

DUTCH MAKING FIRST MOVE

CRUISER GOES TO VENEZUELA

Closely Following the Dismissal of the Netherlands Minister to Venezuela by President Castro, a Dutch Cruiser is Sent to the Country to Protect Dutch Interests—Dismissed Representative Has Been Ordered to Proceed at Once for Holland and It is Believed That His Government Will Not Support Him—Departure of Venezuelan Consul to Caracas and Troops Have Been Withdrawn.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, July 27.—The serious nature of the situation that has arisen between the Netherlands and Venezuela was emphasized today by the departure of the anti-Venezuelan Gelderland to proceed at once to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests there.

Caracas, July 25.—Via Port of Spain, July 25.—The German minister has taken charge of the Dutch interests here, in view of the dismissal by President Castro of M. Doreus, Netherlands minister, from Venezuela.

M. Doreus is awaiting the arrival of a Dutch warship at Port of Spain. He claims that his offensive publication had the approval of the Netherlands government, saying that he received a cablegram yesterday from The Hague approving his note and instructing him to insist upon an interview with President Castro.

Caracas, July 25, via Port of Spain, July 27.—The general opinion here condemns the Dutch minister, M. Doreus, for publishing the statement that Castro had ruined Venezuela and that the Netherlands government will not support Doreus on account of his indiscreet act.

Missing Man Found Dead, With Artery in Leg Severed—Was Probably Bitten by Snake and Died From the Self-Inflicted Wound.

Wilmington, July 27.—The mystery surrounding the strange disappearance of W. E. Sutton, a well-known citizen of Burgaw, from his home last Friday, was cleared up Sunday afternoon late when members of the searching party found his body under a mound of earth in the town near the public road.

Shippers Can Combine Small Quantities of Freight and Get the Lower Rate Applicable to Large Shipments—Ownership Cannot Be Made a Test.

Washington, July 27.—According to a decision by the Inter-State Commerce Commission today shippers may combine small quantities of freight of various ownership, either by arrangement among themselves or through the medium of a forwarding agency, and ship the combined lot at the relatively lower rates applicable to large shipments.

Lighthouse Keeper Escapes Stranded.

Two Drowned in Florida.

GIFT FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT.

Peabody Board Sends \$500 Check to Southern Education Association—Board of Visitors of Military Academy to Meet in Hendersonville.

Observer Bureau, 300 Skyway Building, Columbia, S. C., July 27.—The State Superintendent of Education Martin has received a letter from Wickliffe Rose, secretary of the Peabody Board, with a check for \$500 enclosed.

On August 4th there will be a special meeting of the board of visitors of the Southern Education Association at the Wheeler Hotel, Hendersonville, N. C., for the consideration of beneficiary applications and any other matters which may be presented.

ROBBER ATTACKS YOUNG LADY.

While on Porch Drinking Water Miss Beulah McFadden is Attacked and Ring Taken From Her Hand—The Culprit Escapes in the Darkness.

Rock Hill, S. C., July 27.—Miss Beulah McFadden, who lives with her uncle, Mr. J. M. McFadden, on West Main street, had a thrilling experience with a brute in human form last night about 10 o'clock.

Democrats Will Open Branch Headquarters in the Convention City—Old Time Democrat Will Be Asked For Advice.

Chicago, July 27.—Chairman Mack, of the national Democratic committee, announced today that branch headquarters will be opened in Denver the last month of the presidential campaign.

COW STEALER AT NEWTON.

The Animal Boldly Led Off and Swapped For an Ox and Some Bones.

Mad Dog Scare in East Spencer.

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Explosion of Alcohol Kills Dept. Inspectors.

COMMISSION HAS POWER

TO STAY INCREASE OF RATES

Inter-State Commerce Commission Will Consider Reasonableness of Freight Rates After They Have Become Effective and Believes the Increase is Effective After Notice Has Been Given by Carriers and Before the Rate Actually Goes Into Effect.

There is much interest in the action by Judge Speer, of the Southern Judicial district of Georgia, granting a preliminary injunction restraining the Atlantic Coast Line, the Louisville & Nashville, the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific and the Southeastern Railway companies from putting into effect on August 1st the increased rates on shipments of staple products from Western to Southern ports.

Shenwell Has Warrant Issued For Conductor Smithers' Arrest, and He Will Also See the Southern.

Greenville, S. C., July 27.—In the hearing before Referee Heyward today it was decided to sell the Aetna Mills property of Union October 7th, the upset price being fixed at \$250,000.

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SHEMWELL BOUND TO COURT.

Lexington Citizen Who Forced Conductor to Stop Train Given Hearing Yesterday—His Bond Fixed at \$1,000 and is Signed by His Son.

The hearing was held in the county court house and was attended by a crowd that taxed the capacity of the court room.

In his own behalf Shemwell testified that he thought the train stopped at Lexington to let off through passengers, this having been the custom when he resided in the town.

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BANK CASES TAKEN UP

ARGUMENT TO ABATE HEARD.

The Defense in Well-Known Cases Which Have Been on the Court for a Decade Quashed to Have Bills of Indictment Quashed on Ground That Grand Jurors Had Not Paid Taxes—District Attorney Will Have His Side Heard.

Asheville, July 27.—Practically the entire morning session of United States District Court today was consumed with argument on the plea of abatement by the defense in the cases, commonly known as the "old bank cases," involving the indictment of Messrs. Breese, Penland and Dickerson, three former officers of the First National Bank of Asheville, charged with the failure of that institution in the summer of 1897.

Judge Moore, of counsel for the defense, then read the plea, an affidavit by Messrs. Breese, Penland and Dickerson in effect that the grand jurors of the grand jury, Messrs. Couch, Blackburn and Davis, had not paid their taxes at the time they were members of the grand jury returning the bills of indictment.

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TO BE ANOTHER HEARING

REGISTER CASE NOT SETTLED

Governor Receives Many Protests Against a Pardon For Convict Register and He Will Give the Matter a Final Hearing at Laurinburg August 19th—Hearing of Freight Discrimination Case About October 1st—Governor Glenn in C. C. at Laurinburg, August 22nd.

Governor Glenn devoted this afternoon to a public hearing of the application for a pardon for H. B. Register, an old convict serving a life sentence for murder.

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MR. PAGE ADDRESSES BARACAS.

Congressman From Seventh District Makes a Splendid Religious Talk at High Point.

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