

KING JOHN IS GUARDED BY DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Apprehensive of Life

John D. Rockefeller Guarded by Seven Former U. S. Secret Service Men Empowered to Carry Arms.

TRAINED-CRANK HANDLERS

New York, Jan. 18.—John D. Rockefeller today is reported to be guarded by seven men who have been sworn in as deputy sheriffs of West Chester county.

Hereafter it will be impossible, it is said, for anybody to get anywhere near the new palace at Pocantico Hills until the men have found out all about the visitor.

Ever since Harold Sawyer Smith, a lumber millionaire, of Minerva, O., said he had heard men plotting to kidnap or kill Mr. Rockefeller on the night of December 1, the latter, it is said, has not been free from anxiety though in public he ridiculed the plot.

WILL ADDRESS OUR CITIZENS

Mr. C. B. Williams, of A. & M. College, to Speak Here Friday Night.

The secretary has a letter from Mr. C. B. Williams, director of the State Agricultural College, accepting an invitation to be in Washington on Friday, January 21, to discuss with the committee an agricultural fair for Washington.

ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. L. L. Knight the Hostess Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. L. L. Knight entertained the Bridge Club and invited guests at her home, West Main street, yesterday from 12:30 to 5 p. m. at a five course, progressive luncheon.

"Noah was 600 years old before he knew how to build an ark," says an exchange, and he had to be told how to do it then.

- New Advertisements in Today's News
J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co.—Cooking Demonstration.
J. K. Hoyt—Hose.
Wright's Tailoring Parlors.
Jos. F. Taylor—Coffee.
E. R. Mison & Co.—Pep-al-Cola.
Gem Theater.
Gale's Theater.
Cupidines.
Vick's Remedies.
Luxative Broom Quinine.
J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Bulbs.
Chesapeake Steamship Co.
Hotel Korman, Baltimore.

NEW BRIDGE NOW COMPLETE

A Most Important Engineering Feat—Means Much.

Announcement by the Norfolk and Southern Railway of the opening of the 18,000-foot bridge across the Albemarle Sound is probably the most important announcement affecting Eastern North Carolina that has been made since the railroad was built.

The first freight train of thirty-five cars crossed from bank to bank in fifty-three minutes. To transfer the three trains across the steamer Garrett would have required about twelve hours.

The time required between the two States for passenger service will be cut by an hour and a half, and freight service will be improved more than seven hours, in many instances this amounting to a full day's earlier delivery.

Regular service over the bridge, which has attracted the attention of engineers of the world for the past year, and which called forth investigations by the United States government engineers for a long period before the sound was permitted, began Monday.

The Albemarle sound bridge is one of the most important engineering feats that has been undertaken in the history of the South, and means much for the commercial and industrial development of that section of Eastern North Carolina that has heretofore been cut off from the centres of trade by the great expanse of water which has required the transfer of all passenger and freight trains on the steamer Garrett.

The construction of the bridge was begun July 20, 1907, but was discontinued in November of that year on account of a lack of funds on the part of the owners of the property.

Work was begun again in earnest on February 20, 1909, and the actual number of days, including both prior to and since the re-entrance, was three hundred and sixty-five.

The completion of the Albemarle sound bridge has required more than three hundred cars of lumber, nearly one thousand cars of steel, a trainload of spikes and bolts and exactly three hundred and sixty-five days of active labor.

At high tide the deck of the bridge is thirteen feet two inches above water. Albemarle sound, contrary to the general impression, is shallow in the main and there are but few spasms necessary on account of the depth of the channels. There are five spans of fifty-one feet five inches each.

Seed-Corn Day at Washington Jan. 27

On the 27th of January the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work will have a seed-corn day at Washington. Several expert judges and several practical corn growers will be present to help in selecting seed corn and also to make talks upon corn growing.

STATE HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO DISTRICTS

The Sum of \$500 Has Been Set Aside as Prizes to the Contestants—Mr. Parker Sets Forth the Conditions in a Letter.

ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The following conditions for the Boys' Corn Club contest have been given out by Mr. T. B. Parker.

"As has already been announced, the Board of Agriculture, at its December meeting, appropriated \$500 for premiums to Boys' Corn Club contestants. The contestants are to be between the ages of twelve and seventeen years.

Any boy becoming twelve years old by June 1st will be eligible, and any boy who is now seventeen but will be eighteen not later than August 1st will be eligible to enter the contest. The rules governing the contest will be about as they were last year, except that any boy will be permitted to get any person to break his land for him.

The State has been divided into ten districts, as per below, and prizes aggregating \$50 will be given to the winners in each district. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10.

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There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, to which the general public is invited.

MINISTER TO ARRIVE

Rev. Mr. Hoffman, a Baptist minister, will arrive in Washington about February 1st, and will make this city his headquarters.

IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be a very important meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church tonight at the church. Every member is earnestly urged to be present.

CONVALESCING

Mr. Edward Long, who has been confined to his home for some weeks on the road towards recovery, this announcement will be welcome news to his friends in this city and elsewhere.

STEAMER BURNED

The steamer Estelle Randall of the Farmers' and Merchants' North Carolina line, was destroyed by fire, and Wm. Exley, a white man, about 50 years old, and the cook were burned to death Monday night at 10:30 o'clock at Columbia.

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BIDS ARE ASKED FROM ENGINEERS

Aldermen and Street Improvement Committee Hold Joint Session.

There was a joint-meeting of the Board of City Aldermen and the Street Improvement Committee at city hall last night, called for the purpose of considering the question of paving the streets, for which the citizens of the city recently voted for the issuance of \$25,000 worth of bonds.

\$75 STOLEN FROM TRUNK

The room of Mrs. George Lawson, residing at the home of Mrs. Sarah I. Satchwell, West Main street, was entered yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock and \$75 taken from the trunk. Immediately after the theft was discovered by Mrs. Lawson the police were notified.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Many Ladies and Others Attending Demonstrations.

Professor Becker's demonstrations on the great Majestic Range over the J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co.'s store, which began this afternoon at 2 o'clock, is being largely attended by the ladies and housewives, also quite a number of gentlemen were present.

PRAYER MEETING

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IS THERE A COMBINE TO RAISE THE PRICES?

Washington, Jan. 18.—Striking a blow at the alleged manipulation of slaughtered house products and the effect on the high cost of living, the Crumpler bill, providing for enervation at the coming census of all cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, hogs, goats and birds slaughtered was ordered favorably reported today by the House census committee.

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BODY CARRIED 18 MILES ON COWCATCHER

Engineer Discovers It

Shoeked to Find the Body of a Man on His Engine—The Man Identified by Letters Found on His Person.

THE BODY IS CLAIMED

New York, Jan. 18.—When the Philadelphia express train arrived at the Pennsylvania railroad station in Jersey City a few minutes before 2 o'clock yesterday morning Simon Hafn, the engineer, got down from the cab to examine the wheels and axles of the great locomotive. He was shocked to find the body of a man on the cowcatcher. It was identified as that of Thomas Flanagan, of Rahway, by letters in the pockets.

Subsequently it was learned that Flanagan had been run down and killed at Rahway, and the body being carried eighteen miles to Jersey City. The police at Rahway learned on investigation that Flanagan had been near the railway, homebound, a few minutes before the express train passed.

The body was claimed yesterday afternoon by John Hughes, a brother-in-law. Flanagan was thirty-five years old and lived at No. 168 Elizabeth street, Rahway.

BLOODY SHIRT WAS WAVED

Failed to Stir Any Antagonism, However.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—The "bloody shirt" was waved by the Senate today, but its flourishing did not arouse any sectional strife. Senator Hepburn, of Idaho, offered a resolution asking the Secretary of the Treasury whether or not an order had been issued by the collector of customs at Newport News, Va., authorizing the closing of his office on January 19, and if so, for what purpose.

January 19 is the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, and is a holiday in Virginia. Senator Hepburn had read numerous extracts showing that the customs office was to be closed in honor of General Lee. The Senator was prepared for an objection on the part of Southern Senators, but to his surprise none was made.

BITTEN BY DOG

Mr. J. H. Mulford, one of the managers of the Gem theater, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. Singleton Wallace, on Main street this morning. While the wound is not serious it is very painful.

Mr. Mulford was crossing the street near the Gem theater and accidentally struck the dog with his foot, which at the time was lying on the sidewalk asleep. In his efforts to walk clear of the animal he fell and was attacked and bit under the arm, making quite a gash.

Lee Celebration Takes Place at Chamber of Commerce Rooms

This Evening—All Invited

Everyone is looking forward to the exercises in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening commemorating the birthday of General Robert E. Lee. The hour for the exercises to begin is 8:15 o'clock. This was done by the committee in charge so as to give all wishing to attend the prayer-meeting services in the respective churches opportunity to be present.

TO MAKE FLIGHT ACROSS COUNTRY

Prize of \$10,000 Will Be Awarded the Aviator.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 18.—A cross-country flight, which will be one of the most spectacular achievements of the aviation meet, has been decided upon by the aviation committee. A prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the aviator who makes the flight in the quickest time.

Just to what point the flight will be made, will be decided at a meeting of the committee today and it is possible that Paulhan will try for it this afternoon. Edwin Clary, manager for the French aviator, has been making inquiries regarding Catalina Island and before Paulhan leaves for Los Angeles it is probable that he will make a journey over the distance of twenty-six miles from San Pedro.

The new course has four sides all of which are in front of the grandstand, and two stretches being continuations of the present course with some slight changes. The entire distance in exact figures is 2.751 miles.

POOR HOUSE FIGHT

Aged Inmate in Jail Charged With Murder.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 18.—Griffin M. Jennings, 75 years old, an inmate of the Pasquotank county almshouse, is in jail charged with the murder of R. M. J. Ellis, another aged inmate of the county home.

Yesterday morning, it is reported, Jennings and Ellis fell out over some discussion at the breakfast table. A fight followed and Ellis was beaten up terribly and an arm broken by a hoe. The combatants were separated and medical attention summoned. Ellis lived until yesterday afternoon about dark.

Both parties had been inmates of the county home for several years and had never gotten along well. Ellis came here from Chowan county and so far as it is known he has no relatives living. Jennings has a son and stepdaughter living here. The terrible occurrence has greatly shocked the entire county.

THE QUALITY COFFEE

Like Billie Taft Drinks All the Week Free.

The ladies and all others are cordially invited to visit beginning this afternoon and each remaining afternoon the balance of the week, the public demonstration now going on under the store of the J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co. You will be served with a cup of the "Maxwell House Blend," the quality coffee. It is free and you are not only invited, but you are at liberty to bring along your friends. There is an expert demonstrator who will take pleasure in explaining to each and all the merits of this noted brand of coffee, which is furnished for the demonstration by Mr. Joseph F. Taylor. It is delicious and refreshing.

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FIFTY MILLION BALES OF COTTON REQUIRED YEARLY

Dr. Knapp's Prediction

Forty Years Hence World Will Require of United States 50,000,000 Bales of Cotton From Which to Fashion Clothing.

ARE ASTONISHING FIGURES

Greenville, Miss., Jan. 18.—Forty years hence the world will require of the United States a round 50,000,000 bales of cotton from which to fashion its clothing. These astonishing figures were given today by Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, of the department of agriculture, who delivered an address here on "Cotton, the Greatest of Cash Crops." The government expert is concluding a speaking tour of the Southern States under the auspices of the Southern railway.

"Look for a moment at the increased demands for cotton," said Dr. Knapp. "If you note carefully, you observe that it has doubled once in about 22 years. If we estimate 13,000,000 bales as a minimum supply on the part of the United States for the world's clothing at the present time, we go back 22 years and find that a little more than 6,000,000 bales were sufficient at that time, and 22 years prior to that 3,000,000 bales filled the demands, while 22 years before that 1,500,000 met the exigencies of trade.

"If we pursue the same line for the future we discover that in 1932 the world will require of us 26,000,000 bales and in 1954, 52,000,000 bales of cotton must be produced in the United States. Here is one of the most wonderful opportunities for wealth that has been known within the historic period. Our lands and climate are exceedingly well adapted to the production of the fleecy staple, and the intelligence of the farmers of the South and their long experience with cotton have equipped them to do the work and do it well.

Diversification of crops and a lesser acreage in cotton, but with a greater yield per acre is advocated by Dr. Knapp to meet the situation. He laid especial emphasis on the need for good drainage on the plantations in order that the planter get a good stand. Of equal importance, he pointed out, was the seed bed, the seed and the subsequent cultivation of the growing crop. He also advanced the necessity for planting early-maturing varieties of cotton and cotton that puts forth fruit limbs among the first branches.

The relation of crops along scientific lines, in the opinion of the government expert, would compel the breaking up of many of the large plantations and the adoption of a plan of cultivation along cooperative lines.

"It certainly will modify very much the tenant plan," he said, "for hitherto we have leased our lands and allowed the tenant to farm at his will. In future the successful planter will be obliged to have his plantation supervised and his work done according to definite plans.

"In the case of a large number of independent farmers it will require that one man be employed to supervise and give special directions to the small farmers, because it will never be safe, under boll weevil conditions, to allow the old, loose way of cultivating cotton to continue. It is sure to result in failure. In fact, it has always been a failure to a great extent.

"The South's preparation to meet the world's increasing demand for its greatest crop, the towns and cities would have to bear a share, said Dr. Knapp. In order to care for the labor the growth of the industry would demand in the summer, and which would be practically idle in the winter months, industries would have to be established that would care for this idle army.

"In some sections some of these industries will be carried on only in the winter," he said. "Thus the farmer will be obliged to find more continuous labor for his employes. Hitherto he has expected that the tenant farmer or the farm laborer would earn all that was necessary during the summer, but we are coming into a more strenuous life and labor must be provided for the winter."

Dr. Knapp suggested that the diversification of crop and the household garden would offer a partial solution of the problem, while clearing and fencing also should mark the winter months.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach at Chocowinity next Sunday afternoon.