

THE WEATHER

Thunder showers Wednesday; Thursday fair; light to moderate south winds becoming variable.

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NEGRO INVADER KILLED BY POSSE

Perpetrator of Triple Crime Tracked and Shot by Georgia Citizens.

FATALLY STABBED PLANTER

After Robbing Home and Attempting Assault Upon Farmer's Wife—Refused to Obey Command to Halt—At Petrose, Ga.

Vidalia, Ga., March 1.—Will Williamson, a negro, who early this morning attempted to criminally assault a white woman and fatally stabbed her husband, met death at the hands of a posse of citizens tonight. He was riddled with shot from the guns of the posse at Petrose, five miles from here, at 7 o'clock after refusing to obey a summons to halt.

Williamson entered home of A. H. C. Mann, a well-to-do planter at Cedar Crossings, at 1 o'clock this morning, attacked Mrs. Mann with criminal intent and fatally wounded her husband when he came to her rescue from an adjoining room.

Mann was stabbed with a long bladed knife in a number of places and no hope is entertained for his recovery.

Bloodhounds were secured shortly after the occurrence and the negro was trailed to a turpentine distillery near the scene of the crime. The neighborhood was quickly aroused and posses began a search in every direction. Upon being discovered in an outhouse at Petrose, the negro ran and refused to obey the summons to halt, whereupon he was shot to death.

The house was robbed by the negro before he entered Mrs. Mann's room. Owing to the prominence of the Mann family indignation over the triple crime ran high.

Williamson was well known in the community and was generally regarded as a dangerous character.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

University Professors Make Notable Contributions to Journals.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 1.—For some time there have been in the University two articles not without honor or except in their own country, Drs. Dole and W. B. MacNider, of the Medical Department of the University, have been for some time engaged in research work which bids fair to bring them fame.

Both these doctors are young men who have for some time been members of the University faculty. Dr. Dole's studies are concerned with the nerve cells and their functions. He finds that nerve changes vary with activity, over activity and fatigue; that fatigue and exhaustion have their physical basis in the nerve cells; that the condition of surgical shock has an anatomical rather than a physiological basis.

This simple principle of nerve fatigue will undoubtedly be of wide application to numerous other diseases of the nervous system. It may explain some types of insanity which cannot be explained by gross anatomical changes. It may, interpret such simple conditions as hysteria and the milder types of nervousness.

Dr. Dole has explained his theories in articles in the Journal of Medical Research and the American Journal of Physiology, and by addresses before the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists. In March Dr. Dole will demonstrate his ideas at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. MacNider's highly successful work concerning tonitis has inspired him to search into the deeper mysteries of kidney disease. In his study of the recuperative power of kidneys that have been injured by restricting the blood supply, he finds that the usual changes which are supposed to develop and were supposed to be final, namely, death of kidney tissue, and are only the preliminary stages of the process; that the kidney tissue which has been regenerated differs in many particulars from normal kidneys and that the condition resembles rather closely some of the common types of Bright's disease and is likely due to a blood supply which is inadequate to properly nourish the kidneys. In his study of the influence of the size of the kidney on the power of that organ he finds that in many cases of acute Bright's disease, the secretion stops when there is an adequate amount of blood; that the disturbed function of this organ is due not so much to an abnormal blood supply as it is due to a swelling of the cells. The fact of a disturbed function as caused by this swelling of the cells has been proved experimentally by Dr. MacNider and will probably be of practical value in relief of the acute conditions of Bright's disease.

Both of these researches are of prime importance and will probably be of great weight in the future work of modern medical societies of the United States.

Lexington, Ky., March 1.—George Gano, 2:03 3/4, was sold today by C. D. Thinsman, Barton Pardee and S. W. Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to M. W. Savage, of Minneapolis, for \$30,000. The trotter is now at Macon, Ga.

George Gano was champion money winner in harness horses in 1909.

WANT SECRETS FROM CONGER

Details of Senators' Conference When Conger Told of Alldis' Bribery Will be Laid Before Senate—Testimony.

Albany, N. Y., March 1.—The secrets of the "insurgents" conference, where Senator Benn Conger first voiced his charges against Senator Alldis, will be laid before the Senate tomorrow. After an animated discussion this afternoon the Senate decided that those seven Republicans who, with Conger, met at the hotel Ten Eyck on the night of January 4th to frame a protest against the elevating of Alldis to the presidency pro tem. of the Senate, would not disqualify themselves as jurors to decide Alldis' innocence or guilt of Conger's bribery charges, by appearing as witnesses at the present investigation.

Fierce skirmish marked every step of the testimony today. Alldis' counsel came to the chamber determined to prove their allegation that the bridge companies in which Conger and his brother were prominent, were guilty of criminal business practices. The lesson they attempted to draw was that Conger was in no position to attack the reputation of a brother Senator. To accomplish this they put on the stand early in the day Eugene Landon, the former manager of the Groton Bridge Company, and questioned him about the "pooling arrangement" known as the "Cleveland agreement" through which it was held that the companies extracted exorbitant profits from the towns and cities of five States by means of collusive bidding.

His testimony strengthened many of the assertions of Attorney Littleton's opening address, but its most interesting portion was his assertion that he saw nothing wrong in the means employed by the bridge companies under the "Cleveland agreement" to obviate ruinous competition. "I do this," said James W. Osborne, Conger's chief counsel, after he had brought this answer from the witness, "to show that operations under the Cleveland agreement were not such as would appear wrong to the ordinary business conscience."

There was nothing about the Cleveland agreement which shocked my conscience," declared Landon.

The testimony showed that this famous agreement was made by the bridge companies in 1901. Landon said today that it was falling into disrepute in 1905 and 1906 and he doubted if it existed now.

Landon did not deny Conger's assertion that the bridge companies were a legislative corruption fund in 1902 and 1903.

NEW YORK RAILROAD SOLD.

Third Avenue System Bid in For Sixteen Million.

New York, Me. 1.—Before a motley crowd such as gathers at any auction house, the Third Avenue Railroad was sold at the county court house under foreclosure proceedings today and was bid in for \$16,000,000 in behalf of a reorganization committee, representing the holders of the first mortgage debentures. The road has had a checkered financial career and is now in the hands of a receiver. Holders of the common stock whose holdings, amounting to \$16,000,000, are practically wiped out by today's transactions, were not represented. Third Avenue shares on the stock exchange were quoted at 7 1/2 today. Eleven years ago when dividends were paid at the rate of 7 and 8 per cent. annually, the stock sold at 242.

ELLYSON ESCAPES AGAIN.

Man Captured at Thomasville, N. C., Makes Good His Promise.

Spartanburg, S. C., Me. 1.—Will Ellyson, of Pelzer, S. C., who promised the local police authorities three weeks ago when he was brought back here from Thomasville, N. C., where he was arrested after his second escape from the Spartanburg city jail, that he would escape again, made good his promise this afternoon when he threw a pistol into the face of Chain Gang Guard Brown and relieving that official of his rifle, walked away. Tonight mounted officers, armed with rifles, are searching the woods for him.

Norfolk, Va., Me. 1.—Major A. Myers, one of Norfolk's oldest and most prominent residents died today, aged 76 years. He served in the Confederate army with distinction, being afterwards active in the business world. He was the father of Mrs. Henry C. Watkins, of Richmond.

MR. WALTERS IS NAMED ON STEEL DIRECTORATE

New York, March 1.—Announcement was made today that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has resigned as a director of the United States Steel Corporation and is succeeded by Henry Walters, of Baltimore, chairman of the Louisville and Nashville and the Atlantic Coast Line system of railroads, and a close personal friend of J. P. Morgan.

A statement issued by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel directors, explains Mr. Rockefeller's retirement as follows: "Mr. Rockefeller states that the only reason for his resignation is that the holding of stocks in the company by the members of his family is not sufficiently large to justify his giving any time or attention to the affairs of the corporation."

Mr. Walters has long been known as the guiding genius of those eminently successful railroad properties with which he is connected and his succession to the directorate of United States Steel will bring him into the closest personal relations with the greatest financial interests of the country.

FLOODS AND SNOW, TALE OF SUFFERING

Northwest Cut Off, Roaring Torrents in Ohio and New York.

MANY LIVES CERTAINLY LOST

Summer Suns Will Finally Reveal Fatal Death List—Mohawk Valley Conditions—Many Are Homeless—Losses.

Ogden, Utah, March 1.—Flood conditions, also unprecedented, have cut off the entire Northwest and tied up traffic on half a dozen transcontinental railroads. Thaws in the mountains have caused avalanches that have swept away mountain towns and sections of railroad tracks in various places from Nevada to British Columbia.

The exact number of deaths caused by avalanches in the Rockies in Idaho and Western Montana probably will not be known until the summer sun melts the great masses of snow and ice in the canons into which several mining towns were swept. In the Cascade mountains, in Washington and Oregon, a heavy rain with about 50 passengers is reported buried under a snow slide. Four transcontinental lines into Washington and Oregon are blocked. Only one railroad is operating into Salt Lake City. Several hundred westbound passengers are held in Oregon.

Through traffic on the Oregon Short Line was suspended today but will probably be resumed tomorrow. The Denver & Rio Grande is the only road entering Ogden that reports through trains in operation.

Reports from the flooded regions in Nevada are that water is higher than for 40 years.

Floods in Ohio. Cleveland, O., March 1.—Fully 2,000 people are homeless tonight in Ohio as a result of the flood which is still sweeping over the State. At Zanesville alone 1,000 persons are reported as having been driven from their houses. The public buildings are crowded with refugees who are being fed by the city authorities.

All business and traffic has ceased at Warren and today over 300 people were rescued from their houses in boats, several falling houses giving a new horror to the situation.

While the Licking river at Zanesville has commenced to recede the Muskingum, which is much the larger stream, is still rising and the crest of the flood there will not be reached until tomorrow.

An immense gorge has formed in the river at Leavittsburg and it is feared that if it breaks it will rush down upon Warren with the most serious consequences.

Along the whole valley of the Great Miami, farm lands are inundated and scores of summer bungalows below Dayton are in danger of destruction.

The railway bridge at Youngstown is in imminent danger on account of a vast mass of ice which is pressing against its piers and momentarily increasing in volume.

Situation in Washington. Seattle, Wash., March 1.—Reports from Wellington say that 23 lives are believed to be lost in the avalanche that overwhelmed the Great Northern's Spokane Express today. Two passenger trains, seven locomotives and Superintendent O'Neill's private car were buried. O'Neill escaped injury.

Everett, Wash., March 1.—The stalled train was about two miles west of the west portal of the Cascade tunnel. The track was open to the tunnel, but Superintendent O'Neill, of the Great Northern, thought the train was safe where it stood.

At the Great Northern's headquarters, the number of persons on the train is given as 30. Two passengers walked the ten miles from the blockade and gave the number of passengers as 51. Among them are several women and children. As wires are down information is meager and it is not known whether there were any fatalities. A work train including two locomotives and a rotary snow plow was also carried off the track together with a water tank near Wellington station and buried by the avalanche.

In Mohawk Valley. Binghamton, N. Y., March 1.—Six or eight immense ice gorges at different points are reported to exist.

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FATAL BATTLES IN NICARAGUA

Casualty List Increased to 225 Men in Engagement at Tisma—Capt. Fowler Escaped—Details of the Battle.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 1.—Gradually the casualty list of the battles between the government and insurgent forces at Tisma and Tiptapa has increased, until now it is estimated that not less than 225 men were killed and 350 wounded.

Searchers have come upon bodies scattered over a large territory, as though the wounded had attempted to drag themselves to some refuge and died.

It is now known that Captain Godfrey Fowler, who was in command of General Chamorro's machine guns, and who was wounded in the left leg succeeded in escaping capture, thanks to a conservative, who concealed the American for two days at his hacienda.

All accounts agree that Capt. Fowler on the one side and General Lara on the other, were the heroes of the Tisma battle.

The effectiveness of the American machine guns was appalling. Gen. Lara charged to within ten yards of the Fowler and his men were serving them. His horse was shot under him and he miraculously escaped death. He shot five of his own men who wavered in the charge.

Capt. Fowler worked the crank of one of the guns spasmodically to economize the ammunition, which was scarce. Finally he found a resting place in his leg above the ankle and he was dragged to the rear by his men.

The town of Morrito, on the east side of Lake Nicaragua, has been taken by the government. Morrito was captured by the revolutionists through the treachery of a substitute commandant, who is suspected of being implicated in the killing of Gen. Romero, the commandant.

According to the reports here many stragglers who took part in the fighting at Tisma and Tiptapa have reached Gen. Menz's headquarters at St. Vicente. Their accounts of the engagements so discouraged Menz's forces that many of the insurgents are surrendering daily to Gen. Vasquez at Cayapa. The government army which is destined to attack Tisma has commenced the march. It is well supplied with artillery. When it reaches Chief Gen. Vasquez will assume chief command.

A group of revolutionists today attacked a government patrol near San Marinas, between Granada and Rivas with the evident intention of cutting communication between Managua and San Juan Del Sur.

NOW PROBE POULTRY TRADE

Same Jurors That Caused Indictments Against Milk Exchange.

New York, March 1.—While Pierre Garven, the public prosecutor of Hudson county, N. J., is trying to get hold of the books of the six big packing companies, recently indicted with the officers and directors, a grand jury in New York today began an investigation of the poultry trade in the greater city. The same jurors, who indicted eight directors of the consolidated milk exchange recently, have charge of this inquiry and the assumption is that it is preliminary to a general investigation of the cold storage business in New York along the lines adopted by New Jersey.

The investigation started by the grand jury, however, has to do with live poultry rather than storage fowls. Allegations have been made that members of the New York Live Poultry Commission, their Protective Association have been bringing live poultry into the city and holding it for a rise in the market. The district attorney is directing the inquiry to find out if this charge is true.

George G. Brown, secretary of the arbitration, was witness today and other poultry men will be examined.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Me. 1.—A Colorado Midland passenger train ran into an open switch at Green Mountain Falls today, colliding with a light engine. Forty-two persons were slightly injured.

OUTLINES.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson vehemently denied the assertion of Gifford Pinchot that he gave consent to the letter written to Senator Dooliver criticizing President Taft. It resulted in a clash at the Congressional inquiry yesterday. A posse of Georgia citizens last night shot to death a negro accused of triple crime, in which he fatally stabbed a planter after robbing his home and attempting assault upon his wife.—The secrets of the conference of New York Senators when Senator Benn Conger first voiced his charges against Alldis will be laid before the Senate today.

Bill to declare the members of the "beef trust" fugitives from justice and compel their extradition to New Jersey, was introduced in Congress yesterday.—The Senate yesterday introduced several bills increasing private pensions and providing for new public buildings throughout the country.—New York markets: Money on call easy 1 1/2 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 2 3/4 per cent, closing bid and offered at 2. Spot cotton closed quiet 10 points lower, middling uplands 14.85, middling gulf 15.10. Flour steady, No. 2 red 1.30 1/2 nominal elevator domestic and nominal f.o.b. aboard. Corn spot steady, steamer 68 1/2, No. 4, 64 1/2, both nominal elevator export basis. Rosin and turpentine quiet.

TROOPS ABANDON STRIKE SERVICE

Philadelphia Police Able to Handle Situation Without State Help.

STILL URGING ARBITRATION

Firing of Pistol in Front of Mayor's Office Causes Excitement of the Day—Old Employees Back on the Cars.

Philadelphia, March 1.—With the withdrawal today of the last detachment of State police on duty here and the discharge from further strike service of the State Fencibles, this city gave up the only evidence of anything resembling martial rule, which has existed here since the car men's strike began 11 days ago.

To fill the place of the State troops a special cavalry force was organized by the city authorities. These men have not yet been given a chance to demonstrate their effectiveness. Up until a late hour tonight, not an act of disorder has been reported today in any section of the city.

Interest centered in the efforts of business men, ministers and others to induce the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to listen to proposals of arbitration. After a special meeting of the board of directors the company again announced that there would be no arbitration.

G. O. Pratt, the leader of the striking trolley men says, however, he still hopes for a satisfactory settlement of the differences before the sympathetic strike becomes effective on Saturday.

Plans are being arranged for a large mass meeting in favor of the strikers to be held tomorrow night, in the central part of the city.

At 11 o'clock tonight six shots were fired directly opposite the office of Mayor Reubyn, by some one who rode up in an automobile.

Mayor Reubyn arrived at his office about half hour after the shooting. He seemed inclined to make light of the incident but said significantly: "We will get the people who did it."

He would not say whether he suspected their identity or whether he believed the shots were fired with intent to harm himself or any one.

The automobile, a big black touring car, came out Market street and as it turned into Juniper street, opposite the office of the mayor a man leaped from the automobile and fired six shots. It is not known whether the shooting was done by some practical joker, or some person of serious intent.

A detective jumped into a taxicab and gave chase, but the automobile had gained a big lead and was soon lost sight of.

Following a conference of the Rapid Transit directors this afternoon President C. O. Kruger reiterated the refusal of the company to consider arbitration in any shape or form.

"Our opposition has not changed," he said, "and nothing will in any manner change it."

According to a statement given out at the Rapid Transit Company's office, 120 old employees sought employment at the car barns this morning. The number of cars in operation this afternoon is given as 922, which exceeds that of yesterday.

Director Clay, of the Department of Public Safety, announced tonight that he would be fully prepared to protect the city in the event of a general strike on Saturday.

PATTON ON COTTON CROP.

Believes the Price Will Reach Surprising Level—As to Wheat.

New York, Me. 1.—James A. Patton, of Chicago, arrived in New York today preparatory to sailing for Europe tomorrow on the Mauretania.

Mr. Patton said that he had bought cash cotton today and predicted that unless next summer's cotton crop reached 14,000,000 bales, which he considers unlikely, the price of cotton would reach a surprising level.

The next wheat crop, in his opinion, will be as big as last year's and in Texas the largest ever.

Philadelphia, March 1.—Princeton's wrestling team defeated the University of Pennsylvania wrestlers here tonight, five bouts to one. The heavy weight contest resulted in a draw.

AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Assistant Bank Examiner Arrives—\$20,000 Damage Suit on Trial—Horse Electrocutted—As to Handling Convicts.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—C. V. Brown, appointed assistant State bank examiner yesterday, reported for duty today, having resigned his position as assistant cashier of the Planters' Bank, Rocky Mount, to accept the appointment. Chief Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton also resumes his official duties this week after his bridal trip. He was married three weeks ago here to Miss Josephine Brown, daughter of Mr. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank.

A \$20,000 damage suit, Jno. W. Ellington vs. Cary Lumber Co., seeking damages for alleged injuries received while in the service of the company in 1906, is in process of trial in the Wake Superior Court. The plaintiff claims to have sustained serious injuries while examining a kiln of lumber. A remarkable feature of the case is that Ellington did not stop work for four months after the accident and remained in the employ of the company 18 months without demanding damages for injuries. Five lawyers are appearing for the plaintiff and three for the defendant.

A remarkable electrocution of a horse took place at Polk and Person streets last evening. A guy wire was attached to a tree on the sidewalk and a live wire became crossed with it charging the tree and surrounding damp ground. The horse was driven up close by the tree and as it approached reared and fell over dead. The Murphy graded school is on that corner and during the forenoon recess a number of the children amused themselves by touching the tree to feel the shock of the electric current. It is presumed that the tree and ground were not so heavily charged at that time.

Discussing the criticisms that have been passed on the penitentiary authorities in some quarters for sending long term prisoners serving for burglary, arson, criminal assault, manslaughter and murder, out to the State farm and on railroad and other contract work instead of retaining them within the prison stockade as some contend the law requires, Governor Kitchen says that he called on the prison authorities Saturday for a statement of the situation as to long term prisoners. He finds that about 700 convicts under the control of the State's prison, seven-tenths are held for the crimes named above. To be exact, just 520 are serving for burglary, housebreaking, arson, criminal assault, manslaughter and murder and 182 are in for terms of ten years and longer. There are 88 murderers, 18 farm and on railroad and other contract work instead of retaining them within the prison stockade as some contend the law requires, Governor Kitchen says that he called on the prison authorities Saturday for a statement of the situation as to long term prisoners. He finds that about 700 convicts under the control of the State's prison, seven-tenths are held for the crimes named above. To be exact, just 520 are serving for burglary, housebreaking, arson, criminal assault, manslaughter and murder and 182 are in for terms of ten years and longer. There are 88 murderers, 18

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