

FREIGHT TRAIN STOLEN AND FATAL WRECK ATTEMPTED

A Diabolical Attempt to Wreck the Early Morning Passenger Train From Greensboro. Stolen Engine Left Standing on Main Line.

A Horrible Tragedy. Prominent Raleigh Man and a Woman of Ill Fame Found Dead Locked in Each Other's Arms. Took Laudanum.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Jan. 8.—A shifting freight was stolen from the Southern freight yards here Sunday morning and left standing on the main line at Methodist, four miles above Raleigh, with the evident intention of wrecking the early morning train from Greensboro, due at 5 o'clock.

When found, the extra engine fires were very low and the wheels blocked. The discovery was made by the Seaboard freight train crew. The two roads being parallel at that point. They put danger signals on the Southern track, and came on to Raleigh to report the find. There was an extra freight east bound from Greensboro, due within half an hour. This, the Southern train dispatcher succeeded in stopping at Cary, three miles from the dead engine. This freight then came on and pushed the engine back into the yard.

It is thought that the would-be wreckers stole the switch key with which to open the switches and get the engine out on the main line. Detectives are at work on the case, but without any direct clue. Warrants were issued this morning from the office of the State Auditor to the County Treasurer's for each county's proportion of the first \$100,000 of the \$200,000 appropriated for public schools. The second \$100,000 will not be issued until February or March.

The Secretary of State chartered the Sikes-Curie Mercantile Company, of Red Springs, at a capital of \$50,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by Hector Currie, W. H. Sikes and Jessie McAllan.

The Farmers Bank of Woodland, Northampton county, capital \$5,000 by J. H. Griffin, J. L. Outland and others. The Dixie Lumber Company, of Washington, N. C., capital \$50,000, by J. H. Davenport and others.

The Simpson Drug Co. was chartered to do a wholesale and retail drug business at Winston-Salem, with a capital of \$10,000 by W. L. and L. C. O'Brien and Thomas S. Simpson.

Fowler Livery and Live Stock Co., of Durham, at a capital of \$15,000, by J. E. Bowling and others.

Locked in each other's embrace and ghastly in death W. H. Hood, ex-deputy register of deeds of Wake county, and Viola Page, a lewd woman of the town, were found Sunday morning in a room. Hood had engaged for the night at a house kept by Jane Beasley, an aged negro, in a disreputable section of the city. Investigation revealed the fact that the two had drunk between them nine four-ounce bottles of laudanum. They had poured the deadly fluid into

SENATE DISCUSSES ISLAND AFFAIRS

Senator Tillman's Resolution Requesting the President to Inform Senate of Santo Domingo Affairs was Called up and Made Subject of Debate.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Dominguez affairs and their relation to the United States were under discussion in the Senate. Mr. Tillman's resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate as to the existing status in Santo Domingo, was called up and made the subject of debate.

Philippine Debate Resumed. The House resumed the debate on the Philippine tariff bill.

Senator Gorman Sneaks. Before the resolution was taken up the Vice President laid before the Senate a letter transmitting the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission. Mr. Gorman took the floor. He had no doubt the President desired to produce the best results, but he, (the President), endorsed the extraordinarily high salaries. The President with his usual characteristics endorsed all men

no one could tell what the canal would cost or what type of canal would be adopted. Mr. Gorman said all appropriations should be made upon estimates and that the extraordinary responsibility of doing everything in connection with the canal should not be placed upon the President.

Denounces Persecution. Mr. Rayner addressed the Senate on San Domingo. He also took occasion to denounce in emphatic terms the Hebrew persecution in Russia.

tin dipper from which they drank it and then they replaced the empty bottles in the box in which the manufacturer had packed them and concealed the package behind the washstand. The laudanum had been put up by L. Richardson, wholesale druggist, Greensboro.

Hood left a note for his wife who is an invalid and is a woman of most excellent character. It reads: "My Baby:—I have gone away and can never give you any more trouble. Use my life insurance. Give my watch to Mildred and my ring to Maud." (signed) "Will."

Mildred and Maud are his two little daughters.

Hood was prominent in politics, was in the Wake register of deeds office for a number of years and was for quite a while connected with the Tabernacle Baptist church here, being secretary of the Bible class, the largest in the State. The woman who died with him was one of five whom Pastor J. C. Massee last fall induced to profess reformation and were sent by the church to New York and Richmond Crittenden homes.

The Page woman is one of two who came back to their old haunts in Raleigh.

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THE PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED BY KING EDWARD VII TO-DAY

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Writs Immediately Issued and Sent to Returning officers for Election of Members of a New Parliament to Convene in 35 Days.

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TO INVESTIGATE EXPULSION.

Representative Sheppard Introduces in House a Resolution to Investigate Expulsion of Mrs. Morris.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8.—Representative Sheppard, of Texas, introduced the following resolution: "Resolved, By the House of Representatives, that a committee of Republican and Democratic members of the House be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the recent violent expulsion of an American mother from the White House offices and grounds by the executive officials and employees while she was seeking an audience with the President of the United States; that said committee have power to summon witnesses and report as soon as possible to the House."

Mr. Sheppard made the following statement concerning the resolution: "I introduced this resolution in the name of American manhood and American womanhood. The occurrence which is the cause of this resolution was a violation of every sentiment that glorifies American manhood and American civility. The brutal treatment of this lady who was but acting within her rights, seems to me to be outrageous and indefensible."

"The American Congress ought not to permit the matter to rest without the most thorough and searching investigation. It involves most of the sacred element of American life, the respect and reverence which every true American citizen accords American woman and especially an American mother."

"When the President of the United States, with all the glamor of his great office, steps into the presence of an American mother in the presence of his superior. This action of his subordinates should certainly be investigated."

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF CANAL COMMISSION IS RECEIVED TO-DAY

Congress Also Receives Report of President Panama Railroad Regarding Numerous Matters. Also Letters of Secretary of War Relative to the Above.

Earnings of Panama Railroad Have Increased 18.77 Per Cent, and Earnings of its Steamship Lines Have Increased 25.17 Per Cent.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8.—The Letter of the Secretary of War to the President transmitting the annual report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, and the President of the Panama Railroad Company, together with the reports were received by Congress today. In his letter the Secretary says, regarding the issue of bonds by the Panama Railroad Company, which were subsequently ordered repurchased by the Secretary of War:

"The question of issuing bonds was not submitted to you or to me before final action was taken by the board of directors. The policy of selling bonds was a doubtful one, and should not have been adopted until after conference with higher governmental authorities."

Regarding the cancellation and the subsequent settlement of the contract awarded J. E. Markel, of Omaha for supplying food to the employees of the Canal Commission and railway, the Secretary says the matter of settlement with Markel should have been submitted to the President or the Secretary of War for approval.

The Report. The annual report of the Panama Railroad Company for the ten months ended October 30 last, submitted to Congress, shows that after the payment of all fixed charges and the cost of operation there remains \$354,248, or over 5 per cent, of the capital stock, the earnings show an increase of 18.77 per cent, over the corresponding period of last year. The earnings on the steamship lines of the company for ten months show an increase of 25.17 per cent, over the corresponding period. It is feared that with the advent of the season of the heavy movement of coffee, which promises to exceed that of any previous year, there may be delays until the new equipment is received.

The business of the road is so far in advance of its facilities as to be a detriment to the power of any human being to handle it with any regard to economy.

President's Letter. The letter of President Roosevelt transmitting to Congress the annual report of the Isthmian Canal Commission and Panama Railroad Company, together with Secretary Taft's letter transmitting same, says:

"The work on the Isthmus is being admirably done, and great progress has been made, especially during the last nine months. All work so far has been done, not only with utmost expedition, but in the most careful and thorough manner; and what has been accomplished gives us good reason to believe that the Canal will be dug in a shorter time than has been anticipated and the expense will be within the estimated amount."

From time to time various publications have been made, and from time to time in the future similar publications doubtless will be made, purporting to give an account of the jobbery, or immorality, or inefficiency, or misery, or obtaining on the Isthmus. I have carefully examined into each of these accusations which seemed worthy of attention. In every instance, the accusations have proved to be with out foundation in any shape or form.

"Any attempt to cut down the salaries of the officials of the Isthmian Commission, or of their subordinates, who are doing the important work would be ruinous from the standpoint of accomplishing work effectively."

COURT MUST DECIDE. The Law Before Other Similar Cases Are Tried, Says Judge Boyd.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 8.—In the Federal Court Judge Boyd announced that no other cases against revenue officers whose defense was similar to that of Patterson convicted of filing false accounts, would be tried until the Court of Appeals decided the law. Three such cases were then continued. Counsel for Samuel secured a postponement of his case until this afternoon and will further fight against coming to trial.

THE COTTON ESTIMATE. Association Estimates That 98.39 Per Cent. Is Picked and 97.55 Per Cent. Ginned.

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