LAST EDITION 4:00 P. M.

Weather Forecast: PROBABLY RAIN OR SNOW

TAFT CAMPAIGN

AND HE HAS A GUN

Man, Escapes and Takes

a Guard's Gun.

The convict, Mills, was killed this afternoon, at Burnsville Hill, it is learned at the time of going to press.

About 4 o'clock this morning Ed.

Mills, a negro who was convicted of housebreaking several months ago and sentenced to 22 months on the

roads, escaped from Brittain's convict

camp in the Fairview section and so far nothing has been heard of him.

When he left he carried with him a

The guard left his gun while he went to wake the "trustles" to get

Mills escaped once before and was

captured several weeks ago in Cin-

oaded gun of one of the guards.

ville before daylight.

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MOREHEAD GETS TFLLING

Efforts of State Chairman Fail to Prevent the Appointment of Two Duncanites.

ROOSEVELT WATCHES DEVELOPMENTS HERE

Asheville Meeting May Perfect Republican Sentiment in This End of the State.

> Gazette-News Bureau Washington, Feb. 9.

was taken yesterday in the matter of the collectorship at New Bern, as some expected, but Christopher D. Jones was made collector of the port at Beaufort, and William A. Mace was made postmaster there. Both are Duncan appointments and have occasioned a considerable stir among North Carolina republicans, friend Murvay Crane of Massachusetts for aid and comfort.

One may easily grasp both the poll-tics and the logic of the appointments.

Mr. Duncan will not only be a factor your in the matter of selecting delegates to the the national convention, but he is a member of the committee on arrangements for the Chicago convention The administration has apparently concluded that it will be the part of wisdom to look to the national commifteeman rather than to the Butler-Morehead organization for results.

Morehead, Grant, Settle and Harris

have been using about the White House a good deal of late, but the course of Morehead politics has not run as smooth as might have been desired. Morehead is the titular head of his party, which should mean some-

his party, which should mean some-thing, but nevertheless his efforts to control patronage have been both fruities and chouriess of late.

Mr. Settle, to even a greater degree, has appeared H at ease, like "one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted." Obviously there is some-thing the matter. One may add that the action of the president is not without what may be termed state significance. If the president is to link his fortunes mainly with those of National Committeeman Duncan, in then, in case friends of Mr. Duncan seek to regain control of things in the next state convention, they will probably have the support of those who are new loval to the administraso far as North Carolina is concerned, to the Hines incident. are now loyal to the administra

State Delegation With Underwood.

the severe reverse which the Bryan siement of the democracy sustained in adopt the Bryan-Henry plan to inves tigate Wall street seems to have been another notable Underwood victory. Every member of the delegation from the state, including Claude Kitchin stood by Enderwood in this matter, although National Committeeman Jo sephus Daniels was here in full sym pathy with the Bryan idea. Whil the majority against them was over whelming, the Bryan people made little better showing than was expect ed, and a number of democrats ex-pressed the fear that the party would be hurt by these periodical caucus

W. George Newman was here yes terday and said he had enlisted Eng-lish capital which will enable him to begin operations at the Gold Hill mine in Rowan county on a large scale. Mr. Newman has available a million dol-

lars for this purpose.

Mr. Small on Wilson Fund.

Following is the letter received by
the writer from Congressman Small:

"Washington: D. C., Feb. 3, 1912.

W. A. Hildebrand. "Dear Sir:—I have read your edi-torial correspondence from this city in the Greensboro Daily News of last Sunday. Your comments upon the the recent attempt to besmirch his in-tegrity and good name were timely and well expressed. It is quite evi-dent that this attack upon Governor Wilson was neither casual nor the resuit of individual impulse, but that coterie of men opposed to his candidacy defiberately and cunningly devired a plan to disparage him amon democrats. It is not necessary to im-pugn the character or motives of ev-ery participant in this unseemly po-litical cabal, because democrats woullike to and some pretext upon which to excuse Col. Heavy Watterson. With old age some men become more im-pressionable and susceptible to sinis-

rescionable and ausceptible to sinister influences.

"The reaction has already come, and today no intelligent democrat beliaves that Governor Wilson has made the slightest departure from his ideals of public service. He may not be always tactful, but imputation of one's incertly and honor may not always be repoiled with soft words.

"Those citisens who wish to divorce big business from government and who wish to see all forms of government administration, for the benefit of all the posple with special privilges to none, will find in Governor Wilson a man in whom there is no guile, and who is worthy of the non-business in a recent party to our high-

Hot Words Follow Testimony That Hines Tried to Bribe Telegrapher.

Washington, Feb. 9.- A mild sensaion was produced yesterday in the enate Lorinier committee hearing by Miss Helen Seavers, telegraph operafor in a local hotel who testined that Edward Hines, the millionaire lumbermen, had offered her money to let him see a telegraph Detective Bailey had just sent to H. E. Kerr some two weeks ago. Under cross-examination, she declared that it was not meant as a tip. The telegram announced postponement of "the hearing.

Miss Seavers swore a few minuter after Balley sent the message, Hines came to her booth and asked to see the message just sent to Kerr.

"I told him it was against the rules," said Miss Scavers. "He said 'I mable to prevent the action that was aken. He will probably appeal to his riend Muvay Crape of Massach to his I am doing right. He said he would come back."

Miss Seavers added that Mr. Hines hen said he would "put something in your paw" if she would let him se telegram. The witness declared that Hines had money in his hand beshe shut the money drawer because she did not want him to drop the noney in there.
On cross-examination Miss Seavers

was confused in her statements to whom she had talked about the Hines vilitle girl, don't show my telegrams to any one." At first she did not tell of informing Balley that Hines had

Told Detective of the Incident.
"He asked me if Mr. Mines was the
man who wanted to see the telegram." leclared the operator. "I replied that did not like to tell, because I did not want to get any one in troubl He described a man and I told him that was the one."

may be termed state when Miss Seavers told of a visit paid.
If the president is to to her by Bailey and Attorney Healy. associated with Attorney Marble in representing the committee, in regard

> with con?" inquired Attorney Hance "That is gratuitious insult," flashed

> Attorney Heaty. Attorney Hancey retorted that he wanted it understood that Edward Hines was not the only one who could

e insulted in the hearing. Attorney Healy sprang to his feet

o demand a ruling.
"If that insinuation about the attor ney for this committee is true I should be driven from its doors as unfit to epresent it," he shouted excitedly Chairman Dillingham suggest that no insult had been intended, but senator Les and others protested. At-orney Marble enlivened the already mpestuous proceedings by declaring Attorney Hanecy's remark assume noney was in sight and that it was a 'trick" question.

"He would not make that remark outside the committee, I protest he not be allowed to make it here," flared The committee struck out Mr. Han-

The witness was asked if she ever vas given tips and responded "once long time." You didn't understand this to be

" inquired Attorney Hanecy. "No sir. I did not." Attorney Hancey remarked that the Hines had money in his hand while he was sending a telegram, but Sena-tor Jones suggested that the commit-tee might not put that interpretation

She understood he was attemptin to bribe her." declared Senator Jones. In a statement issued shortly after the adjournment of the committee. Hines dealed explicitly the testimony of Miss Seavers.

"I did not; directly or indirectly,"
the statement read, "offer the sici any kind in my hand at the time. The whole story is all absurd fabrication concected by the Burns detectives."

SENDS CHALLENGE

Aero Club of America After the Tro-phy Taken from United States by Germany.

New York, Feb. 9.—American's for New York, Feb. 9.—American's formal challenge for the coupe internationale des acconsuts which Germany took away from the United States last year is on its way to Berlin today. It is signed by the Aero club of American balloons will take part in the next international contest. Aeronauls to represent this country will be selected in an elimination contest at Kansas ("15). The date for the international event is to be set by the German element in the best when the country will be selected in an elimination contest.

Mexican Soldiers in U.S. Territory Traveling to the Scene of Rebellion



CHURCHILL SAYS BRITAIN IS PREPARED FOR WAR

Speaks of the Sea Rivalry Between England and German Empire.

Glasgow, Feb. 9 .- Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty/ today attended a luncheon given by the Clyde Navigation trust. In the whom she had talked about the Hines line ident. The next day, she testified, Detective Balley remarked to her "little girl, don't show my telegrams to any one." At first she did not tell of informing Balley that Hines had sought to see the telegram. Later. she testified that she did.

The Clyde Navigation trust. In the Eagle Pass to El Passo in an effort to reach Chihumbun and vicinity, the preparedness of the British navy to storm center of rebel attivity. The American government has to the form and British sea rivalry, between the course of the British navy to storm center of rebel attivity. The American government has the course of informing Balley that Hines had sought to see the telegram. Later. Strike testified that she did.

Critain it was a luxury for Germany. About prospective naval increases in the two countries, Churchill said

hat was the one."

Physical hostilities were threatened GLAIM ANTI-PASS LAW IS BEING DISREGARDED

fending Carriers.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The interstat ommerce commission today ordered general investigation of the practices of all interstate carriers respecting he issuance of passes, franks and fretransportation service. Many carriers it is said, are violating the law. Ofending carriers may face prosecu

SUES FOR HER JEWELS

Mrs. Laura Schenck, Accused Hus band Poisoner, Says Gems Arc Wrongfully Held.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 9 .- Mrs year for the alleged polsoning of her usband, Millionaire John C. Schenck a jury disagreed, today, entering suit ecy's question containing Mr. Healy's against Clem E. Peters, a prominent bame, but held that it was not a business man, to recover jewels valued business man, to recover jewels valued at \$2,000 which she claims she pledged with him for \$700 shortly after he She says Peters demanded \$1200 for the return of the jewels.

ABDICATION COMING

Yuan's Representative Believes the End of Manchu Rule Will Come by February 18.

Shanghai, Feb. 9 .- Tang Shac-Yi Premier Yuan Shi Kal's representative here, declared today that he's con fident the abdication of the throns will be an accomplished fact before February 18. The draft of the proposed magna charta of the new re-Ting-Fang and awaits the approval of the settate at Nanking.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Three Fire Chiefs Victims of Meter Explosion while Fighting New York Blaze.

New York, Feb. 9.—Deputy Fire Chief Binns and Battalion Chiefs Mar-shal and Kuss were overcome by the ing building today. The damage was

8 HURT IN CAR CRASH

on Electric Vehicle at Newark Fails to Work—One Will Die.

Madero Hurries Troops to Chihuahua, Storm Center of Rebel Activity.

Washington, Feb. 9.-A request from the Mexican government to move its troops through United States territory so as to reach points in the interior to which rebels had severed railroad connections, was acted upon by the state department here yesterday. Both the treusury and war departments were advised that a regi-ment of Mexican soldiers today would travel through southern Texas from Eagle Pass to El Passo in an effort

Madera Would at Quietly.
Mexico Cuy, Peg. 5.—Stirred by
the rebellion in northern Mexico
President Madero yesterday asked the permanent committee of congress fo permission to call a special session of the national senate from which the president desires authority to mmunicate with the American gov through United States territory to en-Chihoahua from the porth.

President Madero told the commit conditions were such as to make densities who asked that a special ses sion of congress be called to consider the best means of coping with the growing revolt. The committee sen both petitions to a sub-committee which is expected to report within eight days.

MONEY TRUST INQUIRY

Conference Held Today—Committee Resolution Will Not Allege a Conspiracy Exists.

Washington, Feb. 9.-Democratic nembers of the house banking and urrency committee met today to plan the investigation of the "money trust" directed by a party caucus Wedresday. Chairman Pujo said that further conferences would be held before the plans were completed. The committee expects to present a resoommittee to inquire whether 'money trust" exists. said, charge that there is a "money

STENOGRAPHIC TEST

Charges of "Faking" Against Burus Agency Man Being Investigated by Committee.

Washington, Feb. 9.-The senate Washington, Feb. 2.—The senate Lorimer committee, in executive session today, put J. E. Sheridan, the detective-stenographer who has figured in the charge of the alleged periury of Charles McGowan, a Hines-Lorimer witness, to a test of his ability to record conversations over an electrical apparatus while conceated from the speakers. The test was long. The result may be announced later.

Baker Duplicates Famous Bats.

Louisville, Feb. 9,—"Home Run"
Baker of the world's champion Philadelphia athletics has placed an order
with a local turner for a dozen "war
cluba" of the same pattern as the bat
with which Baker made the two famous four-base drives that won the hampionship last fall,

PLEA OF SHERIFF SAVES NEGRO FROM LYNCHERS

cer but Is Convinced of Prisoner's Innocence.

Macon, Feb. 9.-After an all-night search, it was reported this morning that about 30 members of the lynch ing party from Milledgeville, which started toward Macon to overtake Sheriff Terry, who had in custody Vine Collier, a negro charged with attempting to assault two white women, found the sheriff and his prisoner at Hadocks. The sheriff convinced the mob of the probable innocence of the prisoner and spon the sheriff's promise to take the prisoner to Miliedge-ville for trial the mob dispersed.

MITCHELL DENDUNCES THE USE OF INJUNCTION

Labor Leaders Put on the Stand in Contempt Case Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 9.-John Mitchell's hearing in the contempt of court roceedings against himself, Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of labor for aleged violation of a court's injunction in the Buck Stove and Range case continued today with Mitchell on the stand. During his testimony, Mitchell continued to speak strongly against the injunction power of the federal courts.

23 MEN EXECUTED

Imperialist Commander at Mukder Puts to Death Officers Who He Distrusted.

Mukden, Manchuria, Feb. 9 .- Twen y-three officers belonging to this ity's garrison were executed by the ommanding general, without trial tolay on suspicion of collusion with the being safe from tempests. We revolutionary commander. f Kaiping has been subjected to a severe bombardment by the revolutionists and the town is in flames.

ARRESTS COME MONDAY

fied of Identity of Alleged Dy-namite Conspirators. Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—The federa

authorities in 20 cities where are lo-ated 40 or more men indicted in the lynamite conspiracy case today were informed of the identities of the deendants. Plans for simultaneous arrests, probably Monday, are pro-

Former Mayor Adams, Dend.

Buffalo, Feb. 9.-James Noble dams, Buffalo's former democratic mayor and a wealthy merchant, died today after a brief illness. For two decades he was a conservative democrat of national prominence.

Rebel Yell, Yankee Cheers Mingle at Last Dinner

New York, Feb. 2.—While 75 sur-ivers of the Union corps which ought at Resnoke Island 50 years go were boding their last remion the hall to the strains of "Disle" sun ivers of the Union corps which

shackles during the night, for when the guard returned for his gun it was gone and an investigation disclosed the fact that Mills was also not present. There was a "laurel" thicket about 100 yards away where he might have hidden himself for awhile, but heh ad plenty of time to get to Ashe-

Mob Overtakes Speeding Offi-

3 KILLED, OTHERS HURT Roanoke, Feb. 9.—Three railroad men were killed and several injured when westbound passenger train No. 15 on the Norfolk & Western railroad crashed into an extra freight at Dry

> OPPOSES RATIFICATION OF MOROCCAN TREATY KITCHIN CLUB FORMED

Bluefleids and Mail Clerk E. S. Jef-

Pichon Severely Criticises The Senate Speech.

Paris, Feb. 9.-M. Pichon, ex-minister of foreign affairs, discussing the the treaty, the ratification of which he declared he would not vote for. He described it as a bad bargain for France, which, in exchange for the gravest sacrifices had got Morocco, but so heavily mortgaged as to be of little use. He took the gloomiest view of the future and feared that the protecmore costly in men and money than calculated upon at present.

The change in the Moroccan policy continued M. Pichon, is subjecting the existing relations between the great powers to a severe strain. He ure that Premier Poincage's great alm was the preservation of peace but he feared that the problems arising out of recent events would prove an excessively heavy burden for the country, whose strength would be diminished by the dissemination of its forces in Africa.

The first duty of the nation, said the ex-foreign minister, was to strengther in every way its alliances and friend-ships, but, he added "we are far from take heed of disquieting rumors which reach us and keep up our military strength, supporting it with diplomacy, so that we may not be at the mercy of every wind."

BRIDEGROOM DYING

aged Lumber Exporter Who Wed Girl of 20 Stricken with Pto-maine Poisoning.

New York, Feb. 9.-Elijah Marshall Allen, the rich lumber exporter, 70 years old, who attracted wide notice walker, aged 20, is dying from ptomaine poisoning. After the wed-ding, the couple visited southern resorts. The groom was stricken at or special treatment.

SYNDICATE FORMED

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The syndicate to underwrite bonds under the plan-for merging the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron company and the Southern Iron and Steel company has been completed. The new company is to be known as the Alabama Consolidated Iron and Steel company and has a total capitalisation of \$33,-286,000.

Representative McKinley Assumes His Duties as Manag er of the President's Contest.

Ed Mills, Regarded as Bad ADMINISTRATION MEN WILL OPEN OFFICES

> If Incumbent Is Nominated IIlinois Man May Become Chairman of National Committee.

Washington, Feb. 9 .- Active work for the renomination of President Taft and his re-election aside from that done at the White House began breakfast. It is thought that Mills today, when Representative M. B. Memust have freed himself from his Kinley of Illinois chairmen of the Kinley of Illinois, chairman of the republican congressional committee, took up his new duties as manager of the Taft campaign. McKinley began work early and planned to see many party leaders now here. Quarters for Taft boomers have not yet been secur-ed but within a few days McKinley

expects to open offices.

Although republican leaders say it is too early to talk about campaign plans until after the Chicago convention, many of McKinley's friends be-lieve that if Taft is renominated Mc-Kinley will be the president's choice for chairman of the republican national committee. McKinley probably would be acceptable to the old line party leaders. Some of these leaders object to Postmaster General Hitchcock and Secretary Hilles, both prom-

inently mentioned heretofore for tional chairman. McKinley, Hilles and Senator Crans held a conference. They spent several hours together and discussed the pohours together and discussed the po-litical situation from Maine to Califor-nia, from Washington to Florida. After the meeting the statement was Branch, three miles west of Bell After the meeting the statement was Springs, today. The dead are Conductor Evans and Brakemen Argent country convinced Taft managers that Bright and Hendrick all of Roanoke. The president would have 320 Volca at the first ballet in the Chicago convension of Roanoke, Fireman Spangler of thon out of a total of 1076 or 241 mere than the majority necessary for nomthan the majority necessary for n

BY RALEIGH ADMIRERS

Franco-German agreement in the separate yesterday, delivered a criticism of to Further His Senatorial Campaign.

> Gazette-News Bureau.
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> The Hotel Raleigh.
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> Raleigh, Feb. 9.
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> The first Kitchin club to be organized in the state will be organized in the court house here tonight to further the governor's campaign for the

One of its promoters said

"the call was a spontaneous uprising of the freemen of Raleigh." William Hunter, the negro arrested vesterday on the charge of larceny dead in the Wilson apartments was released this afternoon there being no evidence against him.

senate.

AUTOMOBILE, TROLLEY GAR BICYCLE, MILK WAGON

All in a Mix-up-Nobody Badly Hurt-Considerable Damage Done.

An accident in which the consequences might easily have been much worse, took place in front of the building of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company on Patton avenue about 1:30 o'clock today when there was a mix-up participated in by an automobile, a street car, a milk wason and a bicycle, which was caused when harles J. Avery of New York loss control of his machine. It is said that the milk wagon and the bicycle were standing near the south curbing and the street car was just passing them, when Mr. Avery came upon the cene. His machine scraped the side of the street car and struck the milk vagon just behind the team, breaking he glass and the tongue. The bicycle was also smashed and its owner. Sam todgers, who was standing near, is aid to have been slightly burt. The nachine was smashed as to forders and a spring broken. The street car was not much injured and went on its way. An accident in which the couse-