

CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

VIEW OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

John Howard, widow of the man recently killed in the wreck Round Knob, has instituted a suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$50,000 damages.

Work is progressing finely on the cotton mills at Hillsboro. The server says that the following officers have been elected: President—A. J. Ruffin; Vice President—A. A. Durham; Secretary and Treasurer—James Webb, Jr. Superintendent—Thos. H. Webb; Board of Directors—A. J. Ruffin, James Webb, Jr., Sterling Ruffin, H. Winder-Webb, Geo. A. Durham. It will be in operation in early spring.

Need of Living.

Elizabeth City, N. C. Nov 37—Mr. P. D. Sykes, one of Elizabeth City's most promising young men, attempted suicide last night about 10 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a pistol, the ball entering under the throat on the right side and passing out on the left side of his face, under the eye. It is believed that he will not live more than twelve hours. It is thought that he meant to shoot himself under the throat so that the ball would pass out through the top of his head, but in this he was mistaken, although wounding himself mortally.

The suicide was no doubt planned, and he got under the influence of liquor to brace himself for the fearful deed, this being the first time that he has been known to be intoxicated in several years.

This is not the first time he has tried to commit suicide. About four years ago, on account of trouble of some kind, he took to drinking, and was almost an inebriate; but after going to the Keeley Institute he was cured. It was at this time he tried to commit suicide by taking laudanum and other poisons, but failed.

He is now in a most critical condition and cannot possibly live more than twelve hours. He says that he does not want to live, and he thinks himself that he will not survive this time as it was stated this morning that he said he tried before and couldn't succeed, but he would succeed this time.

J. C. Barry, a corn doctor, stated to the Virginian representative this morning that he was with the unfortunate man yesterday afternoon, and that he acted as though he was in the best of spirits. He asked him to give him his card, and he did so. He was with Captain Louis Hayman and three or four other young men last night, and after taking two or three drinks was carried home by the young men, and he said to them that he would shoot himself, and after going to bed he made good his threat.

He was employed by Mr. W. C. Glover as book-keeper, and has occupied this position for several years, always carrying himself in a gentlemanly manner and being polite and gentle to everybody.

He is of one of the most respected families in this section. He is between thirty and thirty-five years of age.—Norfolk Virginian.

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OUR COAST DEFENSES

Explained in the Annual Report of Secretary Lamont.

RAPIDLY PUSHING THE WORK.

All the Troops Now Supplied with the New Magazine Arms and with Smokeless Powder—The Expenditures for River and Harbor Improvements.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Secretary Lamont's report of the operations of the war department for the year 1895 shows total expenditures aggregating \$51,803,233, of which \$13,565,053 was for pay of the army, \$1,488,295 for subsistence, \$1,858,293 for regular quartermasters' supplies, \$820,729 for barracks and quarters, \$2,321,727 for army transportation, \$1,910,204 for clothing, \$1,255,831 for ordnance, \$2,897,464 for sea-coast defenses, \$17,814,569 for river and harbor improvement, \$3,163,181 for national soldiers' homes and \$1,428,795 for salaries and contingencies in the war office at Washington. This last item shows a saving of \$582,750 from the expenditure under the same head for the year 1894.

The aggregate appropriations for this department and turned back into the general fund of the treasury at the end of the last fiscal year was \$1,975,033. For the year 1895 it was \$1,761,167, and for 1894 it was \$1,287,922, an aggregate for three years of more than \$5,000,000.

Much of the report is devoted to a detailed exhibit of the work accomplished and now under way on the coast defenses, as ordered in 1895.

On July 1, 1894, of our modern defense but one high power gun was mounted. By July 1 next we will have in position seventy high power breech loading guns and many five breech loading mortars of modern design, and by the following July, on the completion of work already under way or provided for, 128 guns and 153 mortars. A battery of two or three of these guns takes the place of the former pretensions, and is vastly more effective. A 12-inch mortar requires a powder charge of 105 pounds, and throws a filled projectile weighing 200 pounds over five miles.

The defenses now under consideration are distributed among the ports of Portland, Me.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Boston, Narragansett Bay, eastern entrance to Long Island sound, eastern and southern entrance to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, San Diego, San Francisco, the mouth of the Columbia river and Puget sound.

Secretary Lamont says his predecessors in office at the head of the war department had, during many years, the difficult task of arousing the public mind to a realization of the national deficiencies in the matter of coast defense. As the interest which has been awakened has grown deeper, successive congresses have made more liberal provision for the accomplishment of the accepted scheme.

The total amount appropriated for sea coast defenses, including cost of sites, fortifications and armament since the adoption of the present scheme, is \$33,457,190.54, of which \$9,350,000, or more than one-third, was carried by the act passed at the last session of congress.

Therefore, in submitting the estimates for another year, he feels that it is no longer necessary to repeat the arguments that have been reiterated so many times. While earnestly inviting attention to the great work that yet remains to be done, it is also his fortune to have the more grateful duty of exhibiting the important results that have been actually accomplished, as well as the splendid progress which is now being made toward the early completion of the work.

The armament of troops with the new magazine arms was completed in May, and the armory is turning out 125 rifles or cartridges per day under the appropriation made last year. All the ammunition for small arms now made is supplied with smokeless powder of American manufacture and of satisfactory quality.

The total expenditures for river and harbor improvements ordered by congress during the year ending June 30, 1895, including those of the Mississippi and Missouri river commissions, was \$17,039,731.51. Including the amounts appropriated by the act of June 3, 1895, there was available for expenditure on rivers and harbors July 1, \$26,020,574.79. The Mississippi river commission has decided to discontinue the plan to improve the river by bank protection and to adopt the plan of dredging channels in shoal places and maintaining with state and local co-operation an efficient levee system. With this change of policy the minority believe the function of the commission is ended and the work should be turned over to the secretary of war.

Under the new system established by Secretary Lamont the army has for the first time been paid monthly. Over \$14,000,000 was disbursed, and the discrepancy between the money shipped and claimed to have been received amounts to only \$27. The saving to the government by the system is about \$25,000 annually, and it appears to encourage economy among the men, as soldiers' deposits this year are over \$100,000 more than last year. Desertion in 1895 numbered 3,578, in 1894 only 1,082, and last year 1,335.

Mexican Insurgent Leader Is Captured.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 30.—Pompeyo Ramos Ego, leader of the band of insurgents who attacked the Mexican custom house at Palomas in September last, has been captured and placed in jail at Las Cruces, N. M. It is understood that the insurgent captain will attempt to implicate Santa Teresa in the Palomas affair, and to that end has written her several letters since his imprisonment.

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A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The London Chronicle announces the death of the great tenor, Campanini, at Parma. He was 50 years old.

The home of William Jennings Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb., is quarantined, his daughter Ruth being ill with diphtheria. Martin Luther Stevens, one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias, and prominent in that order, died in Brooklyn yesterday, aged 60.

Democrats of the Third Georgia district nominated Charles R. Crisp, the 26-year-old son of ex-Senator Crisp, to succeed his father in congress.

Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The official count of New Jersey's vote gives McKimby 87,682 plurality over Bryan. Palmer had 6,373 votes.

Senator Voorhees is regaining his health, and is to go on the lecture platform after he leaves the senate.

M. Pilot, French minister of war, declares that aristocratic ideas must be weeded out of the army.

Fortress Monroe, Va., is being equipped with armaments calculated to make it a match for any foreign fleet.

Prince and Princess of Wales and children are the guests of Duke and Duchess of Marlborough at Blenheim palace, Woodstock.

William J. Bryan received a monster ovation at Denver, and made several speeches. He requested that his name cease to be used by free silver clubs.

Thursday, Nov. 26.

In the foothills of Mount Tacoma, Wash., Mr. A. B. Sweiner cut the throats of her three children and then attempted suicide.

Two men were killed and three others injured by an explosion in the St. Louis Gilson Asphaltna company's mine near Fort Duchesne, Utah.

The southern express on the Pennsylvania railroad ran into a wrecked freight near New Brunswick, N. J., causing the death of two grain men.

Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, now under sentence of death for the murder of Pearl Bryan, will, it is thought, be granted a new trial by the court of appeals of Frankfort, Ky.

The president has appointed Thomas S. Dyer, of Virginia, to be United States consul at Beirut, Syria, and E. T. Williams to be interpreter of the United States consulate at Shanghai, China.

Friday, Nov. 27.

Walter L. Egan, 19 years old, was killed in a game of football in Brooklyn.

A cyclone passed near Martin, Tex., Wednesday night. A child of A. B. Douglass was killed.

In a football game at Trenton yesterday Dr. Keefe, of the Philadelphia Dental College team, had his collar bone broken.

Sir F. Napier Broome, governor of the Island of Trinidad, who was staying in London on a furlough, died yesterday.

At Lowell, Mass., yesterday Frank Cote killed his wife and then put a bullet through his own brain. Jealousy was the cause.

The Peoria House, the largest hotel in Peoria, Ill., was destroyed by fire last night. Many guests escaped with difficulty, losing their baggage.

Saturday, Nov. 28.

A Constantinople dispatch says that a fresh massacre of Armenians, with 500 victims, is rumored to have occurred near Diarbekir.

The London Daily Mail reports that the queen has been a total abstainer from alcohol for three years past, on account of intense pain in her leg.

The president has appointed ex-Congressman John H. Rogers, of Arkansas, United States district judge for the western district of Arkansas.

Mr. W. S. Forman, of Illinois, the newly appointed commissioner of internal revenue, took the oath of office yesterday and entered on the discharge of his duties.

At Kansas City a gang of desperados, led by Oscar Bridges, held up a crowded street car. Brave Motorman E. Illins conquered the leader and the others were captured by police.

Monday, Nov. 30.

While temporarily insane George Wilbur shot and killed Emory Flogdely, his nephew, near Burlington, Ia.

J. W. Burney, of Stratton, Neb., was shot and killed by his son, whose life had been threatened by the elder Burney.

While cleaning gloves with benzine at Allentown, Pa., Mrs. Mary Billman, several feet away from a light, was badly burned.

A dispatch from Melbourne, Australia, announces the death of Sadie McDonald, the clever sourette in Hoyt's "Trip to Chinatown" company.

After a shortage of \$600 had been discovered in his accounts, Postmaster Yowell, of Sidney, Neb., disappeared, and his body was found in the suburbs.

President Cleveland's Permanent Home. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—Professor Andrew Wood, in an interview concerning the rumor current that President Cleveland intends at a future date to make Princeton his home, authorized the following statement: "President Cleveland yesterday purchased the former residence of Mrs. Shull on Bayard avenue, this town, and after the expiration of his term of office he will make Princeton his permanent home. Negotiations which have been in progress for about three weeks closed yesterday by the purchase of the property named."

General Harrison's Expected Heir.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20.—Intimate friends of Mrs. Harrison are delighted at the intelligence that an event may occur early next year which will give the former president and his accomplished wife an heir. Extensive preparations have been made for the expected advent in the way of an unusually handsome wardrobe. With the occasional assistance of the housekeeper, Mrs. Harrison has made the various articles of clothing with her own hands.

Mine Disaster in Russian Poland.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—A dispatch from Breslau says that thirty persons were killed last evening in a colliery explosion at Zengorze, Russian Poland.



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