

Thaw Pleased at The Choice of Southern Man to Place on Jury

At Opening of Trial Today the 100 New Talesmen Were Present. Tenth Man is From New Orleans.

Prisoner Seems Glad Southern Man is to be Juror. All of Family Attend Trial To-day. About the Rumors.

New York, Jan. 29.—Despite the great care and deliberation being shown by District Attorney Jerome and C. W. Hartridge, leading counsel for Thaw, in the selection of jurors, the progress made has been gratifying, in the opinion of both sides. But for the personal direction of the prisoner in challenging talesmen the jury would have been completed yesterday.

CHURCH AND STATE.

First Ray of Hope For Adjustment Of Differences Between State and the Church.

Paris, France, January 29.—The proposition which the French bishops, with the approval of the Pope, have submitted to the government, seems to offer the first real prospect of an adjustment of the conflict between the Church and the State.

A model contract which the bishops have submitted provides for the virtual lease of churches in perpetuity to parish priests by the mayors.

FOR A REFORMATORY.

Public Meeting to be Held Tomorrow Night in the Interest of the Reformatory Question.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—A public meeting of the committees, having in charge the reformatory legislation, will be held in the senate chamber tomorrow night. It is expected that a large number of the friends of the movement will be present to discuss the measure.

CHILDREN IN MILLS.

Senator Beveridge Says More Children Under 12 Work in Southern Mills.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Continuing his speech on child labor, Senator Beveridge presented a number of affidavits, setting forth conditions in the Southern cotton mills, and asserting that many under 12 were working in these mills.

Free Seed Distribution.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The House committee of the whole reversed the ruling of the chair on the question of free seeds for Congressional distribution and adopted the amendment as contained in the agricultural appropriation bill of last year, continuing the free distribution of seeds.

Steamer Launched.

Quincy, Mass., Jan. 25.—The steamer Ocmulgee, of the fleet to ply between Brunswick, Ga., and New York, was successfully launched at Fore River by the ship building company.

Pay Advanced.

Fall River, Mass., January 29.—The Fall River, New Haven and Hartford has advanced the pay of captains, pilots and mates of the Fall River Line Steamers.

Many Question For Railroads

Joint Committee on Railroads and Public Service Corporations of House and Senate Forward Many Questions.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—The joint committee on railroads and public service corporations of the Senate and House of Representatives forwarded today to the Southern, the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railroad companies 27 questions they desire the railroad companies to answer within three days.

Especially notable among the questions are: Value of tangible property in and out of State; itemized salaries of officials receiving \$2,000 a year and more; itemized accounts of private car expenses; list of persons who received free transportation during 1906, exclusive of operatives but including attorneys; special trains operated with out revenue; proportion of inter and intra-State business; number of through and local trains in North Carolina; produce before the committee the books of the company with proper person to swear to same; give terminal expenses in detail for North Carolina; give attorneys fees in North Carolina other than regular attorneys; give amounts paid in connection with outstanding business; mortgage expenses in operating property in any way for the present value; common and preferred stock and value; questions as to the tax assessment and net earnings.

The Atlantic Coast Line is asked as to the issuance of additional stock to holders of original Wilmington and Weldon stock and the value of all such distributions to these stockholders, together with reasons for them. The House of Representatives has just passed the bill for the appropriation of \$20,000 additional for the State representation at the Jamestown Exposition, the Senate having passed it Saturday. So that there is nothing left but for the bills to be enrolled for ratification before it will be in full force and effect. This will be done within the next day or two.

Curator H. H. Brimley of the State museum has just returned from Norfolk and the exposition grounds, where he was making preliminary arrangements for the State exhibit, which, aside from the North Carolina build-



Fluctuations Cotton Market

Representative Livingston Urges Favorable Action on Resolution Providing for Investigation. More About Exchange.

Washington, D. C., January 29.—Representative Livingstone, of Georgia, appeared before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and urged favorable action on his resolution, providing for an investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the fluctuations in the cotton market, with the particular object of ascertaining whether such fluctuations have resulted from the character of the contracts of the alleged sales and deliveries made on the New York Cotton Exchange.

Extensive dealings in futures was denounced by Livingston, who said that cotton growers and cotton spinners of the United States are absolutely at the mercy of the speculators. He mentioned 30 classifications of cotton which formerly existed and called attention to the fact that 11 of these classes have been dropped recently.

Livingston spoke of his attempt to have cotton manipulators barred from the mails and said he was threatened with a libel suit because of his action, but advised the representatives of the cotton operators that he would furnish \$500 to assist in the prosecution of the suit against himself and had heard no more of the threat.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK.

In Collision Between Express and A Freight Four Are Killed and Several Severely Injured

Shelburne Falls, Mass., In a collision between an express and an extra freight train at South River four employees were killed and several were injured.

7,000 MEN STRIKE

Employee of Naptha Works Strike.

Baku, Transcaucasia, Jan. 29.—7,000 employees of the Four Naptha Works here have struck.

14 MEN ADRIFT.

Fishermen Drifting On Ice Floe in Gulf.

Riga, January 29.—Fourteen fishermen are adrift on an ice floe in the Gulf of Riga.

The men were fishing when the ice broke and they were blown out to sea.

New Canal Officers.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The plan for the reorganization of the isthmian Canal Commission was considered by the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. It was backed by Senator Morgan and provided for the creation of the post director general, to be filled by the chief engineer in charge of the construction. The canal commission, in addition to the director general, is to consist of the heads of the various department under the chief engineer.

The Block System.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Senate agreed to a resolution, presented by Senator Clay of Georgia, calling on the interstate commerce commission for the result of the investigation of the block signal system on railroads.

The Talkative Senate.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Hale took the Senate to task because of its disposition to talk instead of pass appropriation bills. He said he would move for night sessions if the necessary business was further delayed.

Cause of Mr. Fife's Death

Coroner's Inquest This Morning at St. Louis Decides that Fatty Degeneration of the Heart is Responsible.

St. Louis, Mo., January 29.—The coroner's inquest over the body of W. P. Fife, the Denver mining broker who dropped dead at the St. James Hotel Sunday, developed the fact that death was caused by fatty degeneration of the heart.

The remains are held at an undertaker's establishment pending word from relatives concerning the final disposition of the body. The dispatch seems to indicate that Mrs. Fife and Dr. W. P. Fife, Jr., of Denver, have not yet reached St. Louis, though they had wired that they desired to attend the inquest.

One of Mr. Fife's associates in business said he was worth \$350,000, the larger part of it coming from the rise in Goldfield stocks.

Drummer in Lock-up Charge is Abducting Greenville, S. C., Girl

TOBACCO PRICES KEEP UP.

Petersburg, Va., January 29.—The sales of loose tobacco at the several warehouses for the past week have been quite large and the prices have kept up well. The "weed" is beginning to come to market in large quantities and the buyers are bidding with more spirit.

The highest price obtained the past week was \$27 per 100 lb. The sales for the week were 356,715 lb. Total sales to date, 2,974,435 lb.

Lynchburg, Va., January 29.—Sales of tobacco the past week continued quite heavy and were very largely of the common and medium grades. The color and size of the leaf were fairly good but the quality and texture were considerably off. The trade during the week was not so active week, and prices on all grades were rather lower.

Indications are that it would be best for the planters to check up from bringing their tobacco to market for a time.

Anti-Jug Bill Passed Today

Bill to Put Catawba and Lincoln Counties Under Law Passed. A Great Number of Bills Were Introduced To-day.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—The House and Senate each passed a great many local bills this morning. Perhaps as many as 50 were passed in the House. Among the important bills introduced in the House this morning, was one by Manning to require insurance companies to deposit with the proper authorities cash equivalent as securities equivalent to 30 per cent of their gross earnings, and also \$2,000 on receiving their State license.

Manning, by request, to adjust and settle the estate of Governor Swain and the obligation of the State University to the said estate.

Of the important bills passed by the House was one to require a certificate of good character for applicants to practice law.

The Senate bill allowing extra pensions to veterans who have lost both arms or both legs, was amended so as to apply to those who have lost either one arm or one leg. The House re-referred the Laughinghouse bill to the fisheries committee. The bill passed its second reading yesterday but created considerable discussion. Its being sent back to the committee today is a victory for the opposition of the bill.

In the Senate, a bill was introduced by Mr. Hoyt, to provide fireproof buildings for the State library and hall of history.

By Breece, to erect on the present site of the Supreme Court and Agricultural building a building for a State museum, agricultural building, hall for records, etc. This bill carries with it an appropriation of \$250,000 and is in opposition to the bill now pending for an enlargement of the State capitol building.

A bill was passed to amend the charter of the town of Burlington.

Also one to put Lincoln and Catawba counties under the anti-jug law.

A bill to require all schools having an attendance of as many as 50 students to provide a night watchman was held up at the request of Senator Pharr for further investigation.

Serious Revolt Broken Out

Several Hundred Natives of Island of West Indies in Arms. Many Dutch Officials and Adherents Have Been Killed.

Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 29.—A serious revolt has broken out in the province of Kediri, on the island of Java, Dutch East Indies, according to a despatch from Batavia.

It is stated that 300 natives have taken up arms and that many Dutch officials and their adherents have been killed or wounded.

The vice-governor of the province is said to be among the wounded and the chief of police is reported to have been killed.

PLANNING REVOLUTION.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 29.—According to advices from Caracas Governor Mata, at the head of a body of armed troops, surprised a secret political meeting in the yard of the Vice President Gomez at Caracas, Venezuela, during the night of January 27th, and in the fighting which followed Governor Mata and several others were killed and a large number, including the commander of the troops were wounded.

Washington, D. C., January 29.—The comptroller of currency issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business January 26.

Pretty Miss May Foster Came in with John M. Dempster Last Night and Both Took Rooms at Central.

Arrest This Morning on Information of Detective Rager, of Whom Dempster Made a Confidant.

Charlotte News, 29th.

A young traveling man by the name of John M. Dempster, who represents a New York shoe firm was locked up at the police station this morning on a charge of abducting Miss May Foster, a 16-year-old school girl of Greenville, S. C. The manner of escape from friends at Greenville, the journey to this city and subsequent happenings, together with the betrayal of Dempster by a supposed friend, who, in reality declares that he is a police officer and railroad detective at Greenville, gives the story a touch of romanticism and a flavor of fiction-reading.

Story of the Arrest.

The party of three, Miss Foster, Dempster and J. C. Rager came in last night from Greenville and registered at the Central, being assigned rooms Nos. 27 and 28, the girl registering under the name of "Annie Evans, Greensboro, N. C." In the early hours of the morning Rager, who claims to be the depot policeman and a railroad detective of Greenville, arose from his bed, telling Dempster that he was going to see the station agent at the railroad. He was gone a few minutes, came back with a policeman who arrested Dempster and took him to the station. The girl was also taken and placed at the Charlotte hotel to await further instructions. The police department at Greenville was notified at once and orders hastened back to hold the couple at all hazards.

Take Train For Charlotte.

Dempster declares that when he came to the depot at Greenville last night, Rager was there awaiting a train to come to Charlotte. The two got together and talked some until the train came and the party got on. Dempster and the girl bought tickets from station to station, Rager buying a ticket straight through. In the conversation along the way Dempster alleges that they both agreed that the girl was doing wrong in leaving home, and should be cared for by being induced to go back to Greenville. Rager made himself very friendly and seemed to be deeply interested in the welfare of the couple. Not until three o'clock this morning did Dempster ascertain that he had placed confidence in the wrong man and that the intimacy meant his own undoing.

Dempster's Story of the Affair.

Dempster declares that he left Greenville with the girl with the intention of both befriending her and a friend of his with whom she had been associating for several weeks. He strongly denies any intentional wrong, asserting that the girl came to him yesterday in Greenville and told him that she would have to leave, as her family were about to become acquainted with her mode of living. In order to save her from the humiliation to which she was about to be subjected, and also to save the reputation of his friend, who was also deeply involved in the trouble, he undertook to take the girl away. He is well known here, having represented O. P. Heath and company on the road some years ago. In his manner there is a straightforwardness that creates a sympathetic credence of his story.

The Girl's Story.

May Foster declares that Dempster is in no way responsible for her leaving Greenville and is not guilty of the grave charge of abduction. She says she wanted to leave home and when she came to the depot at Greenville last night, Dempster volunteered to care for her until they arrived in Charlotte.

"Aren't you afraid to meet your father?" she was asked.

"No, I am not scared of any body I ever saw," was the prompt reply. In stature May Foster is small, stoutly built, with eyes and facial features that are rather striking. She claims that she is a senior in one of the colleges at Greenville; that she has two sisters on the faculty of the institution, and one brother in the ministry—her standing high in the social scale of her home city.

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Troops have been despatched to the scene.

Two Companies Chartered.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—A charter was issued today to the Lassiter L. and L. Company, of Greensboro, at a capital of \$25,000 by W. L. Grissom and others.

Also one to the Asheville Realty and Insurance Company at a capital of \$25,000, by J. M. Gudger and others.

Norfolk, Jan. 29.—The ocean barge John A. Briggs passed in the capes with her bow staved in evidently from a collision.