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Republican State Chairman not Even Advised of President's Intention to Appoint J. J. Britt to Important Office.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRITT RECOGNITION MAN'S WORTH

The Star, Administration Paper, Says Pressure to Take Care of Various Lame Ducks in Different States Was Resisted.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hamilton Hotel, Washington, Dec. 2.

North Carolinians here were decidedly interested in the announcement that Hon. James J. Britt had been made third assistant postmaster general.

The Star, regarded as the spokesman for the administration in many matters, explained that the appointment was in line with the policy of the postmaster general to promote worthy and meritorious subordinates.

When a representative of The Gazette-News called upon Mr. Britt shortly after noon yesterday and told him of his rumored appointment the news had not reached him officially.

Important Position. The third assistant postmaster general supervises the work of half a dozen important bureaus.

While politics cut little if any figure in the appointment it is considered rather remarkable that the president did not even show Chairman Morehead the courtesy of advising him of his intention of appointing a North Carolinian to a position so important.

MEAT PRICES CONTINUE TO DROP IN NEW YORK

Dealers Express Opinion That the Decline is Likely to Continue for Some Time.

New York, Dec. 2.—Meat prices continue to drop in New York markets, both wholesale and retail.

Flood Condition Becomes Serious. Paris, Dec. 2.—Flood conditions are again general throughout France.

Freezing Temperature in Florida. New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Freezing temperature was reported this morning at several points in northern Florida.

Ecclesiastics Forbidden to Occupy Administrative Posts. Rome, Dec. 2.—Official bulletin of holy see publishes a papal decree forbidding ecclesiastics to occupy administrative posts.

"Retire! Never." Says Mr. Tillman, "Till I'm Buried"

Washington, Dec. 2.—"Retire!" exclaimed Senator Tillman, replying to an inquiry, "I shall not retire until they bury me; I have no idea of quitting the game."

The South Carolina senator, who arrived today from South Carolina, was in his committee room at the capital and appeared as vigorous as before he was stricken down by a severe illness at the last session of congress.

ANTI-TRUST LAW VIOLATED CHARGE

Coast Line and Seaboard Railways Indicted in Georgia, Also Individuals—Allegations.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 2.—After hearing testimony since Monday the federal grand jury in the United States District court handed down indictments this afternoon charging infringement of the anti-trust laws on the part of three large corporations and two individuals.

It was anticipated yesterday that indictments against the corporations and Harvie Miller would be presented.

COMMERCIAL BODIES HAVE NICE OFFICES

Merchants Have Been Moved—To Be Fixed up in Day or Two.

The board of trade and Retail Merchants association will have nice quarters in the Temple court building when the present repair work is completed.

GRANT NOT CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL OFFICE

Congressman John G. Grant, who has been in this section for a few days, left this afternoon for Washington to be present at the opening of congress Monday.

Minister's Character Failed to Pass. Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 2.—Character of L. N. Booth failed to pass North Carolina conference.

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First Woman in Wireless Room

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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SEE THE BIRDS

Poultry Association Decides to Send Them All Tickets for the First Day of the Show.

VOTE FOR OFFICERS OF STATE BRANCH OF A. P. ASSOCIATION

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Wendling Has Small Chance

Strong Evidence Against Man Charged with Murdering 8 Year Old Girl.



Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2.—"If I killed the little girl no one saw me but God, and He can't come down and testify."

With the testimony of Chief of Detectives Carney of Louisville that Joseph Wendling had made the foregoing statement immediately after his arrest in San Francisco, the prosecution in the trial of Wendling, who is charged with having murdered eight years old Alma Kellner, rested its case yesterday.

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ATTORNEY ABEL HAS EXPLAINED

Telegram Incident at Raleigh Involving a Prominent Attorney Is Satisfactorily Adjusted.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, December 2.

Ed. S. Abel, a prominent Johnston county attorney, appeared in federal court this morning and explained the telegram incident of yesterday in which Judge Connor directed Abel to appear today and explain why he had presented to the court a telegram about his sick wife in order to get a continuance of the case when no such telegram came here.

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LION LOOSE ON BOARD STEAMER

Breaks Cage on Deck of the Berkenfels on Way from Bombay and Kills Sailor During Storm.

"KING OF BEASTS" WHEN WOUNDED LEAPS INTO SEA

Thrilling Experience of Officers and Seamen in Mid-Ocean—The Storm Rages and Lion Roars—Several Men Hurt.

New York, Dec. 2.—The horror of an hour at sea, when in a storm that beat their vessel until it seemed each plunge must be her last, a lion broke from its cage on deck, killed a seaman and took charge until it was driven into the sea by a fusillade of revolver bullets, still lived with the crew of a German freight steamer, the Berkenfels, yesterday as the vessel lay at Quarantine with her decks in order and her spars and houses shining with soap and paint.

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WIDOW OF GLOVER ON THE WITNESS STAND

Attorneys for LaBlanc Girl, Charged With Murder, Severely Cross-Examined Widow.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—When the trial of Hattie LeBlanc, the girl charged with murdering Clarence F. Glover, was resumed the murdered man's widow was questioned by Attorney Johnson for the defense. The widow was the same calm person that faced the lawyer through the trial yesterday.

TESTIMONY IS BEING TAKEN IN CRAGGY CASE

On Basis of Figures Shown to Master the Company Could Pay in Five Years' Operation.

The hearing in the Craggy Lumber company bankrupt matter was begun this morning before Special Master W. D. Turner in the United States court room. The object of the hearing is to determine the value of the timber on the land, plant, etc., and the debt owed by the company. It will take several days to complete the testimony.

METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH, BEQUEATHED MONEY AND LAND

Six Hundred and Thirty Acres and \$10,000 Left by Dr. Simmons for Superannuated Ministers.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 2.—Six hundred and thirty acres of valuable farm land in Oak county, Texas, and \$10,000 in cash, are left by the late Dr. Charles F. Simmons' will, to provide homes for superannuated ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

Defects Will Be Remedied. Washington, Dec. 2.—Defects in the administration of the New Orleans custom houses will be remedied by the treasury department, as a result of criticisms by the Federal grand jury after investigating importation of laces and embroidery there.

Bishop Williams Dead. Richmond, Va., Dec. 2.—The Right Rev. Charles Moore Williams died this morning in a private hospital, following a two years' illness. Dr. Williams was formerly an Episcopal bishop of Japan. He was 82 years old.

Southern Adopts Government's Plan. Montgomery, Dec. 2.—Forecasting big traffic losses if boll weevil ravages should get the upper hand the Southern railway has adopted the United States government's farm demonstration plan effective December on all Southern and allied lines in Alabama and Mississippi.

Julius French Dead. Cleveland, Dec. 2.—John E. French, aged 73, of New York, a member of the board of directors of the American Locomotive company, died today of stomach trouble.

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