

THE WEATHER

Fair warmer Thursday and Friday, light west to south winds.

THE MORNING STAR

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PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

Do you want to vote this year? Have you paid your State and county poll tax? If not, you must pay by April 30th, or you will disfranchise yourself. Look after this and also your neighbor.

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COTTON INQUIRY NOW COMMENDED

Denies Government's Action Was Induced By Complaints of Bears.

MEMBER NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Patten Proposes to Stand by His Present Position on the Market—Barrett Strongly Favors Investigation.

New York, April 20.—David H. Miller, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, and one of those subpoenaed into the government inquiry into the alleged bull pool of raw cotton, issued a statement tonight commending the government's action and denying that the investigation was induced by complaints of the bears.

James Patten, of Chicago, denied flatly today that he was associated with any other interests in the cotton market and said that he proposed to stand by his present position in the market.

Mr. Patten said: "I am not under any agreement with any other interest in the market. I was long of cotton before I even met the other gentlemen, who are supposed to be bulls in the market, but naturally as we are on the same side of the proposition, our interests are to that extent mutual. I intend to take up the cotton called for by my contracts and to pay for it. I am willing to make contracts to supply mills anywhere in the world with cotton, so far as my holdings will go. If the government wants to stop trading in futures why is not a plain statement made to that effect instead of instituting proceedings which merely tend to confuse the entire trade?"

The Federal grand jury's investigation into the alleged pool will be resumed tomorrow.

Aid Against Cotton Futures. Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—The present investigation of the Federal authorities of the so-called "bull cotton pool" in New York will materially aid the campaign against gambling in farm products, according to Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers Union.

In referring to the activity of the Department of Justice in the matter of the cotton investigation Mr. Barrett said: "It is certainly queer that the government should be entirely indifferent to gambling in cotton during the Fall selling season until the cotton is in the hands of the farmers with manipulators slaughtering their profits and develop a sudden virtue when practically all of the cotton is out of the hands of the farmers and the only beneficiaries appear to be a few well-to-do bear operators."

"It is sincerely to be hoped that next Fall, and each successive Fall when intervention will be of some benefit to the more than two million cotton producers of the South, the government will manifest a smattering of the zeal now so belatedly put forth."

WEAPON AN AXE.

Sheriff's Posse Seined Out Pond to Catch Assailant.

Clinton, N. C., April 20.—Ben Moore, an elderly negro man, had a disagreement with his wife last night and brought the argument to a close by hitting her on the head with an axe. It was thought that the woman was killed and after realizing his crime, Ben was smitten by his conscience and announced that he would commit suicide by drowning. In his night clothes, he got out for the old Williams mill where, he said, he would be found in the morning. Sheriff McPhail organized a posse this morning and went to the mill where tracks supposed to be Ben's were traced. A fish sein was taken along and the deep hole in the race (there is no pond now, the dam being broken) was seined out, but without catching Ben who had evidently changed his mind and departed to parts unknown. A number of fish were caught which paid the seiners for their trouble. The injured woman is yet alive and improving, although seriously injured.

McNEILL NOMINATED.

Payetteville, N. C., April 20.—In the Democratic primary this afternoon for Mayor of Fayetteville, Capt. J. D. McNeill was nominated over V. C. Bullard, the present mayor. Capt. McNeill received 401 votes; Bullard 381. In the former primary Monday none of the four candidates, Messrs. Bullard, McNeill, R. H. Dye, and T. J. Powers received a majority, which necessitated the primary held today, at which only McNeill and Bullard were voted for, they being the two highest candidates in Monday's primary. McNeill's nomination means his election in May.

Very Near Unto Death's Door Mark Twain, Great Humorist



Reading, Conn., April 20.—In a statement given out tonight by Dr. Robert Halsey, the attending physician, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who is ill at his home, Stormfield, is weaker than he was when an afternoon bulletin was issued. Tonight's statement was as follows: "Mr. Clemens is weaker tonight than he was at the last statement but is resting perfectly quiet."

DAUGHTERS ELECT OFFICERS BETTER LIGHTS FOR CAPE FEAR POLICE AND STRIKERS CLASH

Omission of Name From List of Nominations Brought Forth Another Storm of Protest—To Call on the President.

Washington, April 20.—The election of ten vice president generals and one honorary vice president general, enlivened the Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution here today. The polls did not close until 9 o'clock tonight, the election being delayed by a printer's error in leaving on the ballot the name of one of the nominees. When late this afternoon the ballots were received at Continental Hall, it was discovered that the name of Mrs. John H. Masury, of Massachusetts, one of the nominees for vice president general had been omitted, there was a storm of indignation. The omission precipitated a long discussion which was finally ended by the action of Mrs. William Cummings Story, of Massachusetts, who rushed to the platform and urged that the matter be left to the Massachusetts delegation for suggestion as to what should be done.

Mrs. Story was greeted with applause and it was decided to leave it to Massachusetts. The delegation urged that the only thing possible would be to have the ballots reprinted. This was ordered and it was 6 o'clock before the actual voting began. The result will probably not be known until tomorrow morning. The nominees for honorary vice president general were: Mrs. Charles H. Deere, of Illinois; Mrs. Sarah G. Kinney, of Connecticut; Mrs. Althea R. Beadle, of New Jersey. For vice president general, there were 15 nominations and among them were: Mrs. Egbert Jones, of Mississippi; Mrs. Virginia Randolph Shackelford, of Virginia; Mrs. C. H. Tebeault, of Louisiana; Mrs. Edmund Randall, of Texas; Miss Anna C. Benning, of Georgia; Mrs. Milton J. Durham, of Kentucky. Tomorrow President Taft will receive the delegates at the White House.

Local Improvement Taken Care of in Million Dollar Omnibus Bill Announced by House Committee Yesterday.

Washington, April 20.—The places at which aids to navigation are provided for in the \$1,000,000 omnibus lighthouse bill, agreed on by the House Interstate Commission, were announced today. The appropriations made, which aggregate about \$900,000, less than the estimate of the Lighthouse Board, include \$130,000 for one relief light vessel which the board can use to replace any of the 69 now in the service that may deteriorate, the average life of a light vessel being estimated at between 20 and 25 years. The items included in the measure which are of interest to the South are as follows: "Lights on Dunn's Creek and Crescent Lake, Florida, Atchafalaya river, Little Lake, Lake Des Allemands, Bayous Barataria, Segnette, Perot, Villars, and LaFourche and Lake Salvador, La. Range lights, Norfolk, Va., \$35,000; Baltimore, Md., \$125,000; entrance Savannah river, Ga., \$4,500; Bogue Sound N. C., \$2,500. Lights Cape Fear river, N. C., \$21,000; light vessel, St. John's river, Fla., \$130,000; removal of lighthouse depot Fort Eads to New Orleans, La., \$27,000."

ANOTHER INSANITY PLEA.

Roanoke, Va., April 20.—Testimony was completed today in the case of Dr. J. S. Cahill, the Rocky Mount, Va., dentist on trial there for the murder of Robert Smithers. Argument will be heard tomorrow. Dr. J. S. DeJarnette, superintendent of the Virginia State asylum for Staunton, testified today that he believed Cahill was crazy when he killed Smithers, that he is today a lunatic and a dangerous man to be at large; that he may at any time kill himself or somebody else, and that he should be locked up. Dr. W. C. Cahill, brother of the defendant, testified that the dentist is crazy.

Four Shot at "Bloody Angle" Near Pressed Steel Car Plant—Forsigner Struck by Train While Trying to Escape.

Pittsburg, April 20.—The first clash between the police and the strikers of the Pressed Steel Car plant at Schoenfeld occurred tonight and by a coincidence, it occurred at the corner known as "Bloody Angle" where half a dozen men were shot down in the strike riots of last July. Four men were shot tonight and one forlorn, who is unidentified, is in the hospital with injuries received when a train struck him while trying to escape. The injured are Policeman James (Continued on Page Eight).

OUTLINES.

David H. Miller, of the New York Cotton Exchange, in a statement issued yesterday, commended the action of the government in ordering an inquiry into the alleged cotton pool. "The Perkins anti-trust bill," Albert Wolter, charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, listened to hostile facts and heart-rending testimony at the trial yesterday with stolid indifference.—Major J. C. Hemphill delivered a lecture on the "Public and the Press" at Yale University yesterday.—In the Lighthouse bill before the House \$21,000 is provided for better lights on the Cape Fear river.—Four were shot in a clash last night between strikers and the police at the Pressed Steel car plant near Pittsburg.—The Perkins anti-trust book making bill was passed in the New York Legislature yesterday.—New York markets: Money on call steady 2 3/4 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 3/4, closing bid 2 7/8, offered at 3 per cent; spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 15 1/2, middling gulf 15 1/4; flour was quiet, and barely steady; wheat spot easy, No. 2 red 1 1/2 f. o. b. opening navigation; corn spot steady, steamer 62 bid and No. 4 nominal elevator export basis; oats steady, mixed nominal; rosin and turpentine quiet.

HEARST ENDORSES PRESIDENT TAFT

Makes a Remarkable Statement in Support of the Administration.

A WARNING AGAINST TEDDY

Criticizes the Administration of Roosevelt in Several Terms—Tells of Taft's Earnestness and Sincerity.

Washington April 20.—William Randolph Hearst, former aspirant for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, issued tonight a remarkable statement over his own signature in which he unqualifiedly endorses Mr. Taft. In doing so he also criticizes in severest terms the administration of President Roosevelt and in so many words, warns the American nation against a renewal of the political domination of the former President.

Mr. Hearst called at the White House this afternoon. He spent a half hour with the President. Upon leaving he said he had called merely to pay his respects to Mr. Taft whom he said he admired. Later, he issued his endorsement of the Taft administration.

"No one can talk with the President without appreciating and respecting earnestness and sincerity" the statement proceeds.

"Personally, I believe also in his efficiency. He has been one year in office, and he has certainly accomplished more in that one year than Roosevelt did in his first year."

"It is hardly fair to compare Taft's one year with Roosevelt's seven, and yet I am not sure that even with that the comparison might not be to Taft's advantage. Taft's methods are not those of Roosevelt, but then Taft will probably not conclude his term with a panic."

On the whole it seems to me that a quiet case of resignation is coming into office when the country was in the slough of adversity and after one year in office, has placed the country on the high road of prosperity is quite a valuable President as a more showy and spectacular person who found the country in the height of prosperity and left it in the depths of adversity."

Mr. Hearst admits that he does not charge Mr. Roosevelt directly with responsibility for the panic of 1907, nor does he undertake to give Mr. Taft the entire credit for the restoration of prosperity. He declares, however, that the administration which is producing more dividends for business men and finding work for the unemployed should not be too capriciously criticized for certain minority faults of omission or commission."

Mr. Hearst carries out Roosevelt's policies in the way that they ought to be carried out. That is to say he is doing the things that Roosevelt should have done, but did not do.

"Taft is making the Roosevelt railroad rate act complete and effective. The Roosevelt railroad rate act has always been an utter farce and everybody who knew anything about the subject knew when it was passed that it was a farce, and would be a failure. He might have been meant to be a failure."

Mr. Hearst says that President Taft is trying to stiffen into an active force the "spineless railroad bill" of the prosecution of criminal trusts, and for throwing his powerful influence behind many needed laws, among them the corporation tax bill, the over-capacity bill, a bill providing for postal savings banks, the parcels post measure and the income tax bill.

"All the measures are good," he continues. "Some of these Roosevelt administration omitted, others it fairly neglected, in some it discussed but never accomplished."

"If the people want more of achievement than Taft is giving them they must turn to another party, for I do not believe that there is another man in the Republican party who will do more for as much."

"Most certainly if the people want the tariff modified, they must turn to another party, for the tariff will never be modified by its beneficiaries. And its beneficiaries, control the Republican party."

Mr. Hearst closes his statement with the declaration that the American people need look for no tariff reform.

EDDIE FAY AND HARRIS.

Trial Set for Yesterday But Was Postponed Until Today.

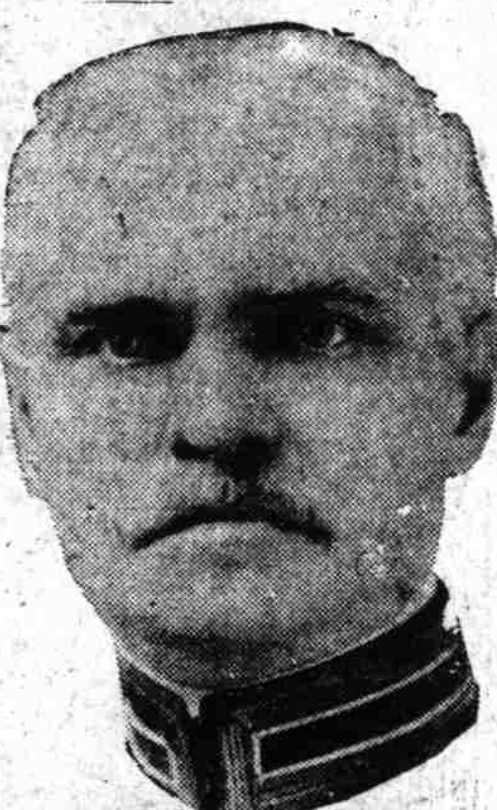
Richmond, Va., April 20.—Eddie Fay and Little Dick Harris were taken to the Federal Court today to be tried for the sensational robbery of the postoffice here, but because of the unfinished condition of a civil case before the court their trial was continued to tomorrow morning. An enormous crowd that blocked the street, was disappointed.

RUBBER GOODS ADVANCE.

Announcement Made by the United States Rubber Company.

New York, April 20.—The prices of rubber goods of all descriptions will advance approximately 10 per cent, according to an announcement made today by the United States Rubber Company. The reason assigned by the corporation is the increased cost of the raw material.

SLATED TO BE CHIEF.



COL. G. M. GOETHALS

Panama, April 20.—General William M. Marshall will retire as chief of the engineer corps of the army June 11th, and President Taft and Secretary of War Dickinson want to give the post of honor to Colonel Goethals, chief of the Panama canal. While Colonel Goethals is the junior colonel, it is said that he has the best chance of securing the post. Colonel H. M. Bixby is first in line for promotion, with Colonel William T. Russell next, but they have a habit in the army of jumping a man slated for higher honors.

FOR CLEANER JOURNALISM

Striking Address by Maj. J. C. Hemphill to Yale Student Body—Some High Ideals of the Profession.

New Haven, Conn., April 20.—Major J. C. Hemphill, editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, made a plea for cleaner journalism and cleaner newspapers in an address at Yale University tonight. He was delivering the first lecture under the Bromley foundation, provided for by Mrs. Adelaide El. Bromley in memory of her husband, Isaac M. Bromley, Yale '53. The subject of his lecture was "The Public and the Press."

"The press in these abundant times," said Major Hemphill, "speaks generally, is in the business for the money, there is in it. The most potent force in shaping and directing the thought and sentiment of the country, it is yet a beggar at the door of patronage. Little or no independence is actually possessed by the journalists who preach in public. It must be said, however, to the credit or discredit, as you please, of the public, that it reflects largely the character of the newspaper by which it is served."

"The yellow streak runs not less through the people. The shame of the press is that it has catered to the worst tendencies of a corrupt and malodorous age. Its mission ought to be the elevation of the public; instead, it advertises its degradation, fairly shrieking against any restrictions upon its liberty, it converts its liberty into license."

"Broadly speaking, the most sensational and irresponsible newspapers make the most money, and there has been noted for years the gradual degradation of the American press to the American level. Some of the cleanest and most self-respecting newspapers are published in New England; but even here the tendency towards a lower conception of journalism cannot have escaped the observation of those who are interested in the development of our civilization."

"The ideal newspaper does not exist, it is doubtful that it ever will. The newspapers of today, like the churches, represent this or that view of political questions; this or that industry or individual or section; they possess the enthusiasm of advocates, they lack the wisdom of the judge."

"There is no profession so exacting, none requiring so extensive and accurate knowledge of history and philosophy and political economy, none calling for so great patience of opposition, such clearness and firmness of judgment, such courage of conviction, and such careful regard for the rights of others. That is why, in my opinion, the newspaper should be, in fact, the judge and jury and not the swift witness or the passive consentor in the moral trial before the people."

"There is not an old man nor a young man in this audience who has ever known the issues involved in a political campaign to have been fairly presented by the opposition press. That newspaper is unworthy which for personal profit or political gain for itself or its party misrepresents the position of a profession or political rival; that follows any particular course because it is 'popular'; that joins in the defamation of any man because there is something to be made of it; either in the way of increased circulation or adventitious importance."

"What both newspaper makers and newspaper readers most need, if they would reach the best settlement of the question in which they are interested is not party spirit or sectional fervor, but tolerance of opinion and speech."

LITTLE EMOTION SHOWN BY WOLTER

Prisoner Hears Heart-Rending Testimony With Stolid Indifference.

WHEELER MURDER CHARGED

Murdered Girl's Sister Appeared as Witness—An Array of Hostile Facts Brought Out at Trial. Coroner on Stand.

New York, April 20.—No prisoner on trial for his life in New York is ever remembered to have faced such an array of hostile facts and heart-rending testimony with such stolid indifference as did Albert Wolter today when confronted with the charred fragments of the body that once was Ruth Wheeler, whom he is charged with luring to her death in his flat not a month ago.

Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's physician, testified that Ruth Wheeler had been attacked before she was murdered and that there was still life in her body when it had been soaked with kerosene, jammed up the chimney of Wolter's flat and set afire. He had found human hair not her own adhering to the burned fingers. Therefore he knew she had fought for her honor. There was soot in the lungs. A corpse does not breathe. Therefore he knew a living and still sentient body had inhaled smoke and flame.

During this appalling testimony, which made the jurors fidget in their chairs, Wolter sat trim and listless, scanning indifferently the jurors, the gruesome exhibits themselves, and his lawyer. He gave no sign of emotion when Adelaide Wheeler, 19 years old, and said to bear an extraordinary resemblance to her dead sister, took the stand.

With perfect poise the girl identified a braided artificial hair that had been her sister's, bits of underclothing she knew by their texture, jewelry Ruth had worn, and lastly, what came as a surprise to the defense a seal ring engraved with Ruth Wheeler's initials which was found on the body. The prosecution will contend that this clinches beyond doubt the atrocious identification, which it had been thought the defense would attempt to overthrow.

Nor did Adelaide Wheeler falter when she told how she had recognized the dismembered body as her sister's, even though the arms and legs were missing, by the lines of bust, the contour of the skull and the perfect teeth. Objections from Wolter's counsel were constant and as constantly overruled. His cross-examinations were aggressive, but shook not the witnesses. Twenty or more women, a couple of clergymen and perhaps 200 laymen succeeded in getting by the guards, but hundreds more were turned aside.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED

Boat Overturned in River in Novel Hill Section.

(Special Star Telegram.) Goldsboro, N. C., April 20.—News reached the city this afternoon of a sad tragedy last night, near Salem church, a few miles from Goldsboro, the drowning of young Mr. Troy Crawford. Two young men, barely 18 years of age, Charles Williams and Troy Crawford, the latter 17 years old and a son of Mr. Daniel Crawford, of the Novel Hill section, were fishing the river with a reel, and had just entangled a large fish, when in their boyish excitement they both made unsteady steps in their boat, thereby overturning it and hurling them forth into the swift and swollen stream.

Both would have been drowned but for the help of two small colored boys on the bank who succeeded in tearing loose a grapevine and throwing an end of it to Williams, which he happily caught and was pulled ashore. The young Crawford was carried too far out for reach and drowned in their very presence. The body was recovered this morning, and borne home to the distressed parents.

Richmond, Va., April 20.—From a list of 15 prominent Virginia attorneys furnished by the Supreme Court, as required by a law recently enacted, Gov. Mann today appointed a State board of law examiners, consisting of five members as follows: R. M. Hughes, of Norfolk, Robert C. Jackson, of Roanoke; Frank T. Glasgow, of Staunton; Thomas R. Keith, of Fairfax; and William H. McIlwaine, of Petersburg.

SIMMONS' AMENDMENTS.

Washington, April 20.—All of Senator Simmons' amendments to the river and harbor bill passed the Senate without material change, and will pass the conference committee. These amendments include an additional appropriation for the lower Cape Fear, full recognition of and continuing appropriations for the great upper Cape Fear project and a greater Boston to Key West inland waterway, via Beaufort and North Carolina sounds and rivers.