

DIRECTOR OF BANK TESTIFIES HE NEVER PASSED ON NOTES

R. R. Rawls, Who Later Became Vice President of the First National Bank, a Witness Today.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FEATURE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Names Procured by S. T. Dorsett of Mr. Penland's Instance—More About the Purloiny Loan, Etc.

Reuben R. Rawls, one time owner and proprietor of the Swannanoa hotel; a member of the board of directors and vice-president of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville at the time of the failure of the institution in July, 1897, was the chief witness for the government this morning in the Brees-Penland-Dickerson trial before Judge Newman on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the bank and embezzlement of the bank's monies.

Mr. Rawls testified on direct examination that he was not connected with the discount committee; never passed on any notes; did not know of any discounts at time they were made; borrowed money from the bank and gave solvent security; owed the bank \$3000 when it failed; the loan was secured. Witness testified that he was at times overdrawn; that if overdraft continued for any time it was covered with solvent security. Witness never authorized loan on Leonard, Anderson, Parker, Bradley and Calais notes, never authorized any loans at all; never was consulted as a director in regard to the loans; knew little about the bank's management. Witness testified that if notes came before him at all and he did not recollect they were passed without examination; simply tallied notes with the list to see that they were all there.

ALL ARE EXPECTED TO FALL INTO LINE

Some of the Insurgents Are Displeased, but Aldrich Has the Situation in Hand.

TO VOTE ON REPORT AT 2 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Culberson Wants Amendment Adopted Putting Cotton Bagging on Free List.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The tariff conference report will be voted upon in the senate at 2 p. m. Thursday. This agreement was reached upon motion of Senator Bailey. In reaching the agreement Senator Bailey intimated there would be considerable discussion of the proposed concurrent resolution to correct the hide and leather paragraph. This suggestion was endorsed by Senator Bacon, who said that several senators might desire to correct other paragraphs. This remark was interpreted to mean that the minority would make a diligent effort to have cotton bagging placed on the free list, at the same time duties on boots and shoes and harness and saddlery are lowered. The senate adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Senators today agreed to take a vote on the tariff conference report at 2 o'clock Thursday. No sooner had the senate convened than members were reminded of yesterday's disturbance over the leather schedule of the tariff bill. The subject was introduced by Senator Culberson, who, referring to the decision of the conference committee to bring in a joint resolution remodeling the leather provision, gave notice that he would present an amendment putting cotton bagging on the free list. The decision of yesterday with reference to leather had a reassuring effect. Senator Aldrich expressed confidence that the bill now would go through without encountering further difficulties. A few of the "insurgents" were still displeased, but it was evident that most of them would also fall into line on the final roundup.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

LIABLE TO GET KILLED SOME DAY

THAW IS INSANE DR. BAKER THINKS But Has Not Had Opportunity, He Says to Form a Satisfactory Conclusion.

White Plains, Aug. 3.—Justice Isaac N. Mills again stepped into the examiner's case at today's session of the Thaw sanity hearing and from Dr. Amos Baker, acting superintendent of Matteawan asylum, obtained the clearest statement yet expressed on the stand at the present proceedings regarding the mental condition of the slayer of Stanford White. The result of his questioning might be claimed as an advantage by either side.

Witness said he did not consider the opportunities he had to examine the prisoner sufficient to permit him to form a satisfactory conclusion; nevertheless he declared his belief that the prisoner was now insane and that his release would be menace to public safety.

How Thaw conducted himself at the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, a phase of his life not known before, was described yesterday by Dr. Amos B. Baker, first assistant physician of the institution, the only witness called by District Attorney Jerome at the continuation of the hearing by which Thaw hopes to obtain his release.

ARGUMENT HEARD IN OIL TAX CASE It Involves the Power of the State to Levy Inspection Tax on Illuminating Oils.

Yesterday afternoon before Judge Connor in the Federal court there was argument in the case involving power of this state to inspect and also to levy an inspection tax on illuminating oils. There are five oil companies, chief of these being the Standard, and one of the minor companies brought a suit in the Federal court to test the matter. Attorney General Bickett and Richard H. Battle appeared for the state and agricultural department, the latter having direct charge of the test and tax; Aycock & Winston appeared for the oil people. The state devoted much care to the preparation of the line of defense.

The suit, brought in the name of the four independent oil companies, involves some points not before brought up in North Carolina. Among the witnesses who filed evidence for the oil side was C. Chamberlain, the secretary of the National Petroleum association, which is the combination of all the independent oil refining companies. Another was W. H. Fehsenfeld, president of the Red C. Oil company.

Content it is a Revenue Act. The contention by the attorneys for the oil companies is that the oil act is really one to raise revenue and that it was stated on the floor of the legislature last session that it would raise some \$20,000; the act provides that the balance remaining after the cost of inspection and testing shall go to the general fund. It is further contended that the law is violative of the United States constitution, in that it interferes with interstate commerce.

SPAIN IS TRANQUIL EXCEPT IN SPOTS The Minister of Interior Says There is Trouble Only in Certain Parts of Catalonia.

Hendaye, France, Aug. 3.—El Mendé, a newspaper of Madrid, places the number of killed at Barcelona during the rioting of last week at 2,000 and the wounded at 2,500.

Madrid, Aug. 3.—Tranquility now reigns throughout Spain, except in certain isolated localities of Catalonia, according to an announcement made by the minister of the interior.

Barcelona, Aug. 3.—Life in the city of Barcelona and its suburbs again is normal. The newspapers are being published and work generally has been resumed.

The losses by commerce during the rioting of the past week have been enormous and the destruction of property has been great.

Among the victims of the military court martial are two members of the chamber of deputies and eight aldermen of Barcelona.

COTTON MILL MAN SHORT; ARRESTED Calhoun Harris of Anderson, S. C. Says Trouble is Due to Clerical Errors.

Anderson, S. C., Aug. 3.—Calhoun Harris, secretary and assistant cashier of the Orr Cotton mills here, has been arrested, charged with breach of trust. Expert accountants who are going over his books announced \$50,000 missing. Harris, who is socially prominent, says the apparent shortage will be found due to clerical errors.

In the cotton company's vault accountants found between \$5,000 and \$2,000 in old checks, currency and silver which had been stored in bags, some of it for eight years and apparently forgotten, some of these old checks had been tendered in payment for accounts with the company and apparently had never been cashed.

ORDER ISSUED BY CHINA OBJECTED TO BY JAPANESE No Land Along Antung-Mukden Road to be Sold to Japanese, Under Penalty.

Tokyo, Aug. 3.—It transpired today that the greatest stumbling block in the way of an amicable settlement between China and Japan of the differences over the Antung-Mukden railway is an order issued by Chinese authorities that no land should be sold to Japanese along the line, under severe penalty.

This and several other questions concerning the Japanese policy in China will be determined in a short time, it is expected, as the whole matter was placed in the hands of the emperor yesterday by Foreign Minister Komura.

TRANSPORTS WITH TROOPS ARE DESPATCHED TO CRETE Convoys by Turkish Fleet—Greatest Secrecy Observed in Constantinople.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The Novoe Vremya today published a dispatch from Constantinople saying that four transports loaded with Turkish troops have left the capital for the island of Crete, and that the Turkish fleet has been ordered to escort them.

Nomination Ballot

I hereby nominate M. Address District My Name is: M. Address Profession Date Hour

This nomination ballot, when properly filled out, will count for 1,000 votes. Only one nomination ballot will be credited to a candidate. Under no circumstances will the name of anyone making a nomination be divulged.

Win a \$65 Prize \$65 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE NOMINATION PRIZE

This splendid prize will be given to the person who nominates the winner of the Buick Touring Car. The Gazette-News determined to overlook no one in this big proposition, has decided to give a valuable prize to the person who nominates the successful candidate. Clip out the blank published in this issue, fill in properly and send to the Contest Department. You may nominate yourself. If you win the first grand prize, you will also be awarded the \$65 Columbia. But you need not necessarily be a contestant to win this prize. If you are fortunate enough to have sent in the name of the winner of the Buick Touring Car, the talking machine will be given you at the close of the contest. Make as many nominations as you like. It costs you nothing to fill out the nomination blank and send it to the Contest Department of the Gazette-News. If you do not send in your own name you may win a prize anyhow. This paper feels that this is a magnificent offer and should result in the selection of none but the most active and aggressive candidates. Try to name a winner. The Columbia was purchased from and guaranteed by FALK'S MUSIC HOUSE.

SHOW THEM YOU ARE IN TO WIN

If Friends See You Are Working in Earnest They Will Be Anxious to Lend Their Assistance.

TIME IS GROWING SHORT IN THE BIG BONUS OFFER

Canvass Yourself and Find Out Why You Have Not Secured One of the 50,000 Certificates.

Every candidate bringing or sending to The Gazette-News office five new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$25, to be delivered by carrier, or six new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$24, to be delivered by mail, between Monday, July 26, and midnight, Saturday, August 7, will be awarded a voting certificate for 50,000 votes additional to the regular scale. One two-year subscription will be counted as two yearly subscriptions.

This is positively the largest bonus offer that will be made during the entire contest and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible. In order to be absolutely fair and impartial, this offer will include all new yearly business heretofore turned in.

Candidates who have taken short term subscriptions for three months, four months, or six months, may secure credit for a full year's vote by getting the subscribers to increase the length of their subscriptions to one year, the contestant will be given credit for the difference between the number of votes issued on the short term subscription and the full number scheduled for a year, all subscriptions extended to a full year will be counted in this great bonus offer.

Where contestants can increase the term of a subscription from one to two or more years this same rule will apply. Any one who has subscribed since this contest began will be considered a new subscriber throughout the life of the contest, and all payments made by such subscribers will be credited according to the scale of votes on new subscriptions.

"I am master of my soul; I am master of my fate." Can you say this of yourself, or are you one of this army of contestants who lack control of self, who cannot master the situation, who cannot command their own powers and faculties to carve out success? The greatest single fault of a contestant is the lack of self-control. Do not be among those who lose their capacity of getting subscriptions, and thereby securing votes. Canvass yourself thoroughly, and find out why you have not secured enough new subscriptions to win one of the 50,000 extra voting certificates, and you will find it is because you have not controlled yourself. You possibly have shown lack of interest and your friends were not so willing to help you. Show them you are enthusiastic, you are in the race to win, and your hard work and efforts will not be wasted.

Time is growing very short, gentle reader. The days when you can earn those magnificent bonus votes are few. You alone can decide whether you shall use them to good advantage and secure for yourself enough votes to go a long way towards winning one of those grand prizes The Gazette-News is offering.

You know the solid rewards and good things of life are only secured by work and habits of achievement. One of these prizes will be yours if you conquer yourself. Cut out habits of procrastination, self-indulgence. Don't say "I won't see Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith, or Mr. Wilson today, I will wait until tomorrow." And then on to-morrow, "I don't feel well, not a bit like working." The other fellow is busy, and you will lose the Jones, Smith and Wilson votes. Wake up and get busy, and show your friends who nominated you that you are in this race to win and that their efforts to help you will not be wasted.

The best sights in a circus are always found under the main tent, and those are the sights you always try to see. The best sights in this circus are under the main tent of SUBSCRIPTIONS, and the big show are VOTES. Therefore, make a big showing for yourself during the next few days of this magnificent bonus offer. You will find the road to the big show (Continued on page 2.)

THE WEATHER Forecast until 8 p. m. Wednesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather, with occasional showers to night or Wednesday.