

**VOLUNTEER FIREMEN MEET.****Association Representing Towns in Four States Holding Fifth Convention.**

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Hagerstown, Md., May 9.—Seventy-five members of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, representing towns in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, were present when the fifth annual convention opened to-day in Chambersburg, which is lavishly decorated, and at night brilliantly lighted with thousands of electric lamps. The convention will be in session three days.

W. J. Zacharias, mayor of Chambersburg, delivered an address of welcome. The proposition to extend the territorial limits of the association so as to take in Gettysburg, York, Hanover, Columbia, Steelton, and Middletown was debated. The executive committee recommended that the territory be extended as proposed.

A banquet was held to-night following a prize band concert. To-morrow the parade will take place. Thirty-five fire companies will be in line, with a dozen cornet bands.

**SPEAKERS SCORE GOMPERS.****Indorse Hepburn Rate Bill and Charge Labor Leader with Favoritism.**

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Wheeling, W. Va., May 9.—The West Virginia State Federation of Labor in convention to-day adopted a resolution indorsing the Hepburn bill as it passed the House of Representatives. A clause indorsing President Roosevelt's railroad-rate policy was stricken out. The convention speakers bitterly scored President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, for alleged aid in preventing recognition of the stogiemakers' union. A resolution to request recognition of the National Federation was referred to a committee to substitute "demand" for "request," and otherwise make it more strenuous and drastic.

Because Gompers is a cigarmaker, it is said by the stogiemakers, he has helped the cigarmakers in their fight against them.

**MISSION SOCIETY OFFICERS.****Western North Carolina Organization Holds Election and Adjourns.**

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Greensboro, N. C., May 9.—The Home Mission Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, which has been holding its fifth annual meeting here since Sunday, adjourned to-day.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Frank Siler; first vice president, Mrs. Meacham; recording secretary, Mrs. White; treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Ross; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. F. Moore; editor of press work, Mrs. W. F. Nicholson; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. C. P. Moore.

**TWO HURT IN WRECK.****Coast Line Conductor and Engineer Injured in Collision of Freights.**

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Norfolk, Va., May 9.—Near Tunis Station, forty-seven miles from here, late this afternoon, local freight train No. 121, on the Coast Line out from Norfolk, collided with the Southern Railroad freight train No. 77. Conductor Schwerchurch and Engineer G. C. Chambers, of the Coast Line, were injured.

The Southern train had been flagged by a trestle crew, and a man had been sent back to flag the other train, but the signal was not seen by the engineer in time to avoid the wreck. The Coast Line engine was badly broken and two freight cars were demolished. The road was blocked for four hours.

**TRAINED NURSES MEET.****Begin State Convention at Lynchburg, Va., to Continue Three Days.**

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Lynchburg, Va., May 9.—The State convention of the graduate nurses of Virginia began a three days' session to-night in Assembly Hall, a large number being present. Dr. Hawley W. Martin presided and an address of welcome was made by ex-Mayor N. C. Manson, which was responded to by Miss May I. Whitehead, of Richmond, president of the organization.

Addresses were made by Miss Cadwalader Jones, of New York, and Dr. Edward S. Peck, also of New York.