

HE SOUGHT AID FOR BEVERIDGE

Indiana Man Wrote President in Behalf of Beveridge and Got Praise from Aldrich.

NOT MAKING TROUBLE FOR MR. BEVERIDGE

But President Man Thinks Indiana Man Should Have Stood by Aldrich and Cannon in Tariff Matter.

Indianapolis, March 5.—Lucius B. Swift, who received a letter from President Taft, refused again to give out any part of it for publication, but discussion of the subject has brought out the fact that the letter of Mr. Swift, to which the president's was a reply, was dictated by a desire to help Senator Beveridge and by the belief that the reiterated utterances of the president in praise of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is making it harder for the senator in his campaign for reelection.

The president is said to have disclaimed any intent of making trouble for Senator Beveridge, but there was a very clear intimation in his letter that Beveridge ought to have supported the bill.

It is denied that the president intimated that the party might find itself in a minority in the next national house of representatives. His references to party defeat were general and predicated on differences over party measures, but he did not say, it is averred, that there was any danger of losing congress this year.

322 BANKS DOING BUSINESS IN N. C.

An Increase During the Year of 11—Total Resources of \$57,383,689.

Raleigh, March 5.—That there are 322 banks doing business under the supervision of the North Carolina corporation commission, having \$57,383,689 aggregate resources, compared with 311 banks a year ago, with \$49,954,015 aggregate resources, is shown in the summary of condition of banks at the close of business January 31, issued by the corporation commission.

Washington, March 5.—State department officials intimate that it is improbable the United States will intervene in Nicaragua affairs, or offer to mediate between the two contending factions without request from both parties.

Sumatra Tobacco Co. Have Effectuated a Merger

Pensacola, Fla., March 5.—A merger of all the Sumatra tobacco companies in Florida has been effected, according to information received from

Formal Demand Is Made For Increase in Wages

New York, March 5.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, of this city, today

DYNAMITE THREATS SENT CONGRESSMEN

They Are Warned by Letters from Chicago to "Get Busy for the People."

Washington, March 5.—Several anonymous communications, postmarked Chicago, touching upon the high cost of living, charging congress with responsibility and threatening the lives of congressmen, were received at the capitol yesterday.

48 Bodies Recovered

It Will Be a Month Before All Can Be Taken from Under Snow at Wellington, Wash.

Wellington, Wash., March 5.—All bodies of the victims of the Wellington disaster will not be recovered for a month, according to Superintendent O'Neill. Great tree trunks carried down by the snow are entangled with the wreckage of cars and other equipment. This makes difficult the recovery of bodies.

WATER LINES ARE UNDER INHIBITION

Under Amendment to the New Bill They Are Forbidden to Have Holdings in Competing Corporations.

Washington, March 5.—Water transportation lines are brought under the inhibition against corporations acquiring interests in capital stock, or the purchase or lease of competing corporations, under an amendment to the administration bill, agreed to by the house interstate commerce committee today.

Cummins Amendment. The cummins amendment to the postal savings bank bill, confining "to times of war," the investment of postal bank funds in government securities, was defeated in the senate by a vote of 18 ayes, to 40 noes.

REPORTED COAL MERGER IS PARTIALLY CONFIRMED

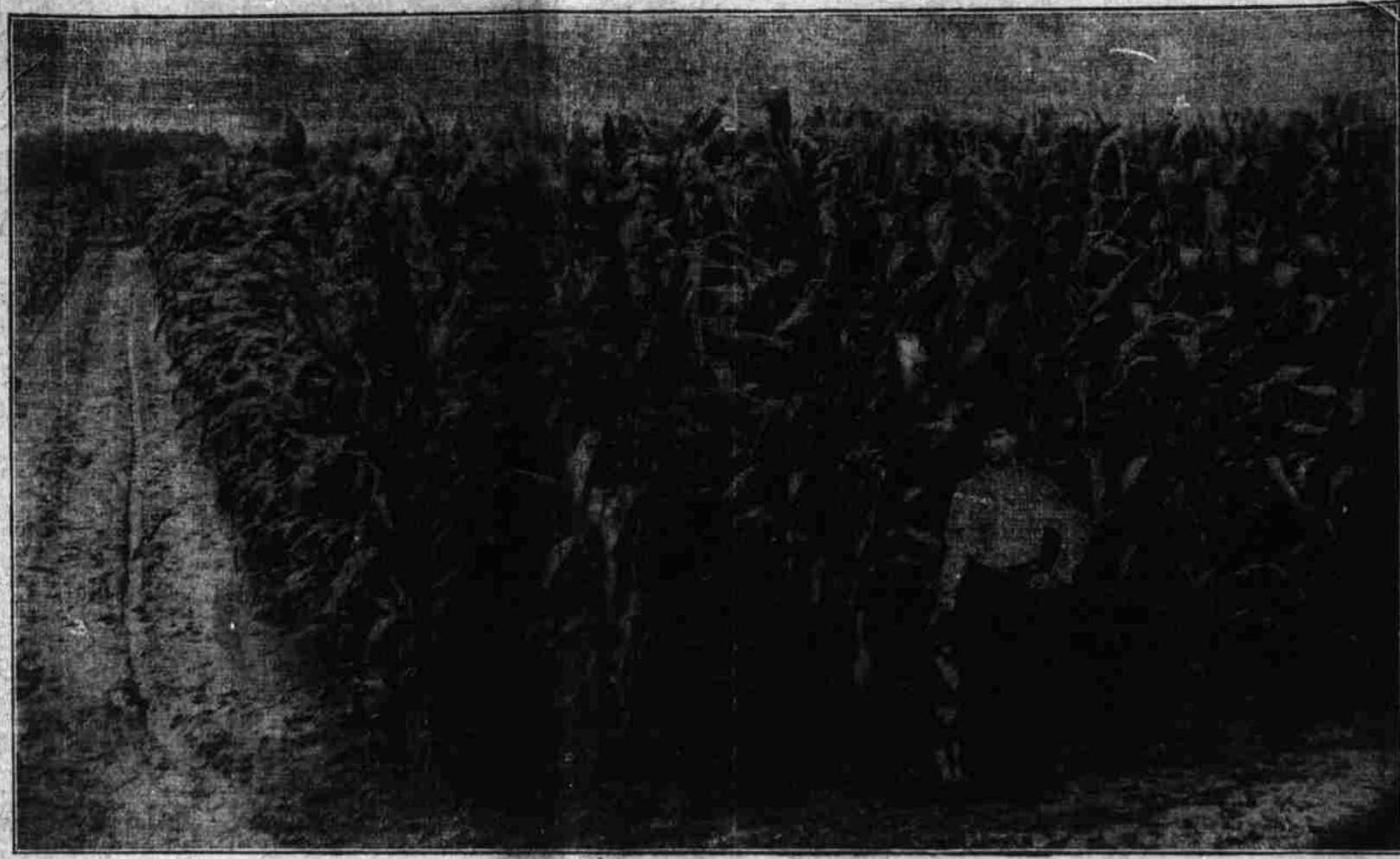
Eighty-Four Mines' Output, According to Report, Is to Be Controlled by One Concern.

Cincinnati, March 5.—Partial confirmation of the reported merger of coal mines in the New River district of West Virginia, by which 84 mines, with an output of 8,000,000 tons a year, will be controlled by a single agency at Washington, D. C., was obtained today.

HE'S GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS DISCOVERER OF THE POLE. Leading Scientific Societies of Ten Governments Accord to Peary This Honor.

Washington, March 5.—Formal recognition of Robert E. Peary as the discoverer of the north pole has been given by leading scientific societies of 10 governments, according to advices reaching the National Geographic society.

An Acre of Corn That Yielded 226 2-3 Bushels



This is the corn that Batts grew. His prize acre yield has interested the people of an entire continent. J. F. Batts' farm is at Garner, in Wake county. On the acre field pictured above there were about 19,000 stalks, and they produced 226 2-3 bushels. That is the greatest yield in the history of North Carolina farming.

GENERAL SYMPATHETIC STRIKE IN FULL SWING IN PHILADELPHIA

HENDERSONVILLE HOUSE DESTROYED

Express Co. Will not Be Required to Open Up Town Office—Postal Will Open Monday.

Hendersonville, March 5.—The corporation commission has decided in favor of the Southern Express company in reference to the demand of the town for an up-town express office. The news was received in a message to the Hustler from Raleigh.

The home of W. H. Phillips was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 3 o'clock. Mr. Phillips was in Asheville at the time. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined but it is thought by some to have been incendiary.

Lewis Hyder, an insane man of this county, who escaped before from the State hospital twice, is now in the county jail after a lively chase given him several days ago by the officers, before being captured.

STRODE BILL DEFEATED BY VOTE OF 26 TO 13

Death Knell of Virginia State-Wide Movement for the Present, It Is Said.

Richmond, March 5.—By a vote of 26 to 13, the Virginia senate yesterday defeated the Strode bill providing for a popular vote on the question of state-wide prohibition.

It was understood to be the death knell of the state-wide prohibition movement so far as is concerned the present session of the general assembly.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair and somewhat warmer. Windy Sunday.

MAYOR ISSUES ORDER AGAINST PROPOSED MASS MEETING—ESTIMATES NUMBER ON STRIKE RUN FROM 20,000 TO 75,000—NEGRO POLICEMEN SENT TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES CAUSE OF FIRST DISORDER OF THE DAY—ONLY WHITE PROTECTORS WANTED.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—The general sympathetic strike, the supreme effort of organized labor to win the fight of the trolley-men for recognition of their union, is now in full swing. When the end will come is problematical.

The great majority of men in occupations affected by the general strike order had already stopped work when the order went into effect at midnight last night.

Aside from the tie-up of business the authorities fear the thronging of thousands of idle persons on the streets and consequent disorder.

The great meeting of organized labor called for this afternoon has been prohibited by the mayor's proclamation. The big strike has made thousands apprehensive of trouble, and they are not risking personal injury by riding on the cars.

The number of men on strike cannot be ascertained. Labor leaders say this will be known definitely tomorrow or Monday.

Labor leaders assert that by tonight thousands more employes will lay down their tools and that Monday will find the city practically tied up.

The tie-up now appears less complete than sanguine labor leaders predicted. Workers in unorganized industries in Philadelphia far outnumber union men. The strike is confined largely to the textile industry and building trades.

Director of Public Safety Clay says not more than 20,000 walked out. The only claim the strike leaders make is that 75,000 workers are out.

City officials say such great plants as the Baldwin's, Camp's, Midvale Steel Works, Brill's Car Works, and other large industrial establishments are not crippled.

To Prevent Real Suffering. These plants, however, are open shop concerns. The committee of ten

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT SCOTLAND NECK

State Senator Travis, A. P. Kitchin and C. W. Dunn, Are Shot Down by E. E. Powell.

Scotland Neck, N. C., March 5.—Conditions have quieted down today, after the high excitement following the shooting yesterday, on the main thoroughfare, of State Senator Travis, Assemblyman Kitchin, brother of Gov. Kitchin, and Chief of Police Dunn, by E. E. Powell, a merchant. The injured men are resting well.

Encouraged by messages of sympathy and offers of assistance from labor organizations in all parts of the country, the union workers of many trades ceased work last night and inaugurated what promises to be one of the greatest sympathetic strikes ever witnessed in the history of organized labor.

Promptly at midnight union orchestras playing in the leading hotels and cafes picked up their instruments and started for their homes.

Without further words Powell drew a pistol and shot Kitchin down and in quick succession fired on Travis and Dunn, both victims falling to the ground. Powell then walked to his store and securing a shotgun barricaded himself, resisting arrest.

The committee of ten remained in session at their headquarters all last night receiving reports from the various local unions.

Rioting which began in the northern districts is thought to be a forerunner of more serious trouble tomorrow when thousands of idle men

The bullet which struck Kitchin at close range entered the face below the eye and was later taken out below the ear by surgeons. The ball which laid Travis low knocked out several teeth and split his tongue. Dunn was hit below the left shoulder blade, the bullet ranging upward.

The nature of the letter over which the tragedy centers cannot be learned, as Powell refuses to talk. Both Travis and Kitchin are among the most prominent citizens of the state and Powell is a wealthy property owner.

Washington, March 5.—President Taft has accepted an invitation to address the Presbyterian General Assembly in Atlantic City, May 22.

TRANSYLVANIA IN FRONT RANK

Brevard Business Men Have Subscribed Over \$250 for Prizes in the County Corn Contest.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION HEADS LIST, WITH \$130

Sum Raised in a Few Days, and Much More May Be Added Before Closes.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Franklin, Brevard, March 5.

Transylvania has suddenly leaped into the front rank among the counties in the corn growing movement. This county may soon take first place in the amount of money offered for prizes.

The Gazette-News has a large circulation here. The Sylvan Valley News has called attention from time to time, to the importance of the demonstration work, but there had been no sign of popular interest in all these weeks since The Gazette-News published the preliminary announcements as to corn contests.

But the heaven was working. This became manifest a few days ago, and within the past week business men of Brevard have created a subscription fund of \$257.50 to be offered for prizes. The canvass is not yet completed, and no one knows what the outcome will be. Indications are that a fund larger than that at present raised in any other western county will be subscribed. The magnificent subscription of \$130 came from one organization—the Retail Merchants' association.

The News says in its issue of yesterday: "On Saturday March 12 there will be a mass meeting of Transylvania farmers at Brevard court house.

"This meeting is called in the interest of the corn growing contest, and all matters relating thereto will be discussed, judges selected and rules adopted to govern contestants. It is hoped that all sections of the county will be represented, and that farmers all over the county will enter and strive for the prizes. Nobody in this county knows how much corn can be grown on an acre of mountain land and they will never know unless the land is properly measured, properly tilled and properly fertilized.

"We believe that every man who enters the contest will get big pay in increased yield, for every hour of time and every dollar's worth of fertilizer he puts on the acre, and the lessons he will learn will be worth all it costs him.

"In order to make this effort a success there should be as many entries as possible. Every farmer should have an opportunity to watch an acre that is entered for a prize—either his own acre or a neighbor's, as keeping in touch with the growing crops will teach many valuable lessons.

"Farmers, come out to the mass meeting. Take an interest in this contest, as it is for your benefit that it is inaugurated. You are the ones that will profit by the contest, and you must make the rules to govern each contestant. You are the only ones that can win the prizes and unless you strive for them the contest will be of little value to any one."

Brevard merchants realize that the advance of the farmer means the prosperity of the community.

PINCHOT HAS CONCLUDED RECITAL OF TESTIMONY

It Is Expected Secretary Gallinger Will Take the Stand This Afternoon.

Washington, March 5.—Gifford Pinchot concluded his testimony before the congressional committee of inquiry today, by stating anew that he had practically no personal knowledge of matters of which he has testified.