

MANY MEMBERS FAVOR THE BILLS

Southern Members of Congress, and Several Western Members Favor, Law to Stop Gambling in Futures.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT AUTHOR OF SWEEPING BILL

Mr. Scott Would Stop Gambling in All Farm Products—A Hearing On Matter to Be Had Today.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Gambling in futures in cotton and other agricultural products was the subject of a hearing today before the house agricultural committee, which brought together a delegation of prominent members of the cotton exchange of New York, and several delegations of southern cotton growers and agriculturists, who appeared to give testimony.

The Anti-Option Bills. "This question involves hundreds of millions of dollars and the welfare of millions of people," declared T. J. Brooks, of Atwood, Tenn., president of the Farmers' National union, opening a hearing on the anti-option bills, before the house committee on agriculture.

Under the shadow of the exchanges, competition among local buyers had been eliminated in the south, Mr. Brooks said. He charged the existence of a tacit understanding in the cotton and tobacco belts for division of territory. Local buyers, spinners, wholesalers and jobbers, he declared, did not furnish the market for the cotton producers, the real market being the consumption of articles by the one and one-half billion people of the earth.

MR. SETTLE WILL GET A POSITION

Not Likely, However, That He Will Succeed Ellis as Assistant to Attorney General.

The Gazette-News Bureau, 46 Post Building, Washington, Feb. 9.—While some of the friends of Thomas Settle are hopeful that he will succeed Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general, Congressman Morehead, his close friend, knows nothing about the matter, and at the department of justice, it was stated that Mr. Ellis' successor had not been selected. It is understood Mr. Settle has been promised a position in another direction by the president, and will be recognized, when a vacancy occurs. Some of his friends here are inclined to push him for the Ellis place, regardless of this promise.

WOULD LET THE WOMEN VOTE ON THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Just to See What Their Sentiment Is—Brackett Introduces Bill in New York. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—For the purpose of determining the sentiment of the women of the State on the question of women's suffrage, Senator Brackett has introduced in the legislature a bill providing for a special election next fall, at which women over 21 years old may vote on the question whether they shall have the full right of suffrage.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Thirty-five men employed at the Sigmund Manufacturing plant had narrow escapes from death in the factory when the elevator dropped six stories to the bottom of the shaft.

Suffers No Pain.

Stockholm, Feb. 9.—King Gustave, who was operated upon for appendicitis Monday night, continues to improve. His majesty shows signs of fatigue, but suffers no pain.

Conductor Killed.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Conductor Reeb of the Santa Fe was killed, and three persons injured, when a Rock Island train, No. 42, was derailed near the junction of the two lines.

SWOPE CASE INQUEST ENDS

Hyde Refuses to Testify—Strychnine Caused Death—Question of Intent Left Open.

Kannas City, Feb. 9.—"Col. Swope came to his death by reason of strychnine administered in capsules by Dr. B. C. Hyde, but whether by felonious intent or not, we, the jury, are unable to say." This verdict was rendered at 1 o'clock this afternoon by the coroner's jury at Independence after being out one hour. A sensational phase of the inquest came when Dr. Hyde, Swope's physician, refused to testify or even be sworn, on the advice of counsel.

The case was given to the coroner's jury shortly after noon, Miss Pearl Keller, the nurse, again detailed to the jury that part of her story of yesterday, describing the condition of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, between the time of his death and his taking the last capsule prescribed by Dr. B. C. Hyde.

At the coroner's inquest hearing over the body of Colonel Swope yesterday afternoon Dr. Heiktoen testified that one-sixth of a grain of strychnine was found in one-seventh part of Colonel Swope's liver. He believed there might be a grain in the entire organ. A half grain would cause death. Traces of strychnine were found in the stomach.



COLONEL THOMAS H. SWOPE.

Each. He said he did not believe the taking of medicine containing strychnine would leave as much as a grain of poison in the liver.

Mrs. Swope Testifies. Mrs. Swope testified that Dr. Hyde knew Colonel Swope's intention to give \$1,500,000 to charity and of his plan to change his will to this effect. She also said that Colonel Swope had told Dr. Hyde he had planned to give Thomas Swope the largest part of his estate. She denied she entertained any ill-feeling against Dr. Hyde.

Dr. Frank Hall said he was absolutely certain Colonel Swope did not die from cerebral hemorrhages. O. H. Gentry, a druggist, said he prepared the medicine for Colonel Swope which contained elixer of iron, quinine and strychnine. The strychnine in a teaspoonful amounted to but one one-hundred and eightieth of a grain, he said.

Miss Keller Gives the Details. Dr. Hyde was again present at the inquest. He closely followed the testimony of Miss Keller, the nurse, but gave no sign that her narrative perturbed him. Miss Keller told in detail of Colonel Swope's death, how she gave the capsule and how he passed into convulsions. "Oh my God, I wish I had not taken that medicine; I wish that I were dead!" he cried, according to Miss Keller.

L. P. M'GEEHEE CHOSEN DEAN OF LAW SCHOOL

Elected Today by University Trustees—Penitentiary Profit \$110,000 This Year.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holtonen Building, Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The trustees of the University of North Carolina, in session here, Governor Kitchin presiding, today elected Lucius P. McGeehee, formerly professor of law there, dean of the law school. The report of the penitentiary directors to the governor shows a net profit for the year of \$110,000.

THAW'S LATEST APPLICATION DENIED BY JUDGE TOMPKINS

Nyack, Feb. 9.—Harry K. Thaw's latest application for discharge from Mattawan state hospital for criminal insanity was denied by Justice Tompkins in a decision rendered today.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Rain and colder tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

A \$10,000,000 CORPORATION

Holding Concern for Cotton Securities, Also Operating Co.—Its General Principles.

HAMMOND AND D. J. SULLY PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Existing Companies not to Be Affected Adversely, but Would Have Relations With Many.

Washington, Feb. 9.—John Hays Hammond and Daniel J. Sully, associated with several men prominent in the cotton business in the south, are planning the organization of a cotton securities corporation, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000. In addition to being a holding corporation it will become an operating company and will go in for the introduction of improved cotton gins and other machinery, which is expected to have a decided effect upon the production of the cotton manufacturers.

FIVE YEARS TERM FOR ALLEN GREEN

Jury Finds Slayer of Basil Browning Guilty of Manslaughter—Motion for New Trial.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Bon Air, Waynesville, Feb. 9.—Argument of counsel in the Green homicide case concluded this morning with an able plea from Solicitor Thad D. Bryson for the state. He stated to the jury that it was his belief that Allen Green failed to tell all he knew in the case. Much legal talent has been displayed in the case. Judge Adams' charge to the jury was begun about 11 o'clock. It was brief, but completely covered the case and in concluding the judge asked any of the counsel if they had anything to say as to further instruction. They had not.

SAUNDERS OF VIRGINIA MAY HAVE TO QUIT SEAT

All Because There Was an Insane Man on the Congressional Ballot.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Because an alleged crazy man got on the ballot as a candidate for congress of the fifth Virginia district at the last election and obtained the support of a number of electors, the result of the election in that district may be overturned and Representative F. W. Saunders demoted, may be deprived of his seat.

John M. Parsons, the republican candidate, is contesting the seat of Mr. Saunders, who, on the face of the returns received a plurality of about eighty votes. In addition to his allegations that the district was unlawfully "gerrymandered" against him and that various other irregularities occurred, Mr. Parsons asserts that one Elliott G. Mathews, an insane man, was allowed to play his name on the ballot as a candidate for congress against himself and Mr. Saunders.

It was related before the elections committee how Mathews, a victim of recurrent insanity, had been released from an asylum, had been nominated himself for congress, obtaining a place on the ballot by sending his name to the secretary of the commonwealth with attestations in compliance with the Virginia law.

Gets Eighteen Months in Penitentiary. Washington, Feb. 8.—Julius M. Waterbury, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses from high government officials, by representing himself as an Associated Press representative, is sentenced to 18 months in the Atlantic penitentiary.

IN SEARCH OF SOUTH POLE

National Geographic Society Concludes to Back Expedition With This Object in View.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

The Society is Confident Ample Financial Assistance Will Be Secured—Bartlett in Command.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The National Geographic society, which resolved at a meeting yesterday to send an American expedition in search of the South pole, expects ample financial assistance from outside sources to warrant the exploration. The society's plan is for the expedition to be headed by Captain Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt in Peary's North pole dash. The proposal is that the quest be made with the Roosevelt, already equipped for such undertaking, and that the start be made from Cuxhaven. This is the opposite side of the Antarctic region, which is to be explored by the British expedition. The Geographic society believes financial assistance will be forthcoming in time to begin the exploration not later than September next.

MENTAL CONDITION TO BE CONSIDERED

Witnesses Will Tell What They Know About State of O. B. Wright's Mind.

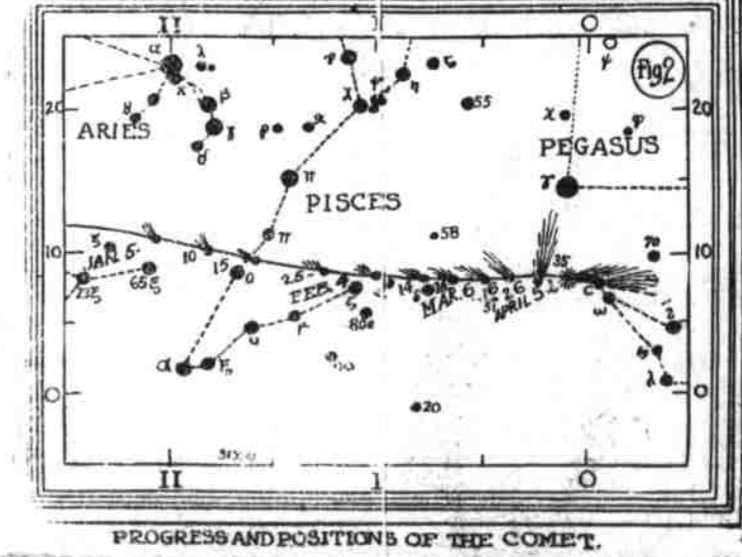
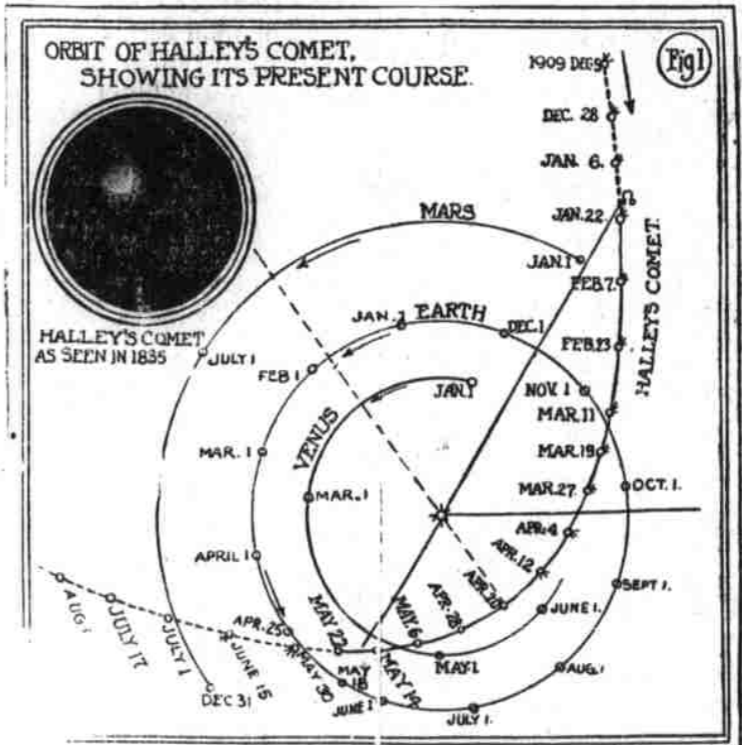
The cases against O. B. Wright, the former Asheville citizen, cases growing out of Mr. Wright's alleged assault on Mr. Clark in Hominy township Sunday afternoon, were called before Judge Justice in Superior court this morning. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charges of carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon and some evidence was taken. Mr. Clarke, whom it is alleged, Mr. Wright stopped in the road and with threats to kill if Mr. Clarke did not agree to come to Asheville and endeavor to stop prosecution of Mr. Wright in another case, was the chief witness. He told in simple manner of how he met Mr. Wright and how Mr. Wright threatened to shoot him if he did not agree to see Judge Jones and try and have the prosecution of Mr. Wright stopped. Mrs. Clarke got out of the buggy and stood between witness and Mr. Wright and how witness finally, after Mr. Wright had made the demand three times, agreed to do what he could.

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Comet Advances Rapidly Toward the Solar Center



COMET PLANNATION, the noted French astronomer, writes as follows from the Observatory of Juvisy: The meeting of Halley's comet and the earth in the month of May next begins perceptibly to occupy people's minds. It is important that we should give exactly an account of the astronomical conditions of this event, and I now make it my duty to put before the eyes of our readers a plan of the progress of the hairy star in space, showing its relation to the earth's orbit.

A DUTCH SUPPER AT THE MAJESTIC

An Interesting Social Event at Hendersonville, in Which Traveling Men Participate.

Hendersonville, Feb. 9.—An interesting social event occurred Saturday evening at the Majestic hotel when a number of traveling men were the guests of Proprietor Boyle of the Majestic at a "Dutch" supper. The evening was pleasantly spent, those participating of Mr. Boyle's hospitality greatly enjoying the occasion. Mr. Boyle tenders a complimentary Dutch supper to the traveling men the first Saturday night in every month.

DOUBLE MURDER, SUICIDE, IS THEORY OF THE POLICE

Following Discovery of Three Persons in a Vacant House in Cleveland. Cleveland, Feb. 9.—The bodies of three persons were found in a vacant house on Riverside avenue this morning.

Vicksburg Coming Home.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The gunboat Vicksburg, the first American naval vessel to reach the west coast of Nicaragua upon the outbreak of the present revolution, has been ordered from Corinto to San Francisco to bring home a number of sick and short-termed men. She leaves two warships in those waters to safeguard American interests.

COTTON GROWING IN CALIFORNIA

London and San Francisco Banks to Back Growing of Crop in the Imperial Valley.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—London and San Francisco banks will advance \$500,000 to finance the planting, cultivating and harvesting of this year's cotton crop in the Imperial valley. Land devoted to cotton this season exceeds 50,000 acres. The cotton industry in the Imperial valley has grown so rapidly the last two years, it is now regarded as one of the most important in southern California.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS IN BOSTON TODAY

The Fire Nearly Ran a Corner on the Beef Supply, the Stock Yard Being Burned.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Boston beef supply was nearly "cornered" by a fire which destroyed approximately a half million dollars' worth of property at the Brighton Stock Yards today.

CORPORATION TAX CASES FILED IN SUPREME COURT

Washington, Feb. 9.—Two more corporation tax cases were filed in the Supreme court of the United States yesterday, making ten suits now before the court, involving the question of the constitutionality of the corporation tax provisions of the Payne tariff act.

POPE PIUS X. IS SPRAY, BUT—

Could not Depart from Polley Adopted, so He Had to Decline to See Mr. Fairbanks.

PERSONAL CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE INCIDENT

Methodist Bishop of Africa Makes Spirited Reply to Attack of Archbishop Ireland.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The Pope today personally considered the recent incident involving former Vice President Fairbanks, who was refused a private audience by the Vatican because he insisted upon keeping an earlier engagement to address the Methodist society here. His holiness said he regretted that he had not been able to receive Mr. Fairbanks, but could not depart from the policy adopted, as to do so would appear to give recognition to the disloyal interference of certain Protestant denominations.

BISHOP REPLIES

New York, Feb. 9.—Rev. Joseph C. Hartzell, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Africa, made a spirited reply in New York last night to Archbishop Ireland's denunciation of the methods of the Methodist church in Rome, which was prompted by the Fairbanks incident.

POLICY OF LABOR PARTY TO PLOT OUT THE LORDS

Has not Been Charged, Declares Its President, Opening Its Annual Meeting.

Newport, England, Feb. 9.—In an address at the opening of the annual meeting of the Independent labor party, President Hardie threw cold water upon the suggestions that laborites in the forthcoming parliament should be blind followers of the government.

CABINET CRISIS IS IMMINENT IN SPAIN; ROMANE RESIGNS

The Right Wing of the Liberals Protests Against Moca's Alliance with Republicans. Madrid, Feb. 9.—A cabinet crisis is imminent. The right wing of the liberal party protested against Premier Moret's alliance with the republicans, and today Senator Romane resigned the presidency of the liberal party.

Clark Howell Operated on for Appendicitis.

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—Clark Howell, editor of the Constitution, democratic national committeeman and director of the Associated Press, was stricken with appendicitis this noon and operated upon at St. Joseph Infirmary.

Paulhan Flies at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 9.—Louis Paulhan ascended to a height of 1,500 feet in a Farman biplane at City park race track late this afternoon. He made two flights, the first of eleven minutes and the second of six minutes' duration. Probably fifteen thousand people witnessed the performance.

Seine Rising Again.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The river Seine has risen seven inches during the 24 hours ending at noon today, owing to yesterday's rain melting the snow in the mountain headwaters of the stream.

They Get Minimum Rates.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The president has issued a proclamation granting the minimum tariff rates of 2,700,000 Adirondack in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico, Panama and Liberia.