

COLONEL JONES EMBARRASSING

Asks Questions That Delegates from Other States to Waterways Congress Are Unable to Answer.

HAVE STARTED MOVEMENT TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING

Do not Wish to Hear What He Has to Say—But He Is Letting Out Some Startling Facts and Figures.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Hamilton, Washington, Dec. 7.—Waterways congress politics was lively last night and today. It seems that the delegates from some northern states do not want Col. S. A. Jones of Waynesville to speak, because he is going to say something they do not want to hear.

Col. Jones wants to have \$5,000,000 spent at Southport, making that a freight basing point, and says discrimination in freight rates costs North Carolinians \$15,000,000 annually.

LOGGING CO. WILL BUILD A RAILROAD

Laurel River Concern to Construct Ten Miles of Road to Its Boundary in Madison County.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hot Springs, Dec. 7.—The Laurel River Logging company will build ten miles of railroad from Runkin, Madison county, to the company's timber boundary to the north.

It is stated that the estimates place the amount of timber on this tract at 200,000,000 feet. It will require months to construct the road which will run northward from Runkin, a station on the Southern railway five miles east of Hot Springs.

CHINESE GIRLS, BROUGHT IN FOR SLAVE TRADE, RELEASED

Alleged They Were Kidnapped in Hong Kong—Attempt to Smuggle Them in Frustrated.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Seven Chinese girls, who, it is alleged, were kidnapped in Hong Kong and brought here to be sold in the slave trade, ranging in age from 14 to 17, were captured by the authorities when an attempt was made to smuggle them ashore from the steamer Manchuria.

Justice Board Drops Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Justice W. D. Board of the State Supreme court, dropped dead at Hermitage hotel this morning.

Chief Wilkie's Men Nab Big Counterfeiting Gang

Washington, Dec. 7.—A counterfeiting gang extending over two continents has been discovered by the secret service. Chief Wilkie's men nabbed the gang in New York.

Portraits of Late Mrs. Eddy and Brookline Home Where She Died



MR. SULZER SEEKS CHANGE IN TARIFF

Introduces Bill in Congress Providing For Repeal of Duty on Meats and Cattle.

MEAT TRUST SELLS CHEAPER ABROAD THAN IT DOES HERE

English Get Meat from Trust from 8 to 15 Cents Cheaper Than Americans Have to Pay.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first effort of the present session of the house of representatives to change the Payne tariff law was by the introduction by Representative Sulzer of New York, of an act "to repeal the duty on meats and cattle." All meats and cattle imported for use as food are to be placed on the free list.

GOVERNMENT PROSECUTING BATH TUB TRUST OFFICIALS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—The anti-trust campaign of Attorney General Wickersham shifted to Detroit this week with the result that indictments were returned by the federal grand jury yesterday against 16 firms and 32 individuals, alleged to have secured control of 85 per cent. of the annual output of enamel iron ware, bath tubs, sinks, lavatories, etc., in the United States.

District Attorney Wins Point in Le Blanc Trial.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 7.—District Attorney Higgins, prosecutor in the trial of Hattie Le Blanc, for the murder of Clarence Glover, came into a crowded court room today looking triumphant.

Membership Growing.

The board of trade is making a determined effort to have 500 members by the first of June. The membership of the board of trade has already reached 542, which is a net increase of 73 members since July 15.

Rev. Joseph Edmund Smith Dead.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rev. Joseph Edmund Smith, secretary of the American Society of Education, a prominent Methodist minister, died at home here today of heart disease; aged 51.



MRS. EDDY'S HOME BROOKLINE, MASS. WHERE SHE DIED

DEMOCRAT WILL GO ON SUPREME BENCH

President Taft Decided at Conference With Senator Bailey to Make Such an Appointment.

Washington, Dec. 7.—One of President Taft's appointments to the vacancies on the Supreme court of the United States, will be a democrat. This has been settled at a conference held by the president with Senator Bailey of Texas, who threatened to organize democrats and "progressives" in the senate, to defeat the confirmation of all republican appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Quick Decision on the Part of the President to Put a Democrat in One of the Two Supreme Court Vacancies

Quick decision on the part of the president to put a democrat in one of the two Supreme court vacancies which he will have to fill after elevating Justice Hughes to the chief justiceship, has checked a promising filibuster against the confirmation of his nominations. This movement, explained in the Herald this morning, contemplated opposition by the democrats in the senate with possible aid from the "progressives" to the confirmation of any of the new justices unless the ratio of representation which has been maintained is continued.

Railroad Watchman Fatally Shot.

New York, Dec. 7.—Albert Balk, an elevated railroad watchman, was shot and fatally wounded today by a madman, who escaped.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Augusta Göttinger, aged 65, fell out of bed while sound asleep. She was picked up groaning. When a physician arrived she was dead.

Postage Stamp Company Mill Destroyed by Fire.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The Postage Stamp company mill in St. Boniface, across the river, was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$750,000.

STATE BAPTISTS ARE IN SESSION

Eightieth Annual Convention is Held in Hendersonville—W. C. Dowd Re-Elected President.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Dec. 7.—The 80th annual convention of the North Carolina State Baptist association, in session here, is being largely attended by ministerial and lay delegates. The convention opened last night with an introductory sermon by Rev. Dr. Hall of Fayetteville and after the sermon the convention proceeded to organize.

The addresses of welcome at the opening of the convention were delivered by Mayor Staton and Charles French Toms on behalf of Hendersonville. Rev. W. N. Johnson of Wake Forest responded for the association. To the ladies of Hendersonville much praise is due for the admirable taste and convenience shown in arrangement. The large court room was made immaculate in its readiness for the occasion.

Notwithstanding the prospect was gloomy yesterday those of undaunted courage kept working ahead and now Asheville is about to realize its cherished dream—an 18-hole golf course; a fine Christmas gift it will be for the city.

Aged Writer Burned to Death.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Mrs. L. H. Jenkins, a writer, aged 72, was burned to death and her daughter, Eva, aged 40, narrowly escaped the same fate in a boarding house fire today.

Woman Killed by Falling Out of Bed.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Domeno Navarro, president of the Sealers union, was shot and killed today by Augustine Aroville, a union member, as a result of a quarrel.

Eighteen Days to Christmas.

DECEMBER 7.

Shop Early and Avoid the Rush.

Prudence, Cal., Dec. 7.—Japanese American relations in Southern California are seriously strained because

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GOLF COMMITTEES' RIGHT ON THE JOB

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The announcement by Philip S. Henry yesterday that he would add \$500 to the \$2000 which he has already subscribed, came as a very cheering bit of news. Mr. Henry is always found at the front in any movement of public interest.

An Abundance of Cheap Power.

The development of the water power will furnish an abundance of cheap power for manufacturing plants and Murphy confidently expects at no distant date to become a great manufacturing center.

Murphy Plunging Rapidly to Front

Murphy, Dec. 7.—Situating in Cherokee county at the very tip end of the state and being the pivot of a circle whose diameter taken at 24 miles would touch the cities of Asheville, Knoxville and Atlanta, is the town of Murphy—the town with a future.

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Murphy is quite a wholesaling center and has several large wholesale houses; it draws from nine counties, located in Tennessee and Georgia, as well as North Carolina. It is interesting to note that about \$100,000 annually in eggs and produce are shipped out. It is one of the largest egg and chicken shipping points in North Carolina, if not the largest. It takes first rank in this section in the shipment of cow peas, some 50 cars per season being marketed largely in New Orleans for planting as fertilizer for sugar cane plantations.

Murphy ships some 500 cars of tan bark and quantities of lumber each year. The development of the marble deposits at Regal, three miles from here, will mean much to this section; the plant now being installed is to run day and night. Considerable gold mining has been done in the county while its iron ore deposits, said to be good, are yet undeveloped. Murphy is only about 25 miles from the immense Ducktown copper deposits. The Tennessee-Carolina Power company is planning to begin work on two immense power dams about ten miles below Murphy on the Hiwassee river early in the spring. The company is already getting options and rights of way, and purchasing lands which will be damaged by the backed water from the dams. It is planned to put in two dams, five miles apart; the dams to be 150 feet high. When this power becomes available the people of Murphy confidently expect interurban railway development linking Copper Hill, Ducktown, Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Young Harris, and other points.

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MR. BALLINGER IS VINDICATED

Majority of Congressional Committee Investigation Reports He is a Competent and Honorable Man.

ACCUSERS INSPIRED BY A DEEP FEELING ANIMOSITY

Charges Against Ballinger From Two Sources—Glavis and Pinchot—Committee Reports—Several Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Vindicating Secretary Ballinger upon all charges and condemning his accusers as having been inspired by a deep feeling of animosity, built upon supposed differences in policy respecting conservation, a majority of the congressional committee today submitted its report to congress. After stating that the evidence presented related in main to charges of various kinds against Ballinger and that these came chiefly from two sources—L. R. Glavis and Gifford Pinchot—the majority announced its following conclusion:

"The evidence has wholly failed to make out its case. Neither any fact proved nor all facts put together exhibit Ballinger as being anything but a competent and honorable gentleman, honestly and faithfully performing the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

The report is signed by Senators Nelson, Flint, Southerland and Root and Representatives McCall, Olmstead and Denby, all republicans. A few months ago, the democratic members, Senators Fletcher and Purcell and Representatives James and Graham together with Representative Madison, progressive republican, put out a report condemning the conduct of Ballinger.

Concerning the future of the Alaskan coal lands, the report makes definite recommendations in favor of the leasing system. Glavis is blamed for failure to make examination of Alaskan coal land claims. Blanket withdrawals of public lands by former Secretary Garfield were declared made in a "haphazard" manner from the land office state maps and restorations and rewithdrawals by Secretary Ballinger were endorsed.

VON STEUBEN STATUE UNVEILED AT CAPITAL

President Taft, Members of Cabinet and German Societies Representatives Present.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Taft, Secretary Dickinson, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and representatives of German societies in different parts of the United States, united this afternoon to pay tribute to the memory of Baron von Steuben, at the unveiling of the statue to the Revolutionary hero in Lafayette square, opposite the White House, this afternoon. Miss Helen Twiff, the president's daughter, unveiled the statue. The procession of 10,000 men passed in review following the ceremonies.

Murderer of Policeman Captured.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 7.—News was received last night that John Green, wanted at Johnson City, Tenn., for the murder last Sunday of Policeman Walter McPeak, whom he stabbed to death, apparently without provocation, had been captured in Savannah, Ga.

Havana, Dec. 7.—The Havana baseball nine defeated the Philadelphia American league team yesterday by a score of 3 to 0. Only five innings were played, rain stopping the contest at the end of the fifth inning.

Society Girls Refuse to Attend a Japanese Ball

The leading society girls of this city have declined to attend a ball given by the Japanese.