VOLUNTEER FIREMEN MEET.


Hagerstown, Md., May 9.—Seventy-five members of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association are meeting here to-day to consider plans for extending fire protec-
tion to the business sections of the towns in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The convention was called at the request of the Citizens' Association of Chambersburg, which presented a petition asking that fire hydrants be installed in the town. The executive committee recommended that the territory be extended as far as practicable.

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

SPEAKERS SCORE GOMPIERs.

Indore Hebron Rate Bill and Charge Labor Leader with Favoritism.

Special to The Washington Post.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 9.—The West Virginia State Federation of Labor in convention to-day adopted a resolution in-\n\nendorsing the Hebron Rate Bill before the House of Representatives. A clause in-\n\ndorsing President Roosevelt's railroad-rate policy was stricken out, and the speakers bitterly scored President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, for alleged aid in preventing rec-\n\nognition of the steel-workers. The resolution to request recognition of the national Federation was defeated. The committee had a committee to substitute "demand" for "request," and otherwise make it more stringent and drastic.

Because Gompers is a cigar-maker, it is said by the stenographers, who are not cigar-makers in their fight against them.

MISSION SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Western North Carolina Organization Holds Election and Adjourns.

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Greenboro, 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. Melick; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice White; treasurer, Mrs. L. R. Ross; cor-\n\nresponding secretary, Miss A. W. White; editor of press work, Mrs. W. I. Nicholson; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. C. P. Moore.

TWO HURT IN WRECK.

Coast Line Conductor and Engineer In-
\ncurred in Collision of Freight.

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Norfolk, Va., May 9.—Near Toms Sta-
tion, forty-seven miles from here, late this afternoon, local freight train No. 73, on the Coast Line from Norfolk, collided with the Southern Railroad freight train No. 17. Conductor Charles P. St. John, and a brakeman of the Coast Line, were injured.

The Southern crew was flagged by a treadle crew, and a man had been sent back to flag the junction, 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 injured were loaded for hours.

TRAINED NURSES MEET.

Begin State Convention at Lynchburg, Va., to Continue Three Days.

Special to The Washington Post.

Lynchburg, Va., May 9.—The State con-\n\nvention of the graduates nurses of Virginia began its three days' session to-night in the Assembly Hall, a new building recently erected. Dr. Hawley W. Martin presided, and an address of welcome was made by ex-Mayor N. C. Manson, which was re-\n\nresponded to by Miss Cora K. Whitehead, of Richmont, president of the organization. Addresses were made by the Old Fire-\n\ner Jones, of New York, and Dr. Edward B. Peck, also of New York.