

are cut in several places. It is believed that more flood victims are hidden beneath the mud and wreckage. There have been no fatalities on board the vessels anchored at the port.

BIG FIRE AT MONTGOMERY.

Watchmen Declare Torch Was Applied to Lumber Plant.

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—Fire at 3 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the plant of the Alabama Rift Flooring Company, said to have the finest lumber plant in Middle Alabama. The loss is \$200,000, only partially covered by insurance.

It is firmly believed the fire was of incendiary origin, the night watchman claiming to have seen the torch applied. The plant has been completed and in operation less than a year. The property covered four acres, and consisted of a planing mill, an immense lumber shed, three large dry kilns, a dust house and a boiler house. There were 300,000 feet of dressed lumber in the sheds and 48,000 feet of rough lumber in each of the dry kilns.

Watchman Hall says he discovered a man in the extreme end of the lumber shed a few minutes before the fire broke out. He followed close on his heels and saw him run from one of the dry kilns. Almost immediately, he says, flames burst from the kiln. Flames burst forth from three different parts of the lumber shed. The statement of Hall is corroborated by the watchman for the Montgomery Lumber Company, whose plant is located just east of the burned property. The Alabama Rift Flooring Company was owned by Pennsylvania capitalists. J. W. Hogarth of Scranton, Pa., is president of the company and Theo. Palmer

THE OFFICERS AND SOVEREIGNS OF Palmetto Camp No. 2, Woodmen of the World, are requested to assemble at Odd Fellows' Hall, MONDAY at 2 o'clock p. m. sharp, to attend the funeral of their late sovereign, ALFRED ABRAMS, which will take place from his residence, No. 5918 Pitt street, at 3 o'clock p. m.

By order of Charles Russell, Consul Commander.

A. B. BOOTH, Clerk.

BENSEL—On Sunday, July 17, 1904, at 7:25 p. m., HENRY BENSEL, aged sixty-nine years, beloved husband of Mary Donnesfelder.

Funeral will take place from the residence, 3461 Constance, corner Aline. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend; also officers and members of Orient Lodge No. 175, F. and A. M.; also members of the congregation of the German Evangelical Church, Jackson and Chippewa.

BRADY—On Sunday, July 17, 1904, at 2 o'clock a. m., DANIEL BRADY, beloved husband of Julia Kain, aged forty-two years, a native of England and a resident of this city thirty-seven years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family, and those of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jackson, also officers and members of Seamen and Firemen's Union of Gulf Coast, are most respectfully invited to attend the funeral, which will take place from his late residence, No. 918 Louisa street, This (Monday) Evening at 4:30 o'clock.

Mobile (Ala.) and New York papers please copy.

DAVIS—On Sunday, July 17, 1904, at 7:15 o'clock a. m., THERESA BECKER, wife of C. J. Davis, aged thirty-two years, a native of Kenner, La.