

## FINE CONDITION OF N. C. PRIVATE AND SAVINGS BANKS

The N. C. Corporation Commission Issued Statements Showing Condition of Private and Savings Banks. Increase of \$9,491,356.46 Over 1904 Report.

Statement Shows Aggregate of \$41,095,539.92 Resources. Also Shows 238 Banks As Compared With 183 Last Year. All Banking Interests.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 27.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission issues statements as to the condition of the State, private and savings banks, under their supervision which shows an aggregate of \$41,095,539.92 resources, an increase of \$9,491,356.46 over the report for November, 1904.

There are 238 banks now as compared with 183 for the corresponding period of last year. The summary shows that \$29,614,215.55 was on deposit at the time of the last report, November 9th, this summary represents all of North Carolina's banking interests except National banks.

The Secretary of State has chartered the McKinnon Company of Maxton, to do a mercantile and general business, capital \$25,000, by A. J. McKinnon and others.

Authority was granted the W. T. Love Co. Wholesale Grocery House, of Gastonia, to increase its capital to \$100,000 and to establish branch stores in this and other States.

The Clayton Drug Co., of Clayton, Johnston County, was chartered at a \$50,000 capital, subscribed one share each by 50 men including W. H. King, of Raleigh and C. W. Horne of Clayton.

## PAPA SAYS "NO."

President Does Not Approve of Popular Subscription Present to Miss Alice.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The following statement was issued from the White House today regarding the proposed subscription for a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt:

"The President's attention having been called to a dispatch from Baker City, Oregon, to the effect that a subscription was about to be started for a wedding present for Miss Roosevelt, the President stated that while he appreciated this evidence of good will he had nothing of the kind would be undertaken. In fact, he wished particularly that the proposed work should not be done."

## FEWER ROWDIES MET WITH OUTLOOK DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE BUT SENTIMENT IS FOR BETTER ORDER.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The actual outlook is difficult to describe now that the train service is cut off beyond Zanesville, St. Petersburg and Moscow, and the frontiers are isolated. However, popular sentiment here is for a speedy finish of the disorders and disturbances will promptly be ended by the military.

## PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Roosevelt and Family Left Today For Pine-Knots For Holidays.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt will pass his holidays at Pine-Knots, the pretty little estate in Virginia acquired about a year ago by Mrs. Roosevelt. Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and their children, Miss Ethel, Miss Archie, the President left Washington at 11:30 o'clock today via the Southern Railway for a five days outing. The party will return Sunday night.

## TO MAKE TEA TABLETS.

Department of Agriculture Experimenting in Compressing Tea into Tablets. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The latest novel experiment to be made by the Department of Agriculture is that of compressing tea into tablets, one of which will make a delicious cup of tea. As the result, what would ordinarily make a big package of tea, can by this new and unique method, be placed in a space about the size of a safety match box.

The tea is grown at the Department's experimental tea gardens, at Summerville, South Carolina. The Department has been engaged in this experiment for some time, and last week a large box of sample packages of tea tablets was received by Dr. Galloway, director of the bureau of plant industry, for inspection, who states that most favorable reports have been made by those who have tried the tablets. The tablets are said to contain no adulterant.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE.

The Children of St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday School Participated. The children of St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday school assembled at the church yesterday evening for the Christmas Carol Service which was beautifully rendered by the school. The "Christ Child" was told in an eloquent way by the rector. After the church services the entire school, with their friends, repaired to the city hall where a Christmas tree, lighted with electric bulbs and covered with many pretty presents was found. Santa Claus gave the children a joyous welcome and made each little heart glad with gifts of candy. More than 200 children enjoyed the festivities, which lasted until a late hour.

## REFORM FOOTBALL.

In First Actual Test Neither Side Scores, Although No One Was Hurt. Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—A large crowd, including football men from all over the country, witnessed the game yesterday between Washburn College of Topeka, and Fairmount College, of Wichita, which was played under the new reform rules as suggested by Coaches Walter Camp of Yale, and Reid, of Harvard.

That the new rules will need amending was the unanimous opinion of both players and spectators after the conclusion of two twenty-minute halves in which neither team was able to score. At the end of the first half it was a foregone conclusion that neither team would be able to cross the goal line, and the players suggested that the game be finished under the old rules, but the coaches and football experts, wishing to give the reform rules a thorough trying out, decided to finish the game as it had been started.

The players found it almost impossible to make the required ten yards on three downs, and were frequently obliged to punt. The entire play was near the center of the field, neither team being able to get near enough to their opponents' goal to score even by a place or drop kick. A total of seven downs was made by the two teams, four by Washburn and three by Fairmount.

The teams were about evenly matched, Washburn having won from the Fairmount team by a score of 1 to 0 earlier in the season. Twenty-eight punts were made by the two teams. Except through punts, neither team was able to get within fifteen yards of a goal.

The ten-yard rule eliminated roughness, not a player being injured in scuffles. Coach Outland believes that by amending the new rules and allowing four downs for ten-yard gains the reform suggestion may work out successfully.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Young Love of Taylorsville, is visiting Mr. E. N. Orr today. Miss Janie Matthews of Providence, was here today on the way to Monroe to visit relatives.

## SALOON MEN ARE REFUSED LICENSE

Five of Asheville Saloons Owned by Three Men are Debarred by the County Commissioners from Further Business on Account of Violations of the Law.

Special to The News. Asheville, Dec. 27.—After a lengthy executive session, the board of county commissioners last night refused license to five saloons owned by three of the most prominent saloon men of the county. The men are the following: J. H. Loughran, Frank Loughran, J. H. Lange.

The county attorney was instructed to institute suit against all saloonists to recover purchase tax, which it is alleged, has been incorrectly returned. It is stated that only one-eighth of actual purchases has been returned for taxation.

Refusal of licenses was for violations of the liquor laws as revealed in the recent investigation.

## GUN BOAT DEPARTED.

Gunboat Dubuque Leaves for Monticomi Christ. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The Navy Department today received a brief dispatch from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, announcing the departure from that port for Monticomi Christ of the gunboat Dubuque. No details of her mission have yet been received.

## THREE BANKS GO TO THE WALL IN MEMPHIS TO-DAY

The Merchants Trust Company, The American Savings Bank and Trust Company and the Mechanics Savings Bank Closed Their Doors.

One of the Directors of the Merchants Trust Company Said To-Day That All Three Institutions Would be Able to Pay Dollar For Dollar.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The Merchants Trust Company has closed its doors and a receiver has been appointed. Felix T. Pope is the president of the Company. The institution has a capital stock of \$200,000.

The American Savings Bank and Trust Company, and the Mechanics Savings Bank also have suspended business. These are small institutions allied with the Merchants Trust Company.

The cause of the suspension of the Merchants Trust Company is said to have been over loans on discount. One of the directors said to a representative of the Associated Press that the three institutions would pay dollar for dollar.

The Trust Company recently absorbed the Memphis National Bank and it is stated owns the controlling stock in the American Savings Bank and Trust Company. The latter institution has practically absorbed the Mechanics Savings Bank.

The suspension of the three institutions caused but little excitement in financial circles. Mr. Edmonds, a well known business man of Memphis, has been appointed receiver.

OWED \$605,000. New York, Dec. 27.—According to a recent statement the Merchants Trust Company of Memphis, Tenn., owed the depositors \$605,000.

## DETECTIVES ARRESTED.

Man Dying as Result of Pistol Fight in Train in West Virginia. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Detective Ernest Spencer and Detective John Howley, of the Baldwin agency, who, with the train crew of the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train No. 6, took part in the pistol and fist fight on the train at Malden Saturday afternoon have been arrested.

The death of Robert Lane is momentarily expected. Henry Lane, his brother, is also suffering from a pistol wound, and the colored porter on the train was shot through the arm.

Friends of the lanes were in the city yesterday for the purpose of appealing to Governor Dawson and Attorney General May to abolish the force of railroad detectives, who, they allege, exceed their authority and are menace to passengers.

## DR. D. W. TAYLOR DEAD.

Well Known Physician of Columbia Died This Morning. Mr. Thomas Griffith this morning received a long distance message from Mr. N. J. Heywood of Columbia, S. C., stating that his uncle, Dr. D. W. Taylor, died this morning at 10 o'clock in that city.

Dr. Taylor was 74 years old and was one of the most prominent physicians of South Carolina. During the war between the States, Dr. Taylor was a surgeon in Hampton's Legion.

He rendered great service to the wounded and was greatly loved by the soldiers. After the war, Dr. Taylor returned to Columbia, where he has since practiced his profession.

## DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 27.—John Craig, aged 31 years, died last night from exposure the evening previous. He was found unconscious and in a frozen condition in a ditch in the East End. Whether he was foully dealt with is uncertain. His family advance the latter theory. He is survived by a widow and two children. His remains were sent to Litchfield, his former home, for burial.

## LONG-LOST INDIAN TRIBE.

Fifty-eight Eskimos Near Hudson Bay Have But Recently Seen Whites. New York, Dec. 27.—At the north end of Hudson Bay is an island about the size of the State of Maine, which is called Southampton Island, on which has been discovered a lost tribe of Eskimos which has been without any intercourse with other human beings for centuries and until a few years ago had never seen a white man.

## Call Money 95 Per Cent.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—Just before the close of the market the call money rate reached 95 per cent.

## A Party To-Morrow.

Cards reading as follows were issued today: Camille and Mary Durham At Home Thursday Evening, December 28, 1905. 8 to 11 o'clock.

## WITH CAPITAL OF \$150,000,000.

Steel and Iron Combination to Be Formed.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 27.—The Chronicle-Telegraph this afternoon says that a combination of iron and steel interests is being formed and likely will be perfected in a short time that will have a capital stock of about \$150,000,000.

The principal concern in the movement is the Republic Iron and Steel Company and the companies said to be included in the project are the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company Sloss-Sheffield Iron Company and the La Belle Iron Works.

John W. Gates, C. S. Guthrie and other leading men in the Republic Company are said to be the promoters of the proposed big corporation.

## PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Was Noted Soldier and Prominent Physician. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—Dr. B. W. Taylor, a prominent physician of this State, died of pneumonia today. He was 72 years old. He was a Colonel in Hampton's staff, chief surgeon of Charleston harbor at the fall of Sumter. Later he was Surgeon General of the cavalry of the Army of Virginia. At the time of his death he was Chairman Regents of the State Hospital.

Killed by "Anti-Fat." Nora, Neb., Dec. 27.—Miss Mary Rolling, daughter of a wealthy ranchman, of Nuckols county, died here from the effects of treatment she had been taking to reduce her flesh.

Miss Rolling was 19 years old and weighed upward of 400 pounds when she began to take the treatment. At her death she had reduced to 340 pounds.

Her health began to fail soon after she began the treatment.

## General Miles is Retired.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Taft has granted the application of Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, for relief from the further duty with the organized militia of Massachusetts and the necessary orders to that effect will be issued tomorrow. Since January 10 last General Miles has served as military advisor and inspector general on the staff of Governor Douglass of Massachusetts.

## BIG ENTERPRISE TO BE CHARTERED

Secretary of State Asked to Charter the American Roof and Tile Co. Messrs. R. A. Dunn, W. C. White and F. M. Sawyer Are The Incorporators.

The Secretary of State has been asked to grant a charter to the American Roof and Tile Company of this city, with an authorized capital stock of \$200,000.

The incorporators are Messrs. R. A. Dunn, William C. White, and F. M. Sawyer, all well known business men of Charlotte.

The purpose of the organization of this corporation is to manufacture the tile roofing that Mr. Sawyer has patented and which has proven to be one of the cheapest as well as one of the most durable roofings in existence.

There is to be ample capital behind this venture and those who are interested feel sure of success. This special roofing has been put to the test and has, in every instance proven its worth.

It is more than probable that before many days the company will erect a large plant near Charlotte where the tile roofing will be manufactured.

The News wishes the American Roof and Tile Company much success.

## MISS ROOT AS A PLAYWRIGHT.

Initial Production of Play Written by Secretary of State's Niece. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Mozart, a play based on the life of the great composer and written by Miss Ivy Root, niece of Secretary of State Root, was given a fine portrayal at the Lyceum Theatre here this evening by Howard Kyle, supported by a good company.

Through the play runs a romance, which Mr. Kyle rendered delightful to his large audience. The play is well staged and elicited favorable comments.

## TO BUILD \$100,000 MUSIC SHED.

Mammoth Building on Private Grounds of Norfolk Man for Choral Concert. Winsted, Conn., Dec. 27.—In the interest of music, Carl Stoekel, a Norfolk millionaire and founder of the Litchfield County Choral Union, comprising five singing societies in as many towns of the county, is having a mammoth music shed erected on the grounds of his residence, "Whitehouse," in Norfolk. The building, which will cost \$100,000, will be completed in June, when the union will give its sixth annual concert, singing Medelssohn's "Hymn of Praise."

Each annual concert costs Mr. Stoekel about \$5,000. The singers are always assisted by an orchestra of sixty pieces from New York.

## SEC. M'CALL TELLS THE COMMITTEE OF HIS TRIP TO PARIS

Testifies That He Saw Hamilton, Who Though Not Confined, Is Unable to Make a Voyage Or Leave France. Presents Physician's Certificate.

"Respectfully Decline" Says Hamilton, Through McCall, to Committee, When Requested to Give Up His Check Books. "They Concern Me Personally."

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—John C. McCall, the secretary of the New York Life Insurance Company, who a few days ago returned to New York from Europe, where he went to get an accounting of the money advanced to Andrew Hamilton, was the first witness in the insurance investigation today, when the last week of the committee's work was taken up.

McCall said that he saw Hamilton in France. Hamilton was seriously ill though able to walk about. McCall presented a physician's certificate, stating that the patient could not undertake a voyage or leave France within two months. Hamilton refused to give up check books, saying that the stubs related to his own personal business.

McCall put in evidence, a statement from Hamilton, regarding the expenditure of funds entrusted to him by the insurance companies.

Hamilton Expatriates. After further expatiating on the confidential nature of his work, Hamilton gives a long summary of the various styles of bills hostile to insurance companies. Continuing he says:

"Outrageous propositions, such as 10 per cent tax proposed in Arkansas, or that the United States should pass a bill, where a doctor's certificate of ill health would excuse the payment of the insurance premium and keep the policy in force; or the Virginia bill, making it actionable for the life insurance agent to enter the office of a man where the sign 'No agents allowed' is displayed, and legislative favor. However ridiculous these bills may seem, they demand attention."

"Drop a reading of the objectionable bills in Indiana, Arkansas and elsewhere and add:

"At the capitol of every State we have either retained representatives for the companies, or are in co-operation with some one who has retained representatives fully influential. It has been found advisable as a result of experience, to avoid as far as possible any except public information as to who represents us."

"The known presence of a corporation represented at the legislative halls is a signal for renewed vigor in the attacks of blackmailers and cranks, and unfortunately the members of the legislative body are frequently deaf to reasoning where a non-voting or corporate interest is at stake."

A statement of the money received by Hamilton shows a total of \$720,550 for years from 1899 to 1905. He calls attention to an expense of \$82,100 for retainers and newspaper articles, in 1904 and says that a large portion of this expense was occasioned by the attempt to create public sentiment throughout the United States in favor of the national supervision of insurance under sheet one, 219 p.

The same heading \$97,000 is charged for 1905 and the increase was due, he says, primarily to the troubles in the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Hamilton's Statement. Hamilton in his statement, gives as the reason why he cannot produce the vouchers or cancelled checks to show to whom and in what amounts he had paid out money, that in consequence of the acceptance understanding of the companies interested with the New York Life in watching legislation, "no demand was made by me for vouchers from other people, nor were there any books or accounts kept by me covering the same." It continues:

"Nor are there any of my checks would produce. Payment by my check would necessarily have disclosed the fact that a person receiving a check was under a retainer by me and would thus have necessarily hampered that portion of my work that was most effective, namely, absolute secrecy. Cash, drafts and certificates were generally preferred. I cannot produce any check books or cancelled checks which relate to affairs other than those of the New York Life Insurance Company. I cannot produce any books of these particular accounts because none were ever kept by me."

Makes His Defense. Concerning the \$235,000 charged against him by the New York Life, Hamilton says:

"I note the amount of \$235,000 charged against me for those accounts and which has been fully brought out in President McCall's explanations to the investigating committee and which, as appears by his testimony, I was entitled to apply on other accounts. I have, however, no objection, as the evidence of good faith during my absence, pending such settlement of these accounts, to place in the custody of the company \$100,000 which it may hold, and which is to be repaid in whole or in part as may appear upon such future audit."

Hamilton sets forth that the tax

measures alone defeated by his work have saved the New York Life Insurance Company over \$2,500,000. In concluding, Hamilton says that "The injunctions of the President of the New York Life to me were always unmistakably explicit that my expenditures and my work were to be strictly confined within the limitation of the law of the land."

These instructions have been faithfully followed to the letter. I want it thoroughly understood that not one dollar of any moneys ever paid to me by the New York Life Insurance Company has been used improperly or for improper purposes, or in any way that transgressed either the statutory law or the moral law.

## NEW GAME IS TRIED.

Football Game Requires a Ten-Yard Gain and Allows Forward Passes. Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Changes in football rules to require ten yards gain on three downs, and permit the forward pass, were tried in a game between Washburn and Fairmount Clubs today in this city. Neither side was able to score. Washburn made the ten yards gain only four times, and Fairmount but three. Both sides punted constantly and the forward pass caused more trick plays and end runs. Only four times were attempts made to break through the opposing line, and these when there was but two or three yards to gain.

John Outland of the Pennsylvania team of 1899 says that under the ten yard rule no team can score unless 24 points superior to its opponent under the old rules. Heavy penalties against rough play caused a clean game and not a player was injured so as to leave the game. It is the general opinion of football men who saw the game that had four downs to make the ten yards been allowed, the game would have been an open, and would have permitted the ball to be advanced with possibilities of a touch-down.

## MADE A TOY GALLOW.

Condemned Man's Visitors Can See a Man Hanging by Putting a Nickel in a Slot. Louisville, Dec. 27.—William Dalzen, who is in jail under sentence to be hanged on January 19 next for murdering a woman, has constructed a gruesome mechanical toy to gather in nickels.

With his pocketknife and such wood as he could lay his hands on he shaped the various pieces of a scaffold and put them together. Two weeks ago, when he believed that he had finished his task, it occurred to him that he had omitted the trap-door. He fixed that, and then, to complete the job, made a dummy figure, attached it to a rope from the beam, and by a simple mechanical device arranged it so that the trap would open only when a nickel was dropped in a slot.

Over the miniature scaffold Dalzen placed a sign reading: "Drop a nickel in this slot and that in the course of time twenty-round fights will be put on for the amusement of the members only."

The men who have the project under consideration have received legal advice to the effect that there can be no police interference if no admission of any kind is charged at the doors. The plan is to charge an initiation fee of \$50 for members, the number to be limited to 2,000. The dues will be \$20 a month, in two payments, which will include the day before a contest is pulled off. Or, in other words there will be two fights a month at \$10 a fight. In passing the doors membership tickets must be shown, and no tickets can be taken up. The public will be excluded after the limited membership list has been filled.

It remains to be seen what action will be taken by the authorities in the event of an attempt to hold a contest between such pugilists as McGovern and Nelson, for instance. But there is sure to be a test case in the near future, and if the game is not squelched New Yorkers will see plenty of interesting in this city before another Christmas rolls around.

## WOMEN IN FIGHT.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—At 3 P. M. the cannonading continues and the list of casualties is swelling. The revolutionists are operating in three sections. There are about 1,000 of them in each section. They are all armed with revolvers and rifles. Women who are participating in the fighting are guilty of the worst cruelties.

## PRIZE FIGHTS IN NEW YORK.

Plan to Evade the Law by the Formation of Big Athletic Club. New York, Dec. 27.—There is a rumor in sporting circles that with the dawn of the new year a big athletic club devoted exclusively to boxing will be organized in this city, and that in the course of time twenty-round fights will be put on for the amusement of the members only.

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## CUT BY A NEGRO.

W. J. Marby is Fatally Injured in Chattanooga During Quarrel. Chattanooga, Dec. 27.—W. J. Marby, an express messenger, running between Cincinnati and Atlanta on the Queen and Crescent Route, whose home is in Atlanta, was fatally cut at the Central station here tonight by John Hardy, a negro express trucker. The affray occurred just after the arrival of the train from Cincinnati, and was witnessed by a large crowd.

It is said that Marby and the negro became involved in a difficulty in regard to handling the express. The negro drew a large knife and cut the expressman in the neck three times. It is thought that he will die before morning.

## CAN DIE HAPPY AT 100.

Minister Fought Against Death That He Might Live a Century. Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—The Rev. Clark Gould, the oldest man in Maine rounded out the hundredth year of his life yesterday after a remarkable six months struggle against illness and old age during which he lived on his nerve, buoyed up by the hope of completing his century. His wonderful courage, which sustained him through the siege of disease made it possible for him to hold a big reception on his birthday and although physically unable he personally attended the affair. He had a hundred friends and made a little speech in the vestry of the Free Baptist Church.

Mr. Gould was an Adventist preacher, began to fail six months ago. To his friends he said, "I am going to make the hundred mark in the year and there is a nerve left in my body." Physicians shook their heads, but the aged willingness to let him live and struggle on. As the time approached he counted the days and as the morning of his birthday dawned he clapped his hands and exclaimed, "I can die happy. I do not want to live any longer."

## DISTURBER KILLED.

Bloodshed Saloon Keeper Uses His Pistol With Fatal Effect. Newport News, Va., Dec. 27.—Emmett Fultz, a negro saloon keeper, was shot and killed by Joe Smith, colored, this afternoon, because Smith raised a disturbance in the saloon.

Fultz was arrested and lodged in the Warwick County jail at Denbigh.

## RUSSIA EXPECTS TO CRUSH REVOLUTION WITHIN FOUR DAYS

Fresh Troops Arrive. The End Said To be in Sight. Revolutionists, Though Throwing Signs of Exhaustion, Will Not Admit Their Defeat.

Slovo Declares Bloodshed in Moscow Has Been Frightful. Casualties Are Placed at 15,000. Revolutionists Struggle Desperately For General Revolt.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—An inspired statement in the Slovo today says that the government expects the revolt at Moscow to be completely crushed within four days.

Fresh troops have arrived and the end is said to be near. From an independent source, the Slovo declares it has learned that the bloodshed at Moscow has been frightful, and thus far the casualties will reach 15,000.

Information of other papers is that while admitting that the revolutionists are showing signs of exhaustion, they do not regard the issue as decided. The Slovo (Russian), which reappeared today, fans the flames by holding out encouragement of the success of the revolt.

In spite of the bad prospects here, the revolutionist leaders are continuing their desperate efforts to bring on a general conflict.

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