

THE FIRST BATTLE ON PANAMA TREATY IN THE SENATE

Senator Gorman Comes to the Aid of Senator Hoar in Attacking the Administration for its Interference With Colombia.

Mr. Williams, the Minority Leader, Introduces Some Good Bills -- Representative Thomas Wants Aid for N. C. Waterways.

(A. W. HUGHES.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The first skirmish in the great fight between the Democrats and the Republicans of the Senate which is inevitable in the case of the Panama treaty took place this afternoon. This fight will, of course, occur mostly behind closed doors for the Senate will go into executive session when the treaty proper comes up for discussion, and we shall hear only echoes of the struggle between the statesmen of the two parties, but the opening skirmish was precipitated today by Senator Hoar of Massachusetts who arose to speak to his resolution presented some days ago, calling upon the President to submit to the Senate information concerning the Panama revolution. It may as well be stated here that Senator Hoar, although a staunch Republican, believes that the President knew all about the revolution before it occurred and his resolution showed his belief very plainly. And his remarks in the Senate today showed this still more plainly and brought out scowls on the faces of the Republican Senators, his colleagues.

Mr. Hoar's belief might be summed up in one paragraph of his unwelcome remarks: "Now, Mr. President," he said, "I want to know—I think the American people want to know, and have a right to know—whether this mighty policeman, instructed to keep the peace on the Isthmus, seeing a man about to attack another, he had struck his blow, manacled the arms of the attacked so that he could not defend himself, leaving the assailant free, and then instantly proceeded to secure from the assailant the pocketbook of the victim, on the ground that he was de facto the owner."

Mr. Gorman sharply attacked the administration intimating that the course which had been entered upon was for the purpose of securing a partisan advantage in the approaching Presidential election. He complained bitterly of the course of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis in giving the facts leading upon the treaty to a banquet in New York which he said was in violation of a sacred secret and also said the facts did not justify the statement by Mr. Loomis that the Nicaragua canal was not feasible, he concluded by declaring that the government of the United States should not be used to sustain the fortune of a false party. In the course of Mr. Gorman's speech, Mr. Aldrich asked him if the Democrats would vote against the canal treaty and Mr. Gorman replied that as the facts are now known and it necessary to defend the honor of the country they would. Mr. Foraker followed Mr. Gorman. He said Mr. Hoar's speech should have been made in closed session. Such a course would have been the part of patriotism, especially as it criticized the President. Mr. Tillman asked if he knew whether it was true that 8,000 troops were being mobilized to march on Bogota, in support of a baby republic born in some back room. Mr. Foraker said he had no such knowledge. "Can't the information be obtained at the White House?" asked Mr. Tillman. "If the Senator wants to obtain this information he should apply at the White House himself," replied Mr. Foraker. Mr. Hoar claiming that Mr. Foraker had misrepresented him, said that the President had not disclaimed the knowledge of the revolution on the Isthmus and their information was what he sought. Mr. Foraker declared he had not misquoted the Massachusetts Senator, that the remark of that Senator was a reflection upon the President. Evidently there was warm feeling between the Senators, although the remarks were couched in courteous terms.

Representative John Sharp Williams, who is often familiarly addressed by Speaker Cannon, as "Sharp," and who as the leader of the Democrats in the House has been singularly fortunate in gaining their respect and support, has introduced several bills of considerable importance to the country at large this week. To the Committee on Judiciary has been referred his bill to prevent and punish overissue of stock by combinations, consolidated companies, or trusts engaged in interstate commerce. The punishment which Mr. Williams would like to see visited upon an over-issued member of such trusts or corporations as violated this law is hard labor in a United States prison for not less than a year, after the payment of a thousand dollars fine. Another measure that Mr. Williams would like to see on the statute books

INDICTMENTS FOR SENATOR DIETRICH

Nineteen True Bills Found by the Grand Jury -- The Charges Against Senator Dietrich Have a Grave Appearance.

(By Associated Press.)

Omaha, Dec. 18.—The United States grand jury yesterday made its report to the court returning nineteen true bills. These include indictments against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice, former Adjutant General Leonard W. Colby for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines of Bassett, Nebraska, for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to Homestead entries; former State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator; Postmaster John S. Mitchell, of Alma, Neb., charging him with illegal sale of postage stamps; Wm. M. Irwin, on a charge of acting as agent for Mitchell, and against R. M. Allen, president of the Standard Cattle Company for the alleged illegal fencing of government lands. The other indictments were similar to that against Allen, but do not involve extensive tracts of land. The jury reported it and had further matters under consideration. The indictments against Senator Dietrich and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a week ago. Senator Dietrich is charged with the alleged violation of section 3739 of the revised statutes which provides that no member or delegate to Congress shall enter into a contract with the United States or its officers. The indictment charges that Senator Dietrich leased to the government in April 1901, a building at Hastings, Neb., to be used for a postoffice at an annual rental of \$1,300. The indictment against former State Senator Lowe charges him with alleged conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator. The counts each of \$500 are named in the bill. It is charged that these amounts were paid to Lowe by Postmaster John C. Mitchell in consideration of Lowes endorsement of Mitchell's candidacy to Senator Dietrich for the appointment as postmaster at Alma.

General Leonard W. Colby was indicted for the alleged embezzlement of amounts aggregating \$4,000 of government funds, paid to him in trust by the State of Nebraska and others for equipment belong to the United States army. Postmaster J. C. Mitchell, of Alma, is indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government by the sale outside of his posts of large quantities of postage stamps in order to increase the receipts of the office at Alma and thus succeed in the raising of the classification of the office securing an increase of salary.

Excitement in Liverpool. (By Associated Press.) Liverpool, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was excited all day. There was considerable fluctuation in prices and large business transactions in futures. The tone was feverish throughout the afternoon.

A COTTON FIRE AT PLATFORM

Forty Bales of Cotton Owned by the Heath-Ried Jobbing and Commission Co. More or Less Damage This Afternoon.

There was a considerable cotton fire at the Seaboard Air Line platform this afternoon. Forty bales of cotton were more or less damaged.

The fire department was called out at one o'clock this afternoon in answer to an alarm turned in from Box No. 26. When the departments arrived there was a bright blaze rising from the cotton on the south end of the platform.

As quickly as possible the water was turned on and in 20 minutes after the alarm was rung in, the fire had been subdued.

The colored firemen arrived on the scene first as they had only about half a block to go from their engine house. All of the colored firemen worked manfully in extinguishing the blaze. It goes without the saying that the white firemen did their part well. The burned cotton was a part of a lot of 300 bales that was shipped to Charlotte to be compressed. It was the property of the Heath-Ried Jobbing and Commission Company and was fully insured. As luck would have it the burning bales were at the south end of the platform. As fast as one bale would ignite the white firemen would tumble it off the platform and the colored firemen who were beneath the platform, would turn on the water. In this manner the remainder of the cotton on the platform, was not endangered.

Mr. E. S. Reid, president of the Heath-Ried Company, informed a News representative that the cotton burned was fully insured and that his company will not sustain any loss as the result of the fire. Reception to Pastor This Evening. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of the members of Trinity Church at the reception this evening to be given at the church in honor of the new pastor, Rev. J. A. B. Fry and his wife. The reception is given under the auspices of the Baraca class and a most interesting musical program will be rendered besides the serving of light refreshments. The blue coats composing the hunting party gotten up by Police-man Johnston, left this morning bright and early for Sharon, where they are spending the day hunting.

CHRISTMAS AT ELIZABETH. Holiday Recess at This College Begins Tomorrow.

The Christmas recess of Elizabeth College begins tomorrow. The students are completing their examinations and looking forward with fond anticipations to the pleasures of the holidays. A large number of students will leave for their homes tomorrow. Many of those living in remote States will spend their holidays at the college. There are fourteen States represented in the student body the present session, several northern and western States among the number. The present session is the most successful in the history of the college. The advanced standard of the college has won general appreciation from a discriminating public.

The Gerard Conservatory of Music gave a closing term recital by the advanced students on the 14th. A large audience was present, and a fine work of the performers deservedly received for them high praise. The Conservatory has grown steadily in efficiency and influence, and is recognized as one of the leading music schools of the South. The Christmas recess ends January 4th and the second term begins January 22nd.

NO FIREWORKS XMAS.

Small Boy Will Have to Get Outside City Limits. The small boy who thinks that Christmas is a dead letter occasion without his fire-crackers, will have to get outside the city limits in order to indulge his passion for explosives. The city authorities this year will enforce the law as heretofore, and fireworks will be strictly forbidden. The same rule in reference to fireworks was enforced last year in this city.

Moving Rock Crushing Outfit. An unusual sight was witnessed on the streets today when the big steam roller, owned by the county, came up West Trade street and across the square hauling after it the entire rock crushing plant of the county in charge of Overseer Rich.

The condition of Miss Blandina Springs this afternoon was not improved.

THE SIMPSON CASE WAS CONTINUED

Judge Boyd Gives as his Reason the Appearance of an Article in the Charlotte Observer This Morning--Termed a Political Case.

The case of Registrar J. W. Simpson of Rutherfordton has been continued for the defendant until the next term of the Federal Court.

The same bond, \$500, was required with the same bondsmen as before. The case was called in the Federal Court this afternoon and Attorney General Gilmer, asked for a continuance.

Judge Boyd stated that owing to the appearance of an article in the Charlotte Observer of this morning, in which the case against Mr. Simpson was termed a "political case," he was constrained to grant the request of the counsel for the defense.

"I believe," said Judge Boyd, "that the article in question was ill-timed and inopportune. No doubt the jurors that would sit on this case have all read this article and for this reason I believe the case should go over until the next term of court."

"I will say right here that any juror who would convict the defendant because he is a Democrat is unworthy to sit on any jury in the land. Any juror who would acquit him because of his political affiliations, is no more worthy."

"I know they say judges have no politics. I say this is not true. I have political ideas of my own, but, at the same time I would get out of the business if I thought I could not give this or any other defendant a fair and impartial trial. "I was reared in a vigorous school of politics. My grand-father was a Henry Clay Whig. There is no judge but has some sort of politics but I say that every judge should rise above politics when he is sitting in judgment on any man."

"I believe that this case should be continued and I will require of the defendant the same bond as was required at the last hearing of the case." At the conclusion of Judge Boyd's remarks Attorney General Gilmer arose and stated that he was prepared to say the same as he did at the last hearing of the Simpson case. At that time, he said his client had received a fair and impartial trial and he believed that should the case be tried today, he would certainly expect to receive the same. The Farrier case was in the hands of the jury when The News went to press. The case was concluded at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AND HORSE DOCTOR

Both get Full in Greensboro and the Horse Doctor Gives Himself up to the Officer From Tennessee, who had Come for him.

(Special to The News.)

Greensboro, Dec. 18.—A deputy sheriff from an Eastern county, brought a prisoner here night before last to deliver to an officer from Tennessee, who had secured a requisition from Gov. Aycock. The man was practicing "horse doctoring" under an assumed name in a large Eastern city and doing well, though he wore an alias to his name. The deputy and his prisoner were such fall fellows well met, that in waiting for the arrival of the Chattanooga officer he allowed the latter a separate room in the hotel, on the score that being one-legged the doctor couldn't run away if he would. Belated trains delayed the arrival of the Tennessee officer until yesterday, and he could not find the deputy nor could he locate the prisoner. He was inquiring for the parties in the hotel office, when the alised horse doctor jumped up to him about half light and said "Pardon me, but I am the gentleman you are looking for, and am at your service." The officer, thinking this was the deputy said "Have you got the prisoner." "Excuse me," said the prisoner, "but my friend the officer is a little indisposed. I am the prisoner, he was looking for you and am at your service." The Tennessee officer was tired to death for sleep, and was hardly hearted enough to have the doctor locked up in jail. When searched, the man had a good sized wad of money, and declared that he was arrested by an enemy in Tennessee out of revenge, the charge against him being for cheating in a horse trade he said. The Tennessee officer said that the man was a most "ungodly slick duck" by reputation, and he had a close hold of him when he left for Chattanooga last night. The North Carolina officer was apparently deeply grieved at losing his companion, being plainly too full for utterance all day before and after his incarceration, and the police had to be a "sleight blind" to keep from placing him in somewhat the same predicament the alised prisoner was in.

Register of Deeds Kirkman, for the past year has issued 424 marriage licenses, 124 to colored and 300 to white couples.

Under the law requiring ten dollar license to be paid by non-resident hunters, the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county has collected up to date \$900 for license fees.

There are 189 Confederate pensioners in Guilford county and the clerk has received for distribution among them the sum of \$2,395. A bucket shop will be opened here January first by Heath & Co., New York, with Mr. Garland Daniel as manager. Yesterday the highway commissioners received \$70,000 from the purchasers of the first batch of good roads bonds. The issue was for \$95,000, the premium being \$5,000.

FIRE IN LEXINGTON.

Handsome New House Destroyed—An Unruly Negro Gets Shot by Policemen.

(Special to The News.) Lexington, Dec. 18.—The handsome new house of Mr. S. W. Finch was destroyed by fire early yesterday. The house would have been completed in about four days. Two negro boys were employed by Mr. Finch to watch the house at night and they could not be found when the fire was discovered.

The smallpox situation over the county is considerably improved. A majority of the people have been vaccinated and it is hoped the disease will never get another foothold in this county. There have been several cases in the country and so far three in Lexington, none of which proved fatal. The scare is about over and the country people are coming in doing their Christmas shopping.

One of the policemen arrested a strange negro at the depot yesterday for train-beating. The negro submitted quietly and went to the jail without any trouble. Just as he arrived at the door he grabbed the club and knocked the policeman down, severely injuring him. The officers' aim was not injured, and he brought the negro down, shooting him in two places as he ran.

Pension Money Nearly Exhausted. Nearly all of the \$4,410 pension fund for Confederate veterans in Mecklenburg county, has been paid out since Monday, according to Clerk Russell, from whose office the pensions are paid. Of the first class pensions, all of the first are paid; all of the second except two; all of the third except five and about half of the fourth class have been paid.

The veterans were not slow in calling for their money and Clerk Russell has given nearly all of his time since Monday to this work. The pensions come as a most welcome gift to the old veterans at the Christmas season, and many an old soldier's heart has been made glad this week by the reception of this money.

A BITTER COLD NIGHT.

The Experience of a Southern Railway Conductor Last Night. Captain Moss, one of the popular conductors on the Southern, whose run is between Charlotte and Washington, tells The News today that last night was one of the coldest on record.

All through the Virginia mountains last night the temperature was at zero and below. When his train left Washington last night, the thermometer registered around the zero mark. As the train sped through the Virginia hills, even colder weather was encountered. At Charlottesville, shortly after the midnight hour the thermometer registered two degrees below zero. The same registration was at Lynchburg. At Danville, at 5 o'clock this morning, the weather was bitter cold, the registration being around the zero mark.

It was not until the train crossed over the North Carolina line that the thermometer showed any signs of rise in temperature. But, when Charlotte was reached, the passengers were delighted to find cool, crisp weather but nothing like as cold as throughout the Old Dominion.

After all Charlotte people should feel thankful that extreme weather does not come our way.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

The State Superintendent Says it was Generally Observed. (Special to The News.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—A feature of North Carolina Day observance here was the organization of a club for the study of North Carolina history. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, being president and Prof. E. C. Brooks, secretary. Some time was devoted to a discussion of the decade from 1832 to 1842. Among the members are W. J. Peele, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Prof. E. C. Brooks, C. H. Poe, Marshall Delancy Haywood, Prof. E. P. Moses, Judge R. M. Douglass, Judge Connor, Dr. Geo. T. Winston. Effort will be made to promote the organization of clubs in other of the larger cities of the State.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction says his information is that North Carolina Day is being very generally observed in all parts of the State.

Nominations.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Marshall, Gilbert B. Deans, Southern district of Alabama. Postmaster, James M. Rangan, Anniston, Ala. Hattie N. Tabb, Thomasville, Ga. John I. Fullwood, Cedartown, Ga.

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS KOREA

Determination to Prevent Japan From Gaining a Foothold in That Country--Minister Allen's Question Remains Unanswered.

(By Associated Press.) Seoul, Dec. 18.—The attitude of the Russians here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Korea. The radicals insist that Russia must reach the sea to insure protection in the future and argue that Japan in possession of Korea would be a constant menace. The Emperor still studiously avoids an answer to the question of United States Minister Allen in regard to Wiju. The latter is now pressing the matter and has asked for another audience. The Russians are inclined to resent American activity concerning Wiju and say the Americans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria but assert the opening of Mukden and Antung admitted Japan, whose presence is constantly irritating and that it might lead to a repetition of this if Yonagapho and Wiju were opened. They say Americans now enjoy a large trade with Mansu which except in the matter of flour will largely increase in the future and insist the present attitude of America only injures a friend and customer and favors a manufacturing rival.

ESTATE OF MISS WALLACE.

Valued at \$20,000--W. G. and J. B. McLaughlin, of City, Principal. The will of Miss Mary E. Wallace, deceased, was admitted to probate in the office of the clerk of the court this morning.

The estate is valued at about twenty thousand dollars. The principal legatees of the estate are W. G. and J. B. McLaughlin, of this city, nephews of the deceased, who get one-half of the estate. The remaining half goes to other nephews and to the nieces of the deceased. The executor of the estate as set forth in the will is W. G. McLaughlin, of this city.

In Destitute Circumstances.

The News has been asked to state that a couple living at No. 727 South Church street, is sorely in need of the necessities of life. The wife is sick in bed and the husband is afflicted with epilepsy.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN NEW ORLEANS

The Celebration Begins Today--Governor Heard and Distinguished Guests From War-Ships Conduct Today's Review of Parade.

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Under the auspices of the State of Louisiana, at the city of New Orleans, and through the Louisiana Historical Society a series of official celebrations in commemoration of Centennial of transfer of Louisiana territory from France to the United States, was begun today, the day's feature being the review by Gov. Heard and a party of distinguished guests of the French and American warships, which have come here to assist in the ceremonial. Spain, which owned the territory before its cession to France, accepted an official invitation to be represented, but her ship has not yet reached the city, and her participation will be through her consul here. The ceremonies will culminate on Sunday with a magnificent pontifical mass in old St. Louis Cathedral. The grandsons of Governor Claiborne and General Williamson, who had direct participation in the historic event of a hundred years ago will be conspicuous in the celebration. M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador of the United States, President David R. Francis and the directors of the St. Louis Fair, Judge A. B. Routhier, of the Exchequer Court of Camden, and Sir E. Tashereau, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, have come to assist in the celebration, which was authorized under an act of the Legislature passed two years ago.

FLYING MACHINE FLEW.

At Kitty Hawk, Yesterday, the Machine Flew Three Miles Against the Wind and Lit Safely. (Special to The News.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—A successful trial trip of a flying machine was made yesterday near Kittyhawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at a registered velocity of 21 miles an hour and then gracefully descended to earth at a spot selected by the man in the navigator's car as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine.

Preparatory to its flight the machine was placed on a platform near Kitty Hawk, the platform being built on a high sandhill and when all was in readiness fastening to the machine was released and it started down the incline. Navigator Wilbur Wright then started a small gasoline engine which worked the propellers. When the end of the incline was reached the machine gradually arose until it obtained an altitude of sixty feet. In the face of a strong wind blowing it maintained an even speed of eight miles an hour. The idea of a box kite has been adhered to in the basic formation of the machine. A huge frame work of light timbers, three feet wide, five feet deep and five across the top forms the machine proper. This is covered with a stout but light canvas. In the center is the navigator's car and suspended just below the bottom plan is a small gasoline engine which furnished motive power for propelling and elevating. The wheels are two six blade propellers, one arranged just below the frame so as to exert upward force when in motion and the other extending horizontally in the rear furnishing forward impetus. Protruding from the center of the car is a huge fanshaped rudder of canvas stretched upon a frame of wood.

SLAUGHTER ARRESTED.

On the Charge of Slaughtering His Wife in Kentucky--Negro Criminal Caught. (Special to The News.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 18.—J. W. Slaughter, for the alleged murder of his wife, at Pineville, Ky., was arrested here last afternoon by Chief Jordan. Slaughter's brother and a man named Little are in a Kentucky jail already charged with the same crime. When arrested, Slaughter had considerable money on his person, and letters from an uncle advising him to leave Asheville and avoid the police. Slaughter is 25. The Kentucky authorities are expected to come for him. Cressman, the colored night watchman, who shot the colored woman Monday night at the Winyap Sanitarium, eluded the police until today. He is now in jail.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A traveler, who has just returned from Manchuria, says the Russian troops are still moving, day and night, toward Port Arthur.