments were returned against the United Pacific Railroad Company, the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, the Union Pacific Coal Company, the Utah Fuel Company and several high officials representing the Harriman and Gould corporations in Utah.

Two other indictments charging perjury before the grand jury were also returned. The names of the persons accused in these indictments are withheld.

After the grand jury had adjourned Assistant Attorney-General Maynard, of Washington, stated that when it recommences the inquiry will be resumed. The indictments returned to-day, he said, mark only the beginning of the government's probing in Utah and Wyoming, and the violations of laws alleged in these indictments are only incidents of a gigantic system of fraud that has been in operation in the West for many years.

The indictment against the Harriman companies embraces the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, the Union Pacific Coal Company, Everett Buckingham, general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line, and J. N. Moore, general agent in Salt Lake of the Union Pacific, alleges discrimination against D. J. Sharp, a coal dealer, who was forced out of business after he had cut prices.

The indictment against the representatives of the Gould interests embraces the Utah Fuel Company, H. G. Williams, general manager; Robert Forester, Alexander M. Cowie, Elroy N. Clark, the Utah Fuel Company's attorney at Denver, and George A. Moore, the company's agent at Denver. They are charged with defrauding the United States government in acquiring title to coal lands in Utah.

Bench warrants for the arrest of persons accused in the indictments were issued.

ROOSEVELT SAYS 'I AM IN SYMPATHY'

Receives Thousand Members of River and Harbor Congress and Praises Work.

MIDDLE WEST IS GRASPING

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, December 7.—With a reception tendered the members of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress this afternoon by President Roosevelt at the White House, the convention, which is said to have been the most representative ever held in the national capital, came to an end, after having compelled the attention of the three most important persons in connection with waterways in the country—The President, Speaker Cannon and Representative Burton, chairman of the House River and Harbor Committee. Speaker Cannon and Mr. Burton spoke unreservedly in favor of the movement to increase the government appropriations for rivers and harbors, and the President, while more guarded in his statements, declared that he was in full sympathy with the plan.

The members of the congress left for home to-night, some for Oregon, California and Washington; others for Texas and Oklahoma; for Maine and New Hampshire, for Kansas and Minnesota, and, in fact, for almost every State in the Union.

While the labors of the congress were virtually completed on Thursday night, when the officers were elected, yet this morning's meeting was marked by the reading of the resolutions to be presented to Congress, and the announcement made by Chairman Taft that the energies of the association would be directed towards urging Congress to give \$100,000,000 to the navy, instead of continuing the present plan of appropriating \$50,000,000 to the navy and only \$25,000,000 to the waterways of the country.

There was also subdued excitement (Continued on Third Page.)

NEGRO WITH PISTOL DOES DEADLY WORK

Kills a Woman, Shoots a Policeman Dead and Wounds Another Officer and Civilian.

MR. CROPPER DEAD EFFECTS OF GAS

Well-Known Retired Lawyer and Clubman Found in Bathroom Asphyxiated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.—John Cropper, a retired lawyer, prominent in club and social life in this city, was found dead in the bathroom on the second floor of his home, 1742 N. Street, northwest, this morning with the gas turned on full blast. Following an investigation of the circumstances that led up to his death, Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of accidental asphyxiation.

Mr. Cropper retired about 11 o'clock last night, after having spent the evening with friends. He appeared to be in the best of health, and was in an unusually jovial mood. Mrs. Cropper is visiting friends in New York, and, except for the servants, he was alone in the house.

Mr. Cropper was 56 years of age. He was a member of the Society of Civilian and of the Society of the War of 1812. He was well known in Virginia.

CORNELL FIRE COSTS THE LIVES OF SEVEN MEN

Four Students and Three Citizen Policemen Are Killed.

FLAMES LICK UP CHAPTER HOUSE

The Magnificent Fiske Mansion Burned and Firemen and Students Hurled Into Eternity—Boys Jump for Their Lives.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 7.—Seven persons met a tragic death this morning in the burning of the famous Fiske mansion, formerly the residence of Professor Willard Fiske, and later the home of the Chi Psi Fraternity Lodge at Cornell University.

Three of the victims were volunteer firemen of the city of Ithaca, and four were students of Cornell University. The firemen were all prominent in this city. They were:

A. S. Robinson, attorney; John Rumsey, hardware merchant; Esty Landon, a salesman.

The students were: O. W. Schumaker, Hanover, Pa.; F. W. Grell, South Orange, N. J.; W. H. Nichols, Chicago; J. M. McCutcheon, Pittsburg.

Schumaker got out of the building, but went back for his room-mate, Nichols, and in the attempt to rescue his comrade he was so seriously injured that he died in the hospital.

Four Others Injured.

One student, C. J. Pope, a freshman, of East Orange, N. J., was seriously injured, and three others were slightly injured. They are R. R. Powers, a senior, of Atlanta, Ga.; W. Goetz, a sophomore, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and E. M. Curry, Jr., a sophomore, of Pittsburg.

Rumsey, Landon and Robinson, the Ithaca volunteer firemen, had managed to train a hose on the north side of the house when the wall tumbled. There was a cry of alarm, and several men standing near managed to get out of the way, but the three named were caught under the mass of debris and killed.

A few minutes after the flames were discovered, the Chi Psi Chapter House was all ablaze, the flames fanned by a strong northwest wind, and the students were trapped in the dormitory on the third floor. Many of the boys jumped to safety, while those who hesitated were carried to the ground by the falling walls.

Fire Was Beyond Control.

No alarm was turned in until half an hour after the fire had been discovered, and it was not until after the volunteer fire department had arrived that the fire was brought under control. There was a long climb from the lower part of the city to the college grounds, and by the time the firemen arrived the interior of the building was almost burned out. They could do nothing but prevent the adjoining buildings from taking fire.

The money loss is nearly \$200,000, since the original cost of the building, erected by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske, was about \$150,000, and extensive interior decorations had been made.

The cause of the fire is unknown, though it is suspected that it started in the kitchen. Cornell University is immeasurably appalled by the terrible catastrophe, and academic work is almost suspended.

The burned building was built by Jennie McGraw Fiske, the benefactor of Cornell, whose will was contested by her husband, the late Dr. Fiske. Mrs. Fiske died abroad, seeking help for an incurable disease, and never entered her beautiful mansion alive. Her body was taken here for the obsequies. The mansion was the handsome home of a frat society in the United States, and Justice Fuller, former Speaker Reed and many other distinguished men were members of the fraternity.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., December 7.—At 10 o'clock last night this city experienced an earthquake which lasted more than thirty seconds. The shock was from north to south. Half an hour later a second shock was felt, but was not so pronounced as the first. The earthquake came at 10:30. It was felt at Guadalupe, Cayucos and Cambria. At the latter place articles were shaken from shelves. No perceptible damage was sustained here.

PHYSICIAN TO THE POPE. DR. LAPONI, IS DEAD

ROME, December 7.—Dr. Laponi, physician to the Pope, died at 7 o'clock this morning. He has been ill for some time of cancer of the stomach, and pneumonia setting in, he could not, in his weakened condition, withstand the ravages.

When Dr. Laponi was asked to attend the Pope, he said he would do so, and when the news of the death of the doctor reached the Pontiff he was exceedingly relieved.

Dr. Laponi was very popular in Rome among the officials as well as the anti-clerical.

POWHTAN COAL COMPANY COMPLAINS OF N. & W.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.—The Powhatan Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia, has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company and about sixty coal and coke companies of West Virginia.

The basis of the complaint is alleged discrimination against the coal and coke company in its system of method of distribution, and that the defendant coal and coke companies are given undue and unreasonable advantages in this regard.